



WARRIOR-SCHOLAR PROJECT

Forged in Service,
Fueled by Education

*From Military to College:
How We Can Support
Students, Together*



Introduction



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- **Director of Outreach and Admissions**
- **17 Years in Higher Education Student Services**
- **Nine as Director of Admissions**
- **Veteran Resource Office/SCO**

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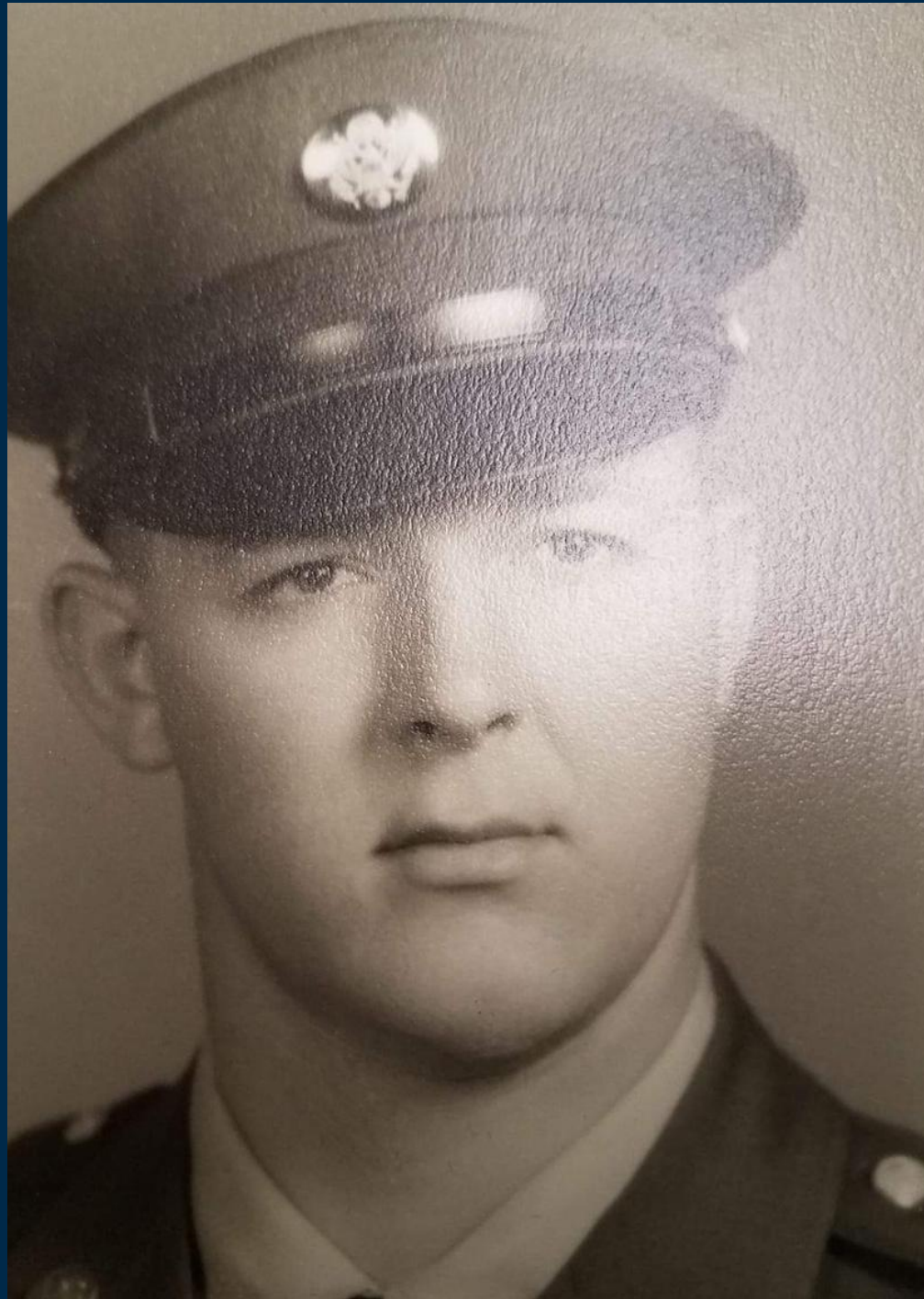
- **United States Army**
- **Specialist E-4**
- **Military Police**

