



FORGING THE FUTURE

A History of Service. A Promise To Lead.

A REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF YOUR PHILANTHROPY | JULY 2017

As we approach our bicentennial, we've set a goal to raise \$100 million to make Norwich's next 200 years even greater than the last—with cutting-edge majors, world-class facilities and greater opportunities for all through scholarships and affordable tuition.

Captains of industry, military leaders, scholars and teachers, architects and artists, public servants and cyber-security specialists have helped build our society, serve our country and better our world. It is now up to us to make sure that the next generation of students continues to innovate, to lead, and to advance in a global arena.

You play an important role in forging the future of Norwich University. All gifts, large and small, are essential to fulfilling our mission—creating the best possible learning environment.

Thanks to you...

Dear Norwich Friends and Family,

Norwich University is renowned for educating tomorrow's leaders, preparing young men and women who excel in their chosen fields. Through your financial support, you play an invaluable role, investing in the transformative power of a Norwich education for every student.

Your gifts to the Norwich Fund help ensure the very best and brightest students from around the world can attend this special institution, and through their time here, prepare to serve with distinction in the world. Through gifts to the *Forging the Future* Campaign, you and many generous members of the Norwich family ensure Norwich students have facilities worthy of their potential and future impact. Together, we will continue to adapt as a university to the challenges, opportunities, and demands of our global community.

As you read about a team of Norwich students who won first place in a recent competition to use social media to combat violent extremism, realize you've had a hand in their success. Like so many of the tremendous young people who attend Norwich University, these students are here thanks in large part to the generosity of donors like you.

On behalf of Norwich University, today's students and tomorrow's leaders, *thank you.*

Read on to learn how your generosity helped a team of Norwich students invent a tool to combat violent extremism.

WELCOME TO MACK HALL

Opening in August 2018, Mack Hall, a new \$24 million academic building will offer engaging, flexible, and active learning spaces, interactive classrooms, case-study rooms, pocket lounges, a cyber-security War Room and a multi-functional performing arts center.

Your gifts allow Norwich to invest in innovative projects like Mack Hall that will allow the next generation of Norwich students to innovate, to lead and to advance in a global arena, in the spirit of progress envisioned by Captain Partridge nearly two centuries ago.



FLIