

Please offer any comment you would like the Gift Committee to consider in making a final recommendation to the Executive Committee. All comments will be forwarded along with the recommendation.

Answered: 52 Skipped: 207

1. Physical structures like those mentioned in the video are impressive, but ultimately these only contribute as much to cadets' cyber knowledge, skills and abilities as the instructors who are brought into them by the Academy. If our class is going to put up this kind of money, it should be for relevant instruction that remains current and responsive to evolving global cyber capabilities. All the funds should be sustainably managed and used for endowed chairs.
2. Our gift committee is well qualified to fine tune the final selection. The quad sounds like one of several excellent choices.
3. Stephen Fee
4. North or South Redoubt first choices.
5. Philip William Blair MD
6. This combination of B&M and endowment allows our class to continue supporting cadets into the future with the endowment while having something concrete to appreciate in the present with the B&M component. Good job by the committee!
7. A single gift will have more impact and sustainability.
8. I would prefer a B&M CEAC plus an endowed chair for the Center, both named for the class. Depending on how USMA handles endowments, a \$1M endowment may not generate much support if only the revenue is available for use, not being able to touch the corpus. Some arrangements require a portion of money earned be added to the corpus annually. In addition, most major universities also add a hefty tax on the dollars generated to support fund-raising and other activities. Care should be taken with gift. Consideration should also be given to what happens to the endowment should the purpose for which it is given cease to exist. Language should be included with the article of gift to make sure any future use of the endowment would be based on the desires of the class or its successors.
9. We need to provide some flexibility.
10. I agree with Bill Saylor, USMA should have a space project. That's not something that should be left to USAFA or USNA, or even to any possible "Space branch". Bill has the particulars.
11. Having managed three endowment funds when a department deputy, they tend to be used for things appropriated funds cannot. They essentially have no limits other than audits to account for the funds expended and maintained. The big endowments end up paying a retired General who is already getting a big paycheck to teach a few cadets a single elective. So I do not recommend an endowment.
12. Suggest a gift to the Cyber and Engineering Academic Center with \$2M to the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Complex. We all received a Bachelor of Science in Applied Science and Engineering so this would be an appropriate area to direct a B&M gift. We already have been recognized at the entrance to the Visitors Center, so a focus on an academic discipline is preferred rather than Gateway, Overlook or Plaza. Hence, the recommendation for C&ME. The endowment piece I presume would fund a professor position (chair) in a department in the Center. When the \$1M is exhausted, perhaps our affiliation class could continue the endowment. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.
13. Michael Rudzis
14. If our class would pull together we could give the gift of sustainability and academic leadership in sustainability. Here are example networks designed by cadets in 2011 (<https://www.jpods.com/westpoint>). If our class will work out Rights of Way with West Point, I will take responsibility for coming up with the \$100 million to build the network. It can be operational before our reunion if we act quickly. We can answer the calls of eight Presidents to end foreign oil addiction (<https://www.jpods.com/8presidents>), enforce the Constitution's "post Roads" restriction (<https://www.postroads.com/>), and honor the sacrifice of soldiers who bought us time to end our foreign oil addiction. We can give West Point the gift of being the academic focal point for changing America's economic lifeblood from oil to ingenuity.
15. Glad to see endowment included in an option. I feel gift should encompass an offer beyond B&M.
16. Hard to figure out the differences among the 3 options.
17. Good work, can support whatever the class prefers, P&T, Paul

18. Not sure the "sustainment" piece of this is understood, but it sounds like a longterm funding commitment rather than a one-time donation. I don't know how we would handle that.
19. Thank you for your work on this, and although i checked one above, I am totally and fully committed to whatever the committee decides. Please continue your fine work.
20. I like option 1 but I think any option would be a worthy donation. Thanks to the Gift Committee for all your hard work and for coming up with a noteworthy set of gift options.
21. Great choice: The Cyber & Engineering Academic Center. Well done.
22. Great idea. Cyber is the next frontier and we must play catch up relative to our adversaries. All 3 are good choices in my estimation.
23. Endowments are an essential part of any project for long term sustainability.
24. Thanks for the hard work, guys! Are they still using Cadetran as a computer language?
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26. Cyber is excellent focus! Weaponry will evolve until it can be applied as energy across networks, physical gaps, conductive gaps and other substance/ media to disrupt, destroy and kill. Cyber operations have to be part of total combat management.
27. A combination would provide the flexibility to meet a gift objective if an amount other than \$3 Mil is raised. While the \$2 Mil B&M plus an endowment would provide that same flexibility, our class identity might be lost in the use of the endowment
28. Great choice. All options are good
29. I like both options 1 and 2, but it seems we need to get the CEAC built first and address endowment projects some time in the future.
30. No comment
31. Since you asked I put in my preference, however you are spending your time, effort and expertise on this. I thank you for your work and would defer to your educated understanding of what will fill the need best.
32. Allows the committee to use the money for complex and laboratories. Spreads the gift in several areas. All of which are worthy!
33. Steinman Marv
34. Charles Warner
35. Thanks to all the classmates who have helped with this important effort!
36. The gift bucks just get spent, where an endowment could last a long time, then convert to cash at some point in the future if needed. Just a thought.
37. I'm really indifferent to "named for our class" ... but it does seem to me that the first option captures a shot at the "now" of building the building ... as well as a good chunk for program growth in the future.
38. I think having an endowment for the continuation of any project is a good way of planning for the future.
39. Building part of the CEAC would be a productive expenditure of Class funds, and it would be "cool" to see our name somewhere on the facility. But to really provide an impact on the future Army, it would be most beneficial to provide sustaining resources that enable the cadets to study and development technologies that will be imperative in the future Army. I worked much of my career in high energy lasers and am familiar with hypervelocity weapon technologies, two technologies that may soon appear on the battlefield. These were not even under anyone's thoughts or discussion when we were cadets. Providing a portion of our gift for continuing funds to research and develop these far-out technologies that have only recently or may not have yet even been discovered would be a fitting tribute to the Class and of powerful use to West Point and the Army.
40. There is not enough detail provided to make an informed decision!
41. Not totally sure what the differences are between the choices. May want to be more specific as to what this means. Examples of sustainable choices and what the endowment would be used for.

42. I see from the Supe's list that there are only a few \$3M projects. I would ask that that committee consider that we already have our name on a plaza near the museum, so I believe a project here would be better to not pick this plaza as well. I would suggest one of the Redoubts. That sounds like a great concept with lots of exposure for the cadets and visiting dignitaries, etc. Thank you for all of your work in making this happen on our behalf.
43. Any one of the final three options will be fine.
44. One of the single \$3M elements: South or North Redoubt or Robotics Complex preferred. No more plazas.
45. Thank you for your commitment of time and effort to do this.
46. I'd like to see us support the Robotics Complex for \$3M.
47. Sustainment feature important. Choice 1. B&M plus project provides opportunity for today and tomorrow, as mentioned in the targeted benefits and class preferences.
48. Specically recommend the CEAC Atrium or Gateway - definitely all cadets will transit as well as many visitors.
49. Ron Prier
50. Thanks very much on your efforts on behave of our class!
51. Specifically, recommend CEAC Atrium or Gateway.
52. Key that we emphasize the additional benefits we provided. The CEAC is for all Cadets and our Army - not just a new Academic building.