It's Personal



**Dad - Richard
Stein**

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Dad - Richard Stein



**Me - Lisa
Stein**

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**Nephew - Bryant
Stein**

Dad's Story



My Story

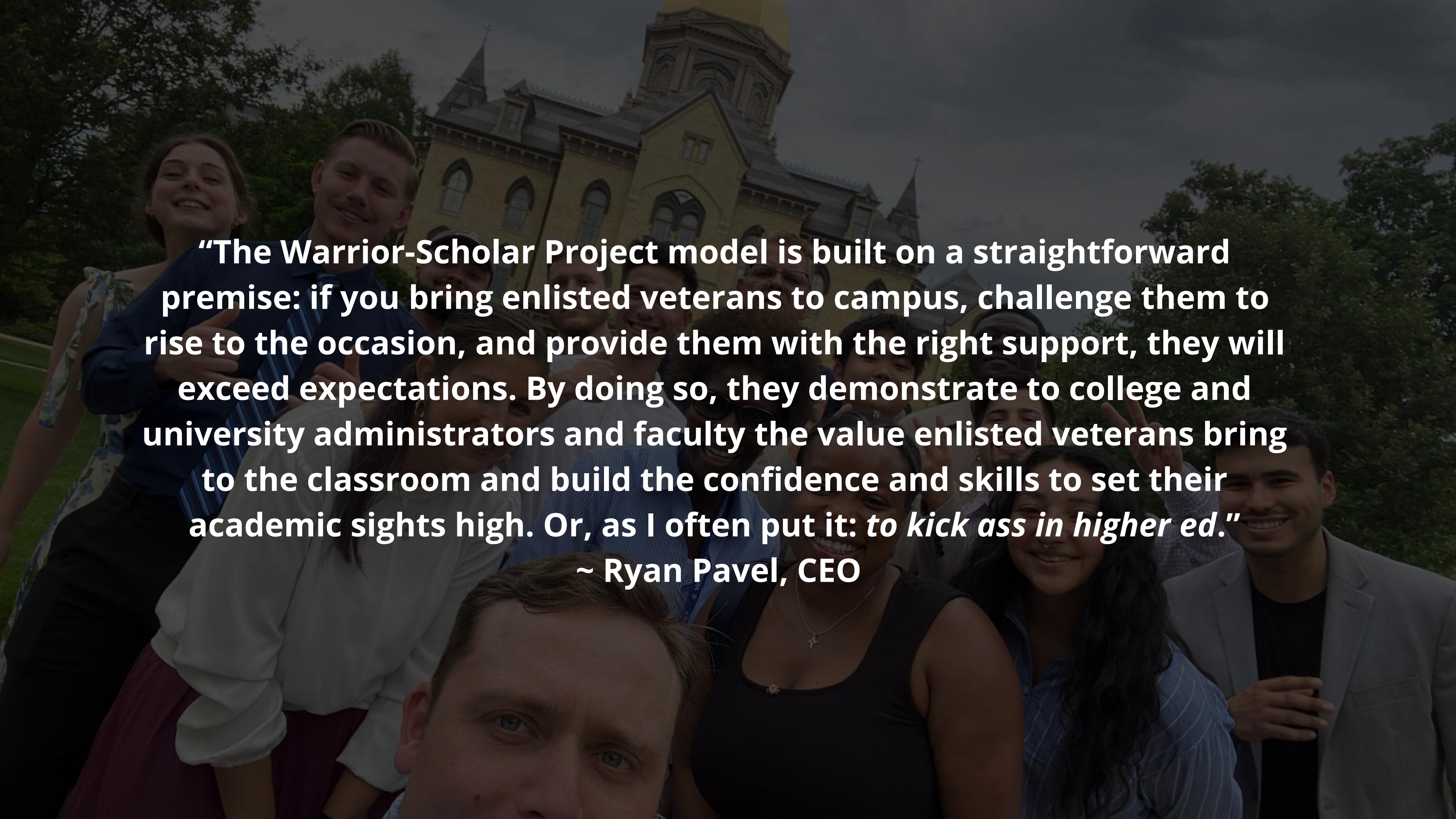


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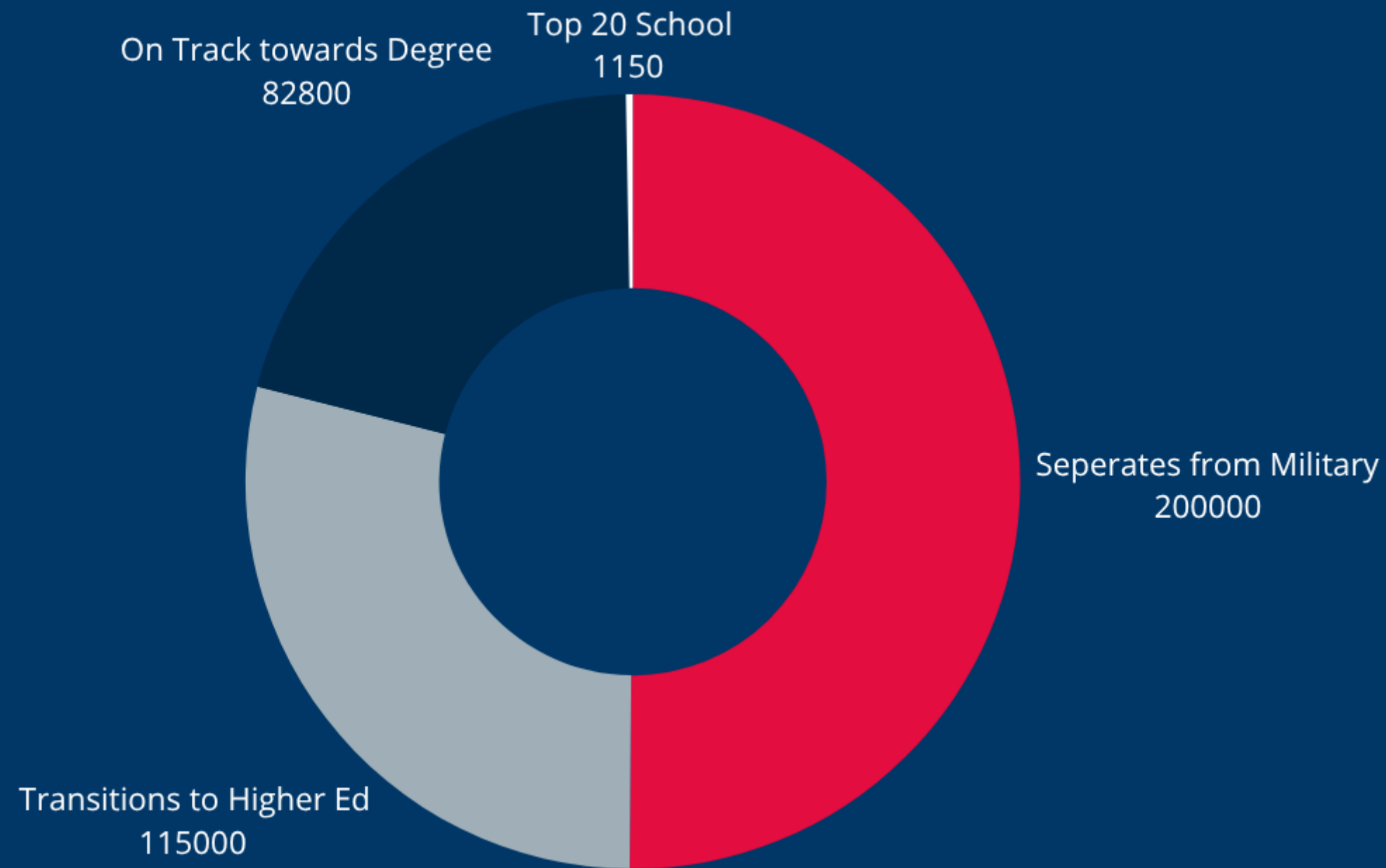
Warrior-Scholar Project



"The Warrior-Scholar Project model is built on a straightforward premise: if you bring enlisted veterans to campus, challenge them to rise to the occasion, and provide them with the right support, they will exceed expectations. By doing so, they demonstrate to college and university administrators and faculty the value enlisted veterans bring to the classroom and build the confidence and skills to set their academic sights high. Or, as I often put it: *to kick ass in higher ed.*"

~ Ryan Pavel, CEO

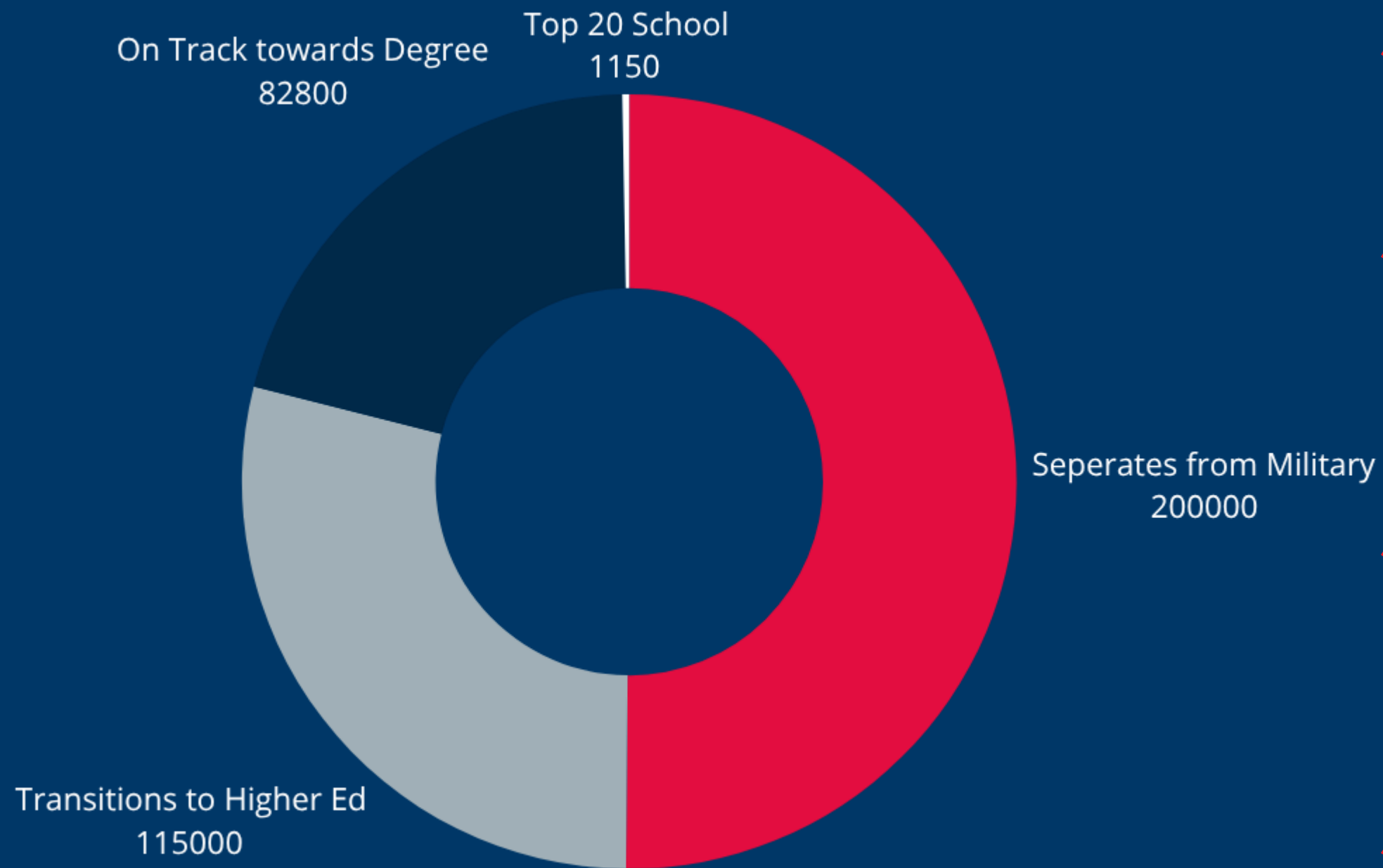
By The Numbers



Based on SVA/IVMF Reports

- 200,000 Service members transition out of the military
- 115,000 Transition into Higher Education
- 72% Have completed/track to complete a college degree
- 1% Total undergraduate population at Top 20 Schools

