Impact

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

The educational, social and economic contributions of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to the city of New London, Conn., and our plans for the future.
The U.S. Coast Guard is one of the nation’s five armed forces and the only military organization within the Department of Homeland Security. The Coast Guard protects those on the sea, protects America from threats delivered by the sea and protects the sea itself. At the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, we educate all of the service’s future officers and many of its current leaders on our 103 acre waterfront campus in New London, Conn.

ACADEMY MISSION

The United States Coast Guard Academy is committed to strengthening the nation’s future by educating, developing, training, and inspiring leaders of character who are ethically, intellectually, professionally, and physically prepared to serve their country and humanity, and who are strong in their resolve to build on the long military and maritime heritage and proud accomplishments of the United States Coast Guard.

CORPS OF CADETS
(as of June 27, 2011)

- 1,065 cadets enrolled
- 48 states and 11 foreign nations represented
- 31% of cadets are women
- 22% of cadets are minorities

ACADEMY STAFF

- 618 military, civilian staff and faculty

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We strive to be good neighbors. As our cadets prepare to serve their country, they also serve the local community. The Corps of Cadets Community Service Program provides cadets with an opportunity to interact with people outside of the academy community. Each cadet is required to complete a total of 8 service hours per semester, but many exceed that requirement.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS:
- New London School System
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southeastern CT
- First Congregational Church
- New London Main Street
- New London Recreation Department
- New London Salvation Army
- New London Homeless Hospitality Center
- Whaling City Boxing/Heavy Hitters
- Hospice of Southeastern CT
- Special Olympics
- Southeastern CT Youth Hockey
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

KEY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:
- Partnership in Education
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters Mentor Program
- CGA Boxing Club - Gloves not Guns Program
- CGA Wrestling Team - Off the Streets and On the Mats program
- First Congregational Church - Breakfast for the Needy
- Jewish Community Center - JCC without Walls
- Various park and beach cleanups throughout the year
IMPACT ON NEW LONDON SCHOOLS:

The goal of our Partnership in Education (PIE) program is to promote excellence in education through collaboration with local school systems. The focus of the Academy’s PIE program is the New London School system.

Coast Guard Academy Cadets volunteered 5,600 cadet hours in local schools during the 2011 Spring semester. 62% of those hours were spent in New London schools mentoring, tutoring in the classroom and volunteering in physical education classes.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PIE PROGRAM:

- Winthrop Elementary
- Jennings Elementary
- Harbor Elementary
- Nathan Hale Elementary
- Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School
- New London High School
- Science and Technology Magnet High School
1,200 Academy alumni from across the country came to the area to see the CGA Bears Football game in October, 2010 during Homecoming Weekend.

Cutter Eagle, the Academy’s training vessel and “America’s Tall Ship”.

During Parent’s Weekend in October, 2010, roughly 1,500 people visited the Academy in an annual campus-wide event designed to honor family and friends and help cadets adjust to a military lifestyle.

Visitors to Southeastern Connecticut routinely stop in New London to tour the Coast Guard Cutter Eagle, the Academy's training vessel and “America’s Tall Ship”.

On any given day, in addition to cadets you can see Officer Candidates, Chief Warrant Officers, Master and Senior Chief Petty Officers, and civil servants attending a variety of courses held at the Leadership Development Center (LDC). 1,700 people from across the country came to New London in 2010 to participate in a resident training course conducted at the Center.

As home to a premier, nationally renowned institution of higher learning New London area businesses benefit from the stream of visitors and students who come to our campus.

“An estimated 2,800 visitors attended our 2010 Commencement (graduation).”

“The total economic impact of the Coast Guard Academy on New London and the surrounding area is $160,144,500.”
The U.S. Coast Guard Academy has been recognized as one of the top institutions of higher learning according to the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges publication. The Academy was ranked #1 in the Baccalaureate Colleges (North), and in the top twenty in the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs categories in the 2011 edition of U.S. News and World Report’s Best Colleges issue.

Our vision includes a newly constructed National Professional Development/Shipboard Simulator Center where cadets, officer candidates and officers about to assume command of Coast Guard cutters across the nation train on state of the art equipment.

Future expansion of the Academy will strengthen our ability to educate today’s Coast Guard personnel and develop tomorrow’s leaders.

- #1 Baccalaureate College (North) - U.S. News and World Report
- Top 20 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs - U.S. News and World Report
- Top 10 Best Colleges For Women interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) - Forbes.com
- Included in Best in the Northeast section - PrincetonReview.com
- Included in Great Colleges to Work For ranking – The Chronicle of Higher Education
As one of the nation’s four federal service academies, we make solid, lasting contributions to the community, and to the nation. After 100 years of being a part of New London, our future expansion is another tie binding together our relationship to the city. Investing in the growth of the Academy is an investment in the leadership of tomorrow’s Coast Guard, and one that benefits the city of New London.