

Cadet Profile:

CARTER MALLORY '26,

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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Carter Mallory '26, the new Student Body President, is from Squadron 17, and hails from Decatur.

It is no surprise that Carter Mallory '26 chose Texas A&M or even the Corps of Cadets after high school. "My dad was in the Corps, and I've seen firsthand how close he is to his roommate and buddies," says Mallory. "I knew early on I wanted the same experience."

Dan Mallory '96, Carter's father, has indeed experienced what the Corps can do for a person as well as the close bonds that are created as you go through it together. "I remember taking Carter to a 'Spend the Night with the Corps' and discussing his options," says Mallory. "As he was making up his mind, I told him that he

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did not have to join. However, I set a guideline in case he did sign up for the Corps: there was no option to quit.”

Carter Mallory joined Squadron 17 as a fish and remained true to his commitment. Not only has he excelled in the Corps, in academics, and leadership; he was recently elected as the Student Body President. He is the first cadet to win the position in a decade. The previous former cadet was Kyle Kelly '14.

When you visit with Mallory, it is easy to see why so many of his buddies encouraged him to run. He is smart, articulate, and professional. He carries himself like someone who you would be proud to have represent your university. “I had a couple of people suggest that I run for office,” says Mallory. “It wasn’t until I got a call from Lucas Trosper '24, who pushed me to throw my name in the hat. He made a special point to encourage me to run,” says Mallory. “He ended the conversation with the words ‘I am not kidding.’”

Since 1947, the university has had 83 Student Body Presidents, and of

those, only 39 were cadets. If you consider that from 1947-1965 all students were cadets, then only 32% of the Presidents have been a member of the Corps of Cadets since 1965. As a matter of fact, in the last 20 years only four cadets (including Mallory) have held this prestigious position.

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Getting elected student body president of a university with 77,000 students is no easy job. To campaign, Mallory and his team visited over 80 different student organizations in a two-week period (which is all that is allowed). Mallory personally visited over 30 of them to lay out his plat-

form, all the while maintaining his 4.0 GPA in biomedical sciences.

Mallory won 51% of the vote, and his campaign paid off. At the announcement of the winner held at the 12th Man Statue near Kyle Field, Mallory was surrounded by his team and Corps buddies who came to show their support. The crowd went crazy when his name was announced.

“When he (Carter) was encouraged to run for president, I knew he was determined and had a wide range of support,” says his father. “Carter had already surpassed my expectations on and off the Quad. When his name was announced, his buddies were the first to congratulate him. They nearly lost their minds. It is a huge blessing to see the support for him.”

The CCA is proud to have a cadet as the Student Body President representing not only our university, but also the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets for the first time in 10 years. The CCA is proud to sponsor Mallory in his newly elected position. Congratulations, Carter! We look forward to seeing you lead our great university.