The Reasons



✓ Feel out of place

✓ Worry about college curriculum

✓ Don't know how to navigate higher education systems

✓ Previously bad educational experiences

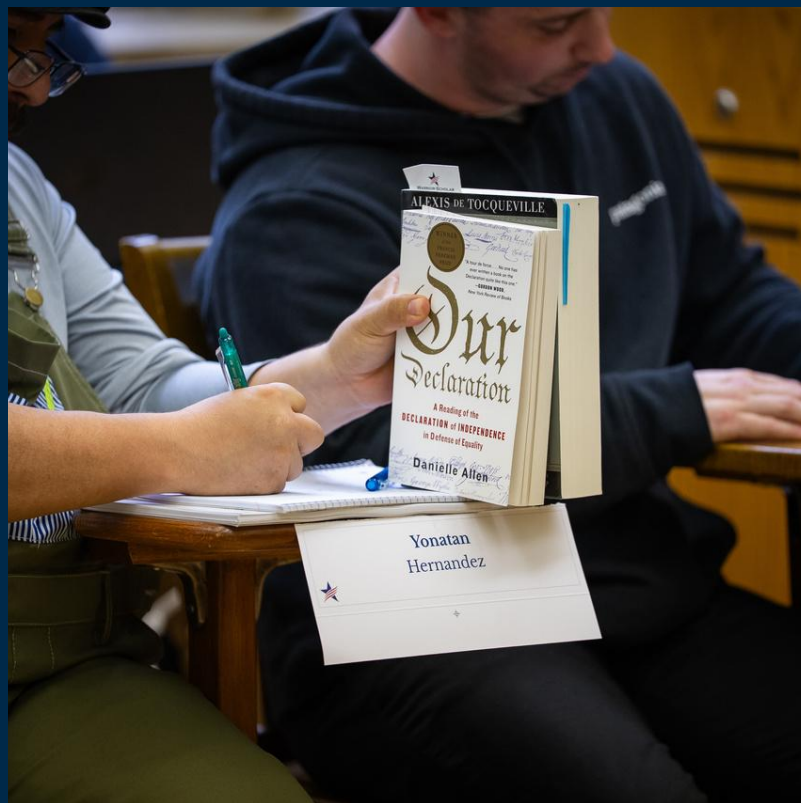
✓ Out too long - too old

Where We Come In

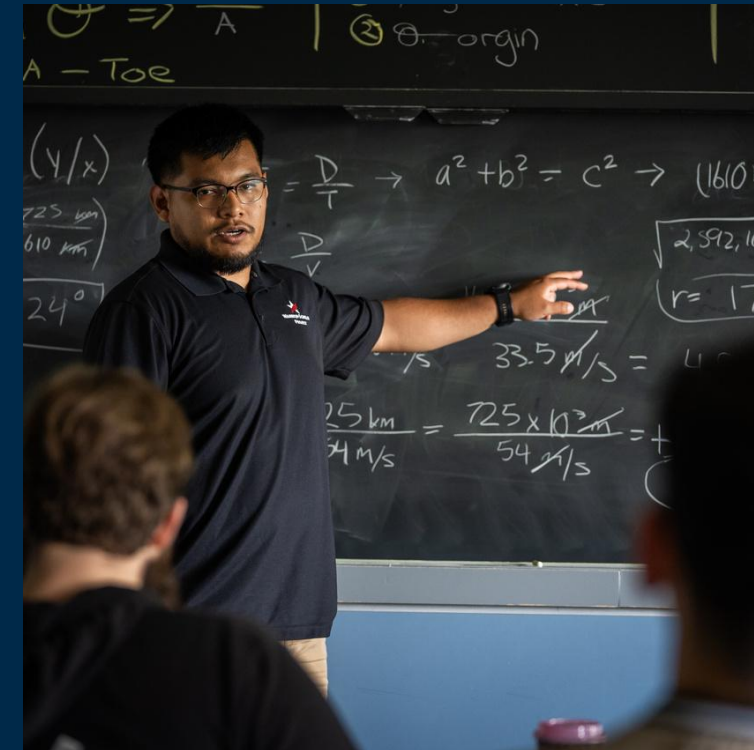


- Founded in 2011
- First boot camp in 2012 at Yale
- One week immersive experience
- On-campus in-person & virtual options
- 10-15 per cohort
- Fully funded except for participant travel

Curriculum



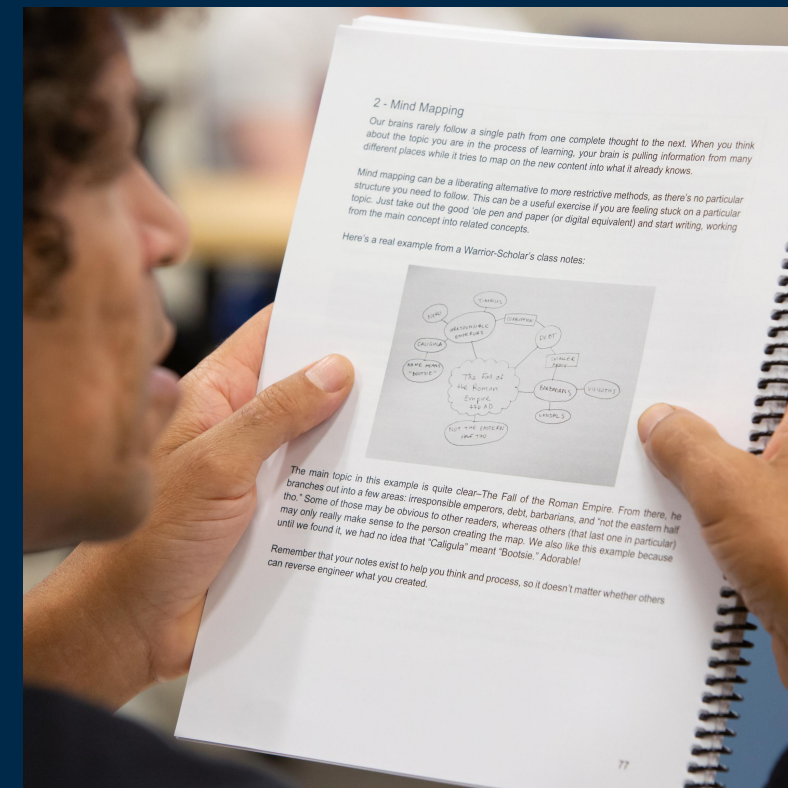
Humanities



STEM



Business



College Success

Humanities



Humanities

I came here with the expectation that I would leave here an excellent writer and reader, but that was not the case. WSP academically challenged me to, and it is up to me to practice my writing and reading if I want to get better.

WSP helped me get back into that rhythm. Thank you!

–Georgetown University Participant



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- Writing workshops led by writing instructors
- Writing tutoring sessions and 1:1 peer mentoring

STEM



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If I can learn at this pace, I can learn at a regular academic pace. I learned basic trig, some fundamentals of physics, I learned some coding, I learned how to approach STEM with a 9-step problem-solving method.

Cornell University Participant



STEM

- Faculty-led lectures on core physics problems



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- Recitation sections and problem sets



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- Team Research Project

Business



Case 101: Review

CASE SCENARIOS:

1. **Decision:** This scenario needs to make a critical decision and potentially persuade other characters in the case to accept it.
2. **Evaluation:** This scenario needs to perform an in-depth evaluation that lays out the pros and cons or strengths and weaknesses of the subject of the case.
3. **Problem Diagnosis:** This scenario needs to perform a comprehensive problem diagnosis that identifies the root causes of a problem described in the case.

