

Ms. Pat Locke (USMA '80)

West Point Leadership and Ethics Conference Leader



Pat Locke entered West Point from the West Point Prep School with West Point's first class of women. She graduated, as it first African-American woman in 1980. She was commissioned in Air Defense Artillery.

Pat is the president of Life Plan Services (LPS), LLC and Seeds of Humanity Foundation, Inc. (to address significant childhood developmental needs in underserved areas). Her passion for the last 30 years has been the study of the human condition and leadership. This journey began after leaving Detroit, Michigan, joining the U.S. Army, and working as a Communications Specialist at Fort Polk, Louisiana. After one day in the Army, she knew the Army was her new home. A year later her commander asked her to consider attending West Point, to which she responded, "What's that?" USMA was a "fire hose" introduction to the world of leadership, ethics, communications, protocol, etiquette, which significantly enhanced the "fine" character she acquired growing up in Detroit in the 1970's. After acquiring such valuable traits, receiving the Key to the City of Detroit, and being featured in many national magazines and newspapers, she saw an opportunity to start effectively giving back. She received her certification in Montessori instruction by the Association Montessori International (AMI), Washington DC, her Master's in Education from Loyola in Baltimore and her Master's of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Her passion serves not only children, but also their influencers in crucial leader life skills. She accomplishes much of this through consulting, the Noble Manners Children's Etiquette Seminars, the Diamond Boot Camps for Leaders, the West Point Leadership and Ethics Conferences (high school and middle school) and the National Conferences on Ethics in America (NCEA) (college juniors).

Other highlights:

- Co-Author, *The Power of Civility*, 2011
- Key to the City of Detroit Recipient
- Outstanding Young Women of America Selectee