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This summer, I had the honor and privilege of serving as an intern for the U.S. Defense Department's National War College (NWC) in Washington, D.C. An inter-agency graduate school, the War College offers senior-level programs of study in national security strategy for leaders of the Armed Forces, Department of State, and other civilian agencies. This internship would not have been possible without the generous support of the Corgan Internship Fund. My Corgan grant allowed me to fully immerse myself in the D.C. atmosphere while taking advantage of the unparalleled mentorship opportunities available to me at the War College. During my time there, I aided faculty in course development, including authoring course syllabi for the coming school year, and implemented my own capstone research project on government use of commercial satellites in national defense.

I was also able to meet regularly with faculty and staff from all sectors of government. High-ranking representatives from all branches of the military, senior officers from 5 major U.S. intelligence agencies, and State Department ambassadors were all generously willing to offer their time to answer any question I might have. I found their vast range of experiences, unique perspectives, and thoughtful advice to be invaluable as I narrow my own professional interests in government. I treasure the fantastic connections I made at the War College with both faculty and peers, and I cannot fully express how grateful I am to have been part of the institution's incredible community for the summer. That gratitude is largely owed to the Corgan Fund's charitable donors, who made this unpaid internship feasible for me. To everyone who made this grant possible, thank you.