CASING STEPS

1. Read the first and last sections of the case
2. Skim the other sections and the exhibits
3. Determine what the main character has to do or to resolve the major uncertainty.
4. List the things you need to know about the situation
5. Skim case and mark places and notes relevant to your needs
6. Carefully read and analyze the information that is relevant to the things you need to know
7. Arrive at a position or conclusion about the case's main issue, backed by evidence from the case
8. Choose what you recommend, evaluation determines or assessment says about the problem.

Business

**I would recommend the business course because it helps me envision the process of identifying problems and coming up with solutions. It also replicates the workload of university, which prepares me for the future.-
Yale Business Participant**



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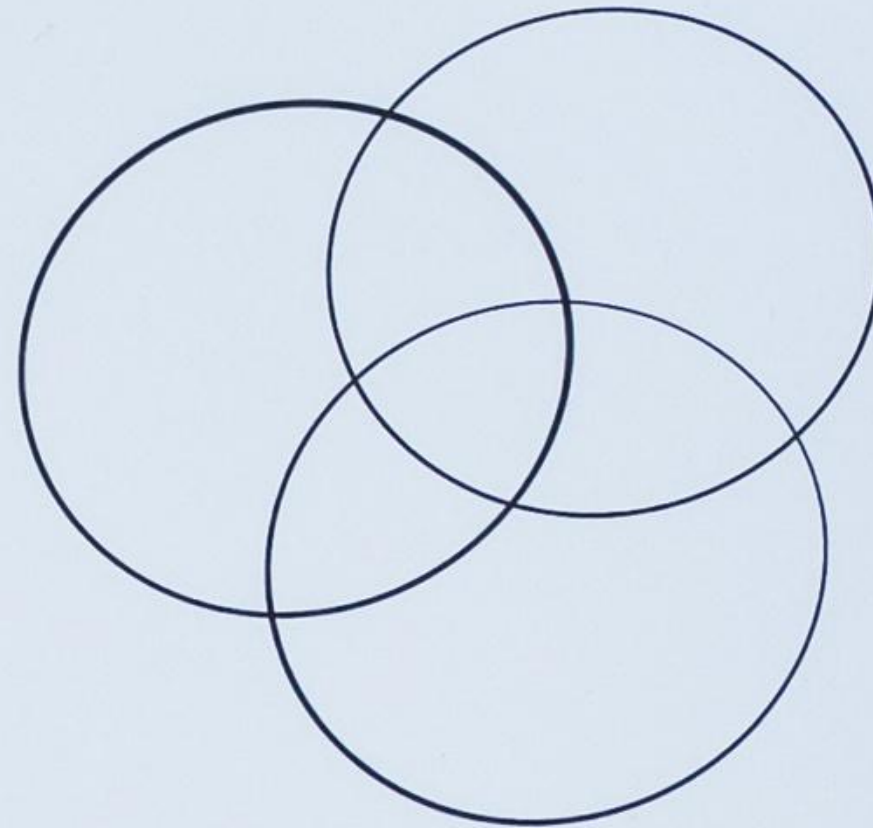
- Faculty-led discussions as a business classroom experience
- Case-study methods with real-world scenarios
- Public speaking, teamwork, and organizational dynamics

College Success

THE WARRIOR-SCHOLAR'S FIELD GUIDE

how to maximize the college experience
as an enlisted veteran

RYAN PAVEL
DR. CASSIE SANCHEZ



College Success

It was a phenomenal program. It has changed my perspective on my role as an American, improved my writing, brought awareness to military college programs and financial aid that I was not previously aware of, and proven, through the hard work of the Fellows, faculty, peers and myself, that I am more than capable to pursue rigorous education.

—Williams College Participant

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How to maximize the college experience
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FELLOW'S GUIDE
SCHOLAR'S

- STAYING IN GROWTH MINDSET

- BE OPEN MINDED

- HELP OTHERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING

- ASK QUESTIONS

College

Success

- Mindset, Identity, and Culture

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- Time management and study strategies



