



**Civilian Aide to the
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NEW MEXICO (NORTH)



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Ms. Donna Alesch White was the Director of College guidance at Albuquerque Academy until she retired at the end of 2022. She is still involved in college counseling through her pro bono work with high school students in the greater Albuquerque area and her annual commitment to College Horizons, a college access program for native students in North America. She is the co-President of the West Point Society of New Mexico, an Advisor-at-large to the West Point Association of Graduates, and the state coordinator of the West Point admissions process in New Mexico.

EDUCATION

BS, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1976-1980
MA Candidate, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1988-1989
MA, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1989-1991
Ph.D. – ABD, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2014-present

MILITARY SERVICE

Ms. White enlisted in the active Army in 1975 and completed her enlistment contract in 1978 while a cadet at West Point. She was commissioned in the Army's Signal Corps in 1980, subsequently serving in many commands and units in the United States and overseas. Ms. White celebrated her retirement from the Army at West Point, where she spent her last five years on active duty.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

MILITARY: The Order of Saint George Bronze Medallion, United States Armor Association of the United States Army. The Bronze Order of Mercury, the United States Signal Corps Regimental Association.

CIVIC: Member, National and Rocky Mountain Associations of College Admissions Counselors. Member, Alexis de Tocqueville Society, United Way of Central New Mexico, Member and Advisor-at-Large, West Point Association of Graduates. Chair, Admissions Sub-committee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, West Point Association of Graduates.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. White earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (with three OLC), the Army Commendation Medal (with three OLC), the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Parachutist Badge, the Honorable Order of Saint George, and the Honorable Order of Mercury.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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