

Craig J. Jasin  
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry Natural Resources Management  
GPA = 3.8  
Air Force ROTC Cadet Commander



**Words from Garison Clark - Head Coach of NY Alliance:** To the N2 Award Committee, My name is Garison Clark, Head Coach of the NY Alliance. I am writing this letter to formally nominate NYA graduating Senior Craig J Jasin for the 3rd Naseeruddin-Natalie Award in the year 2021. Craig Jasin has been a pivotal competitor for the NY Alliance since joining our ranks in the Spring semester of 2018. He has always showed wonderful grace and comfort in competition. His energy helps relax his teammates while projects fun and confidence to all of those around him. No matter what success or disappointments he has faced in the sport, he always knows how to accept both with charm and learn from his experiences. He has great habits of cheering on all gymnasts that cross his path, learning the names and background of both teammates and competitors, and praising all who share his passion for the sport. He has often led the NY Alliance in consistency of successful routines in competition as well. In his Junior year of high school, his life-long gymnastics coach decided to retire. This was a significant change while he navigated his last year competing level 10 and entering college. Luckily, an NYA athlete had found Craig's story and connected him to us. To add to his struggles, the Walter Dodge Gymnastics Room located on the Syracuse University campus, where Craig primarily trained, was removed for renovations during his Junior year. This left him without a gym or adequate equipment for some time. Craig still persevered through these obstacles and the world-wide pandemic of Covid-19 to come out as a top competitor for our team and asset to the communities around him. Within the NY Alliance, Craig is known as the "personality" of our team. He has always been a spiritual leader for our program and athletes by combining his commitment and skill level with pure enjoyment of training and competing. Outside of the NYA, Craig continues to take on guiding others as the president of the Syracuse University Gymnastics Club. Leading a college club gymnastics team is an exceedingly difficult and time-consuming task. You must act as director, head coach, team manager, and still be able to train and compete yourself. He is not only able manage the responsibilities asked of him, but also has helped countless young men get introduced to gymnastics for the first time in their lives and coach them to a competitive level. Without his efforts, the men's gymnastics presence at Syracuse University, formerly a top Division 1 program, would cease to exist. In his summer breaks, he

always returned to his home gym in Ohio to coach junior athletes. On top of all that, he has chosen to lead our country after college as a commanding officer for the United States Air Force. At the SU ROTC Program of Detachment 535, he has acted as Cadet Commander, Deputy Commander, Command Executive, Field Training Preparations Trainer, and Arnold Air Society Financial Manager. On May 21st 2021, he will be officially commissioned into the United States Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant Combat Systems Officer. At SUNY ESF, he has managed to balance high level gymnastics training, pristine academics of a 3.8 GPA, presidency of the Syracuse University Club Gymnastics Team, and participation in the Syracuse University Air Force ROTC program of Detachment 535. All of us at the Alliance are going to miss Craig greatly, and revel in stories of his time with us for years to come. Thank you! -- Garison Clark  
NYA Head Coach

**Career Bests:** FX = 12.05 PH = 11.4 SR = 11.9 VT = 11.7 PB = 11.7 HB = 11.5