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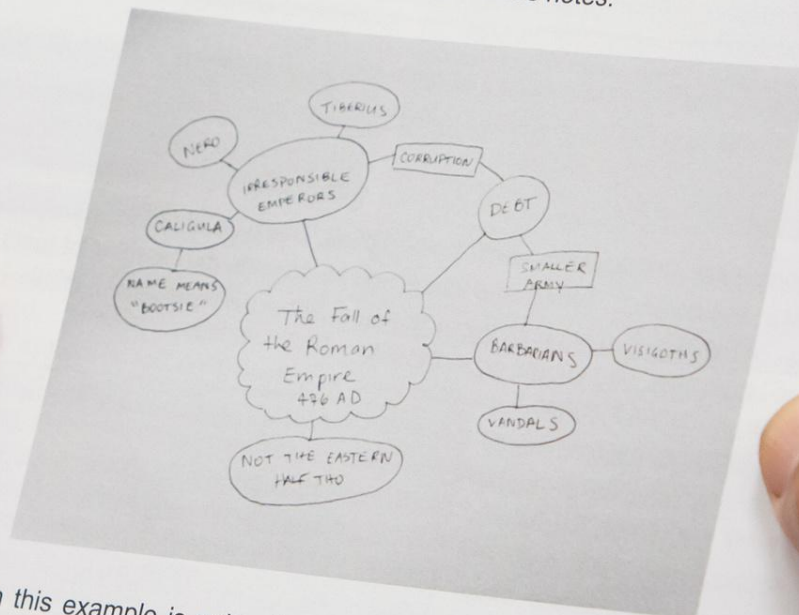
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2 - Mind Mapping

Our brains rarely follow a single path from one complete thought to the next. When you are about the topic you are in the process of learning, your brain is pulling information from different places while it tries to map on the new content into what it already knows.

Mind mapping can be a liberating alternative to more restrictive methods, as there's no particular structure you need to follow. This can be a useful exercise if you are feeling stuck on a particular topic. Just take out the good 'ole pen and paper (or digital equivalent) and start writing, working from the main concept into related concepts.

Here's a real example from a Warrior-Scholar's class notes:



The main topic in this example is quite clear—The Fall of the Roman Empire. From there, he branches out into a few areas: irresponsible emperors, debt, barbarians, and “not the eastern half tho.” Some of those may be obvious to other readers, whereas others (that last one in particular) may only really make sense to the person creating the map. We also like this example because until we found it, we had no idea that “Caligula” meant “Bootsie.” Adorable!

Remember that your notes exist to help you think and process, so it doesn't matter whether others can reverse engineer what you created.

College Success

- Mindset, Identity, and Culture
- Time management and study strategies
- Navigating campus systems
- Informed consumer of Higher Education

Get accustomed to school after a long absence while in the Army.

Identify Opportunities + Bolster My Applications

Relearn the basic of Math
Improve my programming skills
Get better study habits

Learn good time management and study habits for returning to school

Math + Statistics
Refresh / Build up

1. BUILD AN ACADEMIC MINDSET

Leave this bootcamp actually understanding the physics we were taught.

Help Provide Young Veterans with the Knowledge, Skills, and Insights That Will Help at the Onset to Succeed

2. LEARN HOW OTHER STUDENT VETERANS NAVIGATE COLLEGE

Network with like-minded individuals.

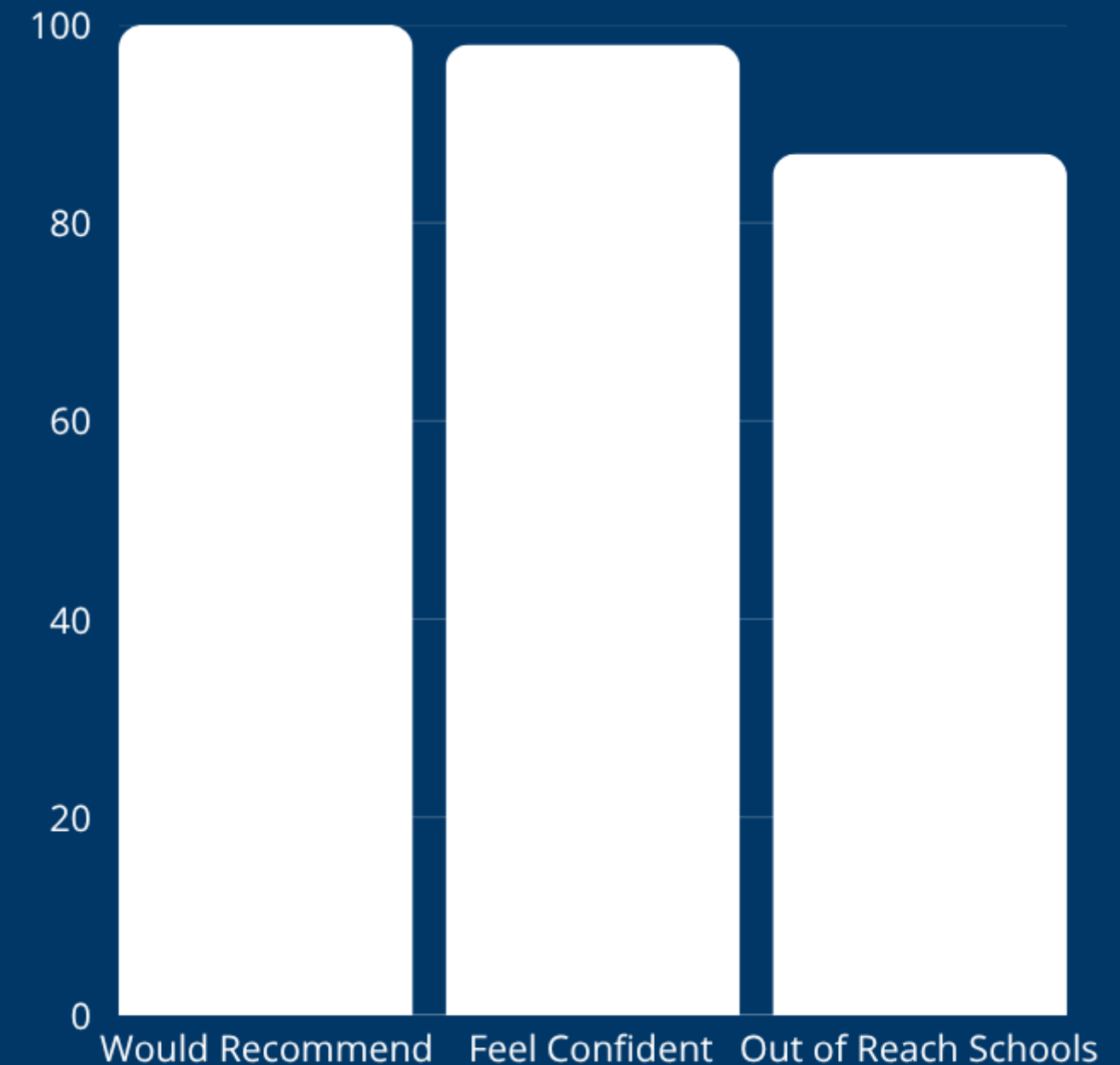
Learn proper academic study habits and routines

