



SCHOLAR TESTIMONIALS

“The U of Arizona scholars are proud to have this unique opportunity to innovate across academic disciplines in order to improve and protect our national security while also inspiring more students to answer the call to public service.”

Andrew Pongrátz, Philosophy and Economics, The University of Arizona

“I was really happy Dr. Uday took the time to read my bio and come talk to me. It felt good to have that recognition. When she invited me to join the research team to provide my feedback as a designer it was the beginning of a strong and personal connection.”

Belle Higginbotham, Game Development and Design, Purdue

“The DCTC program has helped me to learn different research strategies and tactics from my peers that have assisted me in my academic studies. This program has provided me the opportunity to give back to my community and be an active public servant in my community.”

Jada Foote, Business Information Technology, North Carolina A&T



“Before hearing about DCTC I didn’t know how to get a job or a clearance in the DoD. I look forward to attending the DCTC course more than any other class on campus, because the DCTC class has a direct link to my very near future. The curriculum material is exciting and meaningful and the instructor truly cares for our well-being.”

Faith Jones, Cybersecurity Management and Analytics, Virginia Tech



“The ability to collaborate with other students within the DCTC program has allowed me to meet new people and gain new perspectives on the functions of the United States government. I believe that our contributions as a cohort will leave an impact on our country, as the DCTC program provides us the opportunity to dedicate our work toward being a good public servant.”

Amaya Connor, Health Sciences Management, North Carolina A&T

“I enjoy that the program focuses on your potential and develops scholars throughout their academic careers. There weren’t a lot of scholarship opportunities at my school and I’m so excited to be part of Cohort ‘25.”

Cameron Alemand, Political Science, Virginia Tech

“Until now I have been unable to obtain an opportunity from USAJobs and was contemplating shifting from the public sector to the private sector when my academic advisor introduced me to this upcoming DCTC program that would give me the greatest opportunity to serve as a public servant.”

Pualena Heather, Economics, Virginia Tech



“I’m excited to see where the future of the DoD is going, especially in relation to Data Analytics and data management which closely ties to my major.”

Nick McDermott, National Security and Foreign Affairs, Virginia Tech