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Golden Knights Return as Winners from Regional JROTC Competitions

Jackson, Mich.—The Jackson Area Career Center Golden Knight Battalion competed and placed in two southeastern Michigan competitions on Saturday, April 12—the President’s Fitness Challenge and the Raider Challenge.

The President’s Fitness Challenge, held at Anderson High School in Southgate, MI, featured 16 high school teams from the greater Detroit and Downriver area. The Golden Knights’ **First Year Raider Fitness Team took home first place**, and earned the title through the five events that included pull ups, curl ups, the sit reach, a shuttle run, and a one-mile run. Cadet **Shaylea McCabe** (Columbia) also returned with 5th place in the Best Female Athlete category.

The Raider Challenge, held in Wayne, MI at Wayne Memorial High School, featured eight high school teams from throughout the greater Detroit area and Indiana. The **Varsity Raider Fitness Team brought home third place** from this event, and the **Raider Competition Team returned with a second place finish**. In addition, Cadet **Kristian Speer** (Springport) earned first place as Best Male Athlete; while two Cadets placed as Best Female Athlete, with **Lateka Franklin** (Michigan Center) taking second place and **Olivia Church** (Columbia) taking home third place. Events at the Challenge included an academic test with map reading, 5K march, rope bridge crossing, a half-mile run, and a gauntlet relay.

For more information on the Jackson Area Career Center’s Army JROTC program, visit www.jcisd.org/jrotc.

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First Year Raider Fitness Team: Fitness Champions

From left to right: Cadets Marya Skrzynski (Jackson), Breanna Adams (Northwest), (team captain) Fransisco Alejandro (Western Ops), Casey Treaster (Columbia), Cire' Rogers (Jackson), Dylan Cole (Jackson), Keeshaun Page (Jackson), Shaylea McCabe (Columbia), and Hayley Nichols (Northwest).



Varsity Raider Fitness Team: 3rd Place

From left to right: Cadets Heather Schurle (Northwest), Anthony Hamel (Northwest), Kristian Speer (Springport), (team captain) Joseph Reynhout (Grass Lake), Connor Boyer (Grass Lake), Tyler Ray (Northwest), Alexis Holmes (Napoleon), Lateka Franklin (Mich Center).



Raider Competition Team: 2nd Place

Kneeling: Cadets (team captain) Shyan King (Columbia Op), Jon Votzke (Columbia).

From left to right: Cadets Ian Smith (Hanover), Olivia Church (Columbia), Alec Kreighoff (Northwest), Parker (Grass Lake), Garrett Lucas (Northwest), Kelsye Irvine (Hanover), Naramor (Springport) and Nicholas Tompkins (Northwest).