3. BE

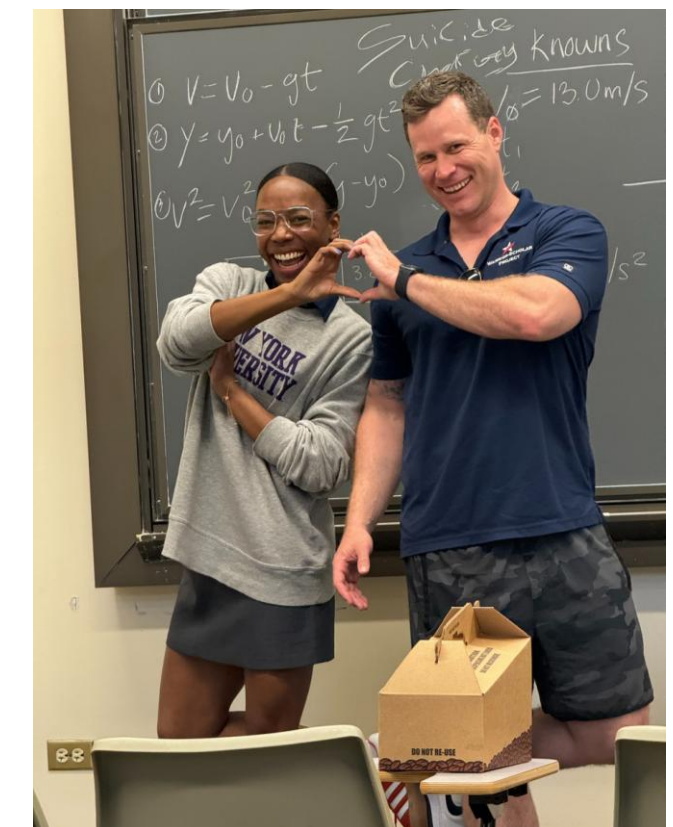
Post-Course

Survey

- 100% Would recommend the program
- 98% Feel confident they will succeed in college
- 87% Feel confident applying to schools they once thought were out of reach



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Beyond Boot Camps

- Access to Alumni Network (over 2,500 strong!)
- Continued Academic Assistance
- Graduate Pathways Initiative (GPIS)
- Career Pathways Initiative (CPIS)
- Summer Fellowships
- Alumni Events



Matthew DeBord 4:28 PM

Celebration 🎉 I was accepted into the 2025 Veterans Program for Politics and Civic Engagement at Syracuse University

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What About You?

- Stronger, more prepared students
- Retention, Persistence, Graduation
- Veterans who become campus leaders



CEO Ryan Pavel



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Implicitly, our work has always relied on another belief: that higher education is in and of itself valuable. But in this era where our higher education partners find themselves under tremendous scrutiny and pressure, it's important to make this explicit: we believe that higher education is valuable, provides singular opportunities for economic mobility, plays a pivotal role in growing the perspective of students, and serves as an essential forum for building strong communities that are essential to our social fabric.

My Ask

Help Me Spread the Word

- Share Fliers
- Emails to your students
- Newsletters
- Hot Air Ballons -



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