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Cantrall selected as Battalion Commander

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Georgia Southern University Army ROTC is pleased to announce Cadet Mattie Cantrall as the new Cadet Battalion Commander of the Eagle Battalion.

Cadet Cantrall is from Woodstock, Georgia and graduated from Woodstock High School in 2016. She was awarded a Three-Year National ROTC Scholarship during her senior year to attend Georgia Southern University. She began in Fall 2016 and is currently pursuing a degree in Logistics and Intermodal Transportation with a minor in Military Science.

While at Georgia Southern, Cadet Cantrall served one year as Treasurer of Student Veterans Association, selected for Phi Eta Sigma academic fraternity and the inaugural Parker Business Scholars Program, and has worked part-time at the Bulloch County Agricultural Center as a tractor operator. She has made Dean's List three times and President's List three times. She currently holds a 3.8 GPA.

"It is an absolute honor to be chosen as the Battalion Commander," said Cadet Cantrall. "It comes with great challenges, but I have the best Cadre, best Cadets, and best university to support this upcoming year. The team is recharged and has its sights set on excellence. We strive for nothing less in all that we do."

As part of ROTC, Cadet Cantrall has participated in intramural sports, served as President of Cadet Association and Color Guard Commander, held several Platoon-Level positions, attended both Basic Camp and Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, traveled to Cabo Verde, Africa for Cultural Understanding and Leadership Program (CULP), and recently completed an internship at Fort Drum, New York with the 10th Mountain Division.

She recently earned the Recondo Badge and was presented the Military Order of the World Wars Award during Advanced Camp earlier this summer. Additional awards include the Bothwell A. "Snag" Johnson ROTC Honors Scholarship (2019), MS III Excellence Award (2019), MS II Excellence Award (2018), USAA Spirit Award (2018), Certificate of Training with the Cabo Verde Marines (2018), and the Military Order of Foreign Wars – Bronze Award (2017).

Following graduation, Cadet Cantrall aspires to be a Transportation Officer at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

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