

NORWIN AIR FORCE JROTC TEACHER NAMED OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTOR BY NATIONAL PROGRAM

The Norwin School District congratulates Lt. Col David Sandala, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor of the Norwin High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program, for receiving an Air Force JROTC Outstanding Instructor Award for 2019.

Lt. Col. Sandala is one of nearly 250 instructors from across the United States who were honored with this year's Outstanding Instructor Award, which came from U.S. Air Force JROTC Headquarters in May. The AFJROTC Outstanding Instructor Awards recognize exemplary contributions and impact on students, school, and community.

"It was a great honor to be chosen for this award," Lt. Col. Sandala said. "It would not have been possible without the support of staff and administration of the District."



Lt. Col David Sandala

Col. Paul C. Lips, national Air Force JROTC Director, said Outstanding Instructor Awardees represent "the highest examples of the Air Force Core Values, which are crucial to the success of the AFJROTC mission."

The Norwin JROTC program began in August 2014. During the 2018-2019 school year, 110 cadets (students) were enrolled in the program.

One of the major components of the JROTC program is citizenship/community service, and Norwin students have excelled in this aspect. In addition, the Norwin JROTC unit competed in six drill competitions during the 2018-2019 school year. Because of these achievements, the Norwin High School's Air Force Junior ROTC program received the 2018-2019 Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit Award, the second-highest recognition awarded by Air Force JROTC Headquarters.

"The Norwin Administration congratulates Lt. Col. Sandala on this well-deserved recognition," said Dr. Jeff Taylor, Norwin Superintendent of Schools. "Norwin School District students are fortunate to have instructors such as him, and also to have a program as valuable as the Air Force Junior ROTC."

The Air Force JROTC program educates and trains high school cadets in citizenship and life skills; promotes community service; instills responsibility, character, and self-discipline through character education, and provides instruction in air and space fundamentals. Enrollment is open to high school students who are in the 9th to 12th grades.



Norwin High School's Air Force Junior ROTC cadets pictured during a tour of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.