

Susan Smith graduated as Valedictorian from East in 1995. In addition to her academic prowess, she earned varsity letters in volleyball, swimming, softball and track and field. She graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1999 and has served her country for the last 17 years in various capacities. Susan has accrued 2,500 flight hours, more than 850 carrier arrested landings (traps) and five deployments in support of Operation ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM and NEW DAWN. Susan graduated from the Naval War College in 2010 where she earned a Master of Arts Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Susan's military decorations include the Air Medal (six Strike Force Awards) Navy Meritorious Service Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Medals, and Global War on Terror Expeditionary and Service Medals. Susan is presently assigned to the Pentagon as part of an advisory group on the Navy Asia Pacific for the CNO, the Secretary of the Navy, Secretary of Defense and the President. Susan will continue to serve her country, attributing her greatest achievements to the success of those she has served with and commanded.