

# Air Force ROTC



Students and Veterans Center of Excellence staff meet with University of Portland Air Force ROTC at a luncheon.

The Veterans Center of Excellence at Clark College (VCoE) hosted an informational session with Lt. Col. Natasha Waggoner, Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor from the University of Portland on February 5. More than a dozen Clark students participated in this opportunity to learn about the AFROTC program and options available to them.

The AFROTC program at University of Portland has consortium agreements with Clark College and more than a dozen other colleges in the Portland-Vancouver metro area that allow students at those institutions to participate in the University of Portland's AFROTC program at no additional cost to the student. Students who participate in AFROTC must attend weekly AFROTC classes at the University of Portland.

The Air Force is interested in recruiting cybersecurity professionals. Professor Dwight Hughes, the director of Clark College's Cybersecurity Bachelor of Applied Science program, joined Lt. Col. Waggoner in talking with students about opportunities for collaboration between the college's Cybersecurity program and AFROTC, including career development, military job opportunities and Air Force ROTC guest speakers in cybersecurity classes.

Full-time students may be eligible to join the AFROTC program at University of Portland, whether they are enrolled in a bachelor's program at Clark or completing a bachelor's degree at another college where AFROTC has an agreement.



VCoE program specialist, Eli Gonzalez-Roman shakes hands with AFROTC Donald Patton.



VCoE Director Donna Larson talks with Lt. Col. Natasha Waggoner.

## About AFROTC

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC):

- Must be a full-time college student pursuing a bachelor's degree
- Eligibility is determined by Air Force ROTC
- Opportunity to become an Air Force officer after completing a bachelor's degree
- Designed to prepare the student for active duty as an officer with increased responsibility year after year
- AFROTC offers numerous programs and scholarship opportunities leading to an academic degree and a commission in the Air Force as a second lieutenant

Learn more about AFROTC at University of Portland:

- Web: [www.up.edu/afrotc/](http://www.up.edu/afrotc/)
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## About the Veterans Center of Excellence

The Clark College Veterans Center of Excellence coordinates comprehensive support services for veteran students. These support services address academic, financial, physical, and social needs for student veterans and include math, science, and English tutors; textbook and calculator loans; textbook purchase; quiet study space; computer lab with printers; practical workshops; break area with comfortable furniture,

piano, air hockey table, TV screen and more. To learn more, [click here](#) or visit PUB 015.

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