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WHAT'S ON THE COVER?

Alexis McCadney, NASA Armstrong public representative, is pictured in her official NASA portrait in her current role as a communication strategist.

Meet the NASA Armstrong RAB public representative



ENJOYING NATURE: In a photo captured by her brother, Alexis McCadney gazes out at the view of vibrant greenery and dazzling water during an outing in Santa Clarita, California.

As a photography enthusiast with a sharp eye for nature, Alexis McCadney brings a unique perspective to the Edwards Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board as the new NASA public representative. When she is not at work, she can often be found exploring parks and museums, capturing the world around her through a camera lens. Dedicated to both science and the arts, McCadney combined her interests and hobbies into a career that she enjoys.

Growing up in a military family, McCadney moved often throughout her early childhood and rarely stayed in one place for more than a few years. McCadney grew up in St. Louis, Missouri then moved to Southaven, Mississippi. After graduating from high school, McCadney and her family settled in Southern California. There she began focusing on her future and applied to college.

Deciding what to pursue as a career was an internal debate for McCadney. "I went to college during the rise of the science, technology, engineering and mathematics craze, also known as STEM," she said. "There was a notion that if you decided to pursue any degree outside of STEM, you would never find a stable career." Influenced by the idea of job stability and her interest in science, McCadney initially applied to college and declared physics as her major. However, she had always been an avid storyteller who loved writing and creating graphics. She was more drawn to the idea of becoming a teacher or journalist and to the flexibility a humanities degree could provide in her future endeavors.

Eventually, McCadney switched her major and pursued a path that

resonated more with her. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in English literature through the University of San Francisco. McCadney's academic journey did not end there; she went on to earn two additional degrees in higher education: a master's in creative writing from Antioch University, Los Angeles, focusing on non-fiction; and a master's in communications from Arizona State University.

McCadney's passion for communication and storytelling extended naturally into her professional life. She began to gain experience while she was in college pursuing her master's in creative writing. She was a social media marketing and communications specialist for Antioch University. After graduating, she landed a job as a public affairs specialist/community relations specialist/journalist for the Edwards Environment Restoration Program, which allowed her to blend her skills in audience engagement and writing. Currently, she brings the combination of her education and experience to her work at NASA as a communication strategist under the communication services contract. "My main duty is to report on project milestones to leadership," she said. "But I have additional tasks within the Office of Communications that involve drafting, finalizing, and distributing executive communications." McCadney said she was always drawn to roles that were flexible and diverse, that combined different facets of communication and offered opportunities for experimentation and growth. "I think this role captures a little bit of everything," she said.



FRAME THE MOMENT: (Above) Alexis McCadney photographed two scenic landscape views from her hotel room using her Nikon D3500 camera while attending the annual Association of Writers and Writing Programs conference in Portland, Oregon.

Outside work or writing, McCadney finds joy and creative expression through photography. She rotates through various cameras depending on the picture she is trying to capture. During daylight she enjoys using her iPhone camera but when she wants something more powerful, she uses her Nikon D5600. To capture quality images, she visits museums and parks because she is fascinated by landscapes and scenes of nature. McCadney said she loves capturing pretty environments as it reminds her of cherished childhood and early adulthood memories. "When we lived in St. Louis, my mother and maternal grandmother would take my brother and I bike riding through Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park, or my mother and father would take us to Forest Park," she recalled. "When I was in school at San Francisco, I loved going to Golden Gate Park." Those moments still influence and inspire her life journey.

As McCadney steps into her role as a public representative for NASA, she brings with her a blend of communication expertise and appreciation for nature. She looks forward to supporting initiatives that protect and revitalize the environment. For McCadney, it is a full circle moment. "NASA Armstrong was vacant for the two years I worked as the RAB coordinator," she said. Through her work experience she learned the expectation of the role and is committed to making a meaningful impact as a board member.



Where to find more INFORMATION

Published data and documents related to the Environmental Restoration Program at Edwards are available for public review at three Information Repositories and online at <https://ar.cce.af.mil>. The Information Repositories are located at:

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The RAB is made up of appointed representatives from communities on and around Edwards AFB, regulators from federal and state agencies and base officials. The board's purpose is to provide a forum for two-way communication between the public and those responsible for environmental cleanup at the base.

The board meets semiannually, rotating meeting locations among communities surrounding the base. The public is welcome to attend. Those who have questions or concerns about cleanup activities at Edwards may contact any RAB member or Gary Hatch, 412th Test Wing Public Affairs, at (661) 277-8707.

The RAB also has its own Facebook site: <https://www.facebook.com/RAB.Edwards/>. "Like" us on Facebook today!

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