

# Nicholas E. Vaz

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## Education

- Oregon State University Electrical and Computer Engineering Junior, current GPA 3.75. Graduation: June 2025
  - Circuit Analysis, Digital and Logic Design, Signals and Systems, FPGA, and Transmission Line Theory.
- Chemeketa C. C., A.S. Computer Science 3.94 GPA, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member
- Baker Charters Early College, 2021 graduate with an honors diploma and valedictorian, 4.00 GPA.
- USAF Auxiliary Desert Eagle Flight Academy, Ephrata Washington, July 2019.
- USAF Auxiliary Pacific Regional Cadet Leadership School, Nellis Air Force Base, Dec. 2018.

## Work Experience

- **United States Air Cadet Ambassador to the United Kingdom - 2023 International Air Cadet Exchange.** Collaborated with cadets from multiple nations. In this role, I exemplified professionalism, demonstrated leadership capabilities, and utilized effective cross-cultural communication skills.
- **Seasonal medical equipment manufacturing and assembly worker at IMPAC Inc,** Summers of 2019-2023.
- **Cadet Commander, USAF Auxiliary - 2023 Winter Raptor Encampment,** Mar. 2023 to Jan. 2024: Responsible for assembling, leading, training, and the safety of 110 staff members and 230 students. My roles encompass planning, organization, team management, safety, communication, and problem-solving.
- **Deputy for Support, USAF Auxiliary - 2022 Winter Raptor Encampment,** Aug. 2022 to Jan. 2023. Responsible for training and directing specialized teams in public affairs, logistics, administration, health services, and food preparation. Successfully managed operations to support this 400-person encampment.
- **Provost for the Oregon Wing Leadership School,** June 2022 to Oct. 2023. Responsible for curriculum development, standard enforcement, and staff recruitment for the six activities under my jurisdiction.
- **Cadet Commander of the Salem Composite Squadron,** June 2020 to Oct. 2021. Led initiatives during the COVID lockdown that retained cadet engagement resulting in a rebound from 6 to 23+ active cadets.
- **Plans and Curriculum Officer,** Pacific Regional Cadet Leadership School, 2020. Led the development of the curriculum material and schedule for 15+ instructors to provide a weeklong leadership course training for a 100 Cadets nationwide.

## Extra-Curricular Activities

- Classical pianist, consistently received the highest marks in festivals for the last ten consecutive years.
- Black Belt in Shaolin Kempo, which reinforced and tested self-control, integrity, diligence, and comradery.

## Awards and Honors

- Region Commander's Meritorious Service Award, work commanding the 2023 Winter Raptor Encampment.
- Meritorious Service Award as Plans and Curriculum Officer for the 2020 Regional Cadet Leadership School.
- Commander's Commendation Award for outstanding service, Winter Raptor's Deputy for Support, Dec. 2022.
- Commander's Commendation Award, for outstanding service at Winter Raptor, DECON OiC, Dec. 2021.
- Veteran of Foreign Wars Officer of the Year, for services in Salem Composite Squadron, 2020.
- Commander's Commendation Award: "Awarded for outstanding duty performance in preparing himself and cadets under his authority for their first encampment with very minimal help from superiors." June 2018.