Dear Friends of Warrior-Scholar Project,

This incredible organization began with a desire to serve and support veterans and transitioning servicemembers in their pursuit of higher education. That first year, our founders held one course with nine students at Yale University. The results were inspiring, and over the next few years, the demand for our program grew significantly. With your support, we added course locations and specialty programming at 17 colleges and universities in 2018, including 16 weeks of Humanities and 7 weeks of STEM programs. We also launched a new initiative to reach veterans and servicemembers through one-day workshops at community colleges. This growth gives us the ability to impact hundreds of additional veterans and servicemembers. This is only possible through your generous support.

To date, your support has provided the ability to transform the lives of nearly 1,000 Warrior-Scholars. You provided immersive and empowering experiences that have led veterans and servicemembers to see themselves in new ways. Warrior-Scholars have gained confidence in their academic abilities and recognize not just their legitimacy as a student among their peers, but as an asset in the classroom and in society. Your support has enabled these alumni to dream bigger. It has motivated 87% of them to apply to or attend an academic institution they would not have previously considered. It seems almost inconceivable that this transformation can happen in just one to two weeks, but it does. Our program changes lives.

2018 was a significant year in our history. Thanks in large part to a capacity-building investment by the A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation, we have made several key hires and are preparing to impact even more veterans and military families in 2019. I am honored and humbled to be leading the Warrior-Scholar Project as CEO into its next chapter. As we look to the future of WSP, we reflect on our past with pride and gratitude. Thank you for believing in this important mission and the ability of our programs to help develop the next greatest generation of civilian leaders. Thank you for your generous support.

With Gratitude,

Maura C. Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer
Our Mission

The Warrior-Scholar Project (WSP) empowers enlisted military veterans by providing them with a skill bridge that enables a successful transition from the battlefield to the classroom, maximizes their education opportunities by making them informed consumers of education, and increases the confidence they will need to successfully complete a rigorous four-year undergraduate program at a top-tier school.

- The Warrior-Scholar Project is a dynamic national nonprofit that empowers servicemembers as they transition from the military to higher education.
- We host immersive one- or two-week college preparatory programs that prepare transitioning servicemembers for the challenges of higher education.
- Founded and piloted in 2012 at Yale University, WSP partnered with 17 of America’s top colleges and universities and 2 community colleges in 2018.
- These academic programs are offered at no cost to participants, thanks to generous donations from foundations, corporate donors, and individual donors, as well as in-kind support from host institutions.
- Our participants come from every branch of the military. A total of 946 veterans and transitioning service members have participated in WSP summer courses since 2012.
- The Warrior-Scholar Project has a national team with a presence throughout the United States, and has offices in Washington, DC, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

In 2019, We Have Partnered With 23 Academic Institutions Across the Country

Summer Academic Boot Camp Partners
- Amherst College
- University of Arizona
- University of Chicago
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- University of California, Irvine
- University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- Princeton University
- University of Southern California
- Syracuse University
- Texas A&M University
- Yale University

Community College Outreach Initiative Partners
- Community College of Rhode Island
- Harrisburg Area Community College Harrisburg
- Harrisburg Area Community College Lancaster
- Rockland Community College
- Saddleback Community College
2018 Impact

Summer Academic Boot Camps at 17 Colleges & Universities

- 16 Weeks of Humanities Programming from 15 in 2017
- 7 Weeks of STEM Programming from 4 in 2017

241 Participants Served Through Academic Transition Programs

- 225 Participants in Summer Academic Boot Camps
- 16 Participants in Community College Workshops

Increased Confidence from 99% of Program Participants

2018 Alumni Survey

- 87% were motivated to apply to or attend an academic institution they would not have previously considered
- 36% are enrolled at US News “Top 20 Liberal Arts Colleges” and “Top 20 National Universities” in America. Compared to 1% of veterans nationally
- 96% are either still in school or have already graduated (4% attrition)

“...The Warrior-Scholar Project taught me it’s not how much better you do than your peers, or if you are at the top of your class, but rather how much you improve from the day you start, to the day you finish. That growth mindset, along with reinforcing the skills lost while in the military, were pivotal during my academic development as a student.”

Matthew Maclaine

Alumnus Matt Maclaine completed two undergraduate engineering internships at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He will be graduating from the University of California, Irvine, with a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering in June of this year.
Thyden found it reassuring to be among other veterans. He was concerned, however, about his location in the classroom. After sharing this concern, WSP staff provided him with an ideal seat, which helped him feel less anxious and ready to take on the new experience.

“WSP staff worked with me on a tremendous level, even relocating other students so I could get the seat I needed. They showed me that PTSD does not have to be crippling; accommodations are available for students with disabilities, and you just have to have the courage to ask for help.”

Thyden recalls a transformative moment when he knew the program was changing his aspirations and those of the other students around him.

Since completing WSP, Thyden earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Crediting WSP for his refined writing skills and for support throughout the application process, Thyden proudly announced to the alumni network in 2018 that he was accepted into the Syracuse University College of Law as a Juris Doctor candidate.

As a law student with aspirations of becoming a Public Defender, Thyden says WSP is not just changing the lives of veterans, but also that of their families. He believes he would not be in law school without WSP, which positively impacts Thyden’s wife and children.

“My family is seeing how hard I work and its value. My experience has created conversations with my 3-year-old daughter that might not have been there otherwise. We talk about the jobs we can do with an education and the people we can help. Warrior-Scholar Project gave me the ability and permission to dream bigger, and it is changing my family tree. I am working to secure my dreams so I can serve underrepresented communities in criminal court and better provide for my family.”
“Words can’t begin to describe how much more confident I am going back to school and the perseverance I have now to apply to top schools across the nation. This program has given me clarity to pursue a higher education.”

Brandon Garcia

“The Warrior-Scholar Project has impacted my life tremendously. It’s been over a decade since I’ve been in school. WSP has taught me skills I can use moving forward and instilled the idea that I can go to an Ivy League school and succeed. This program has truly touched my life.”

Buddy Summitt

### Financials

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Cristian Rosado

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1012 14th Street NW, Suite 1200
Washington, DC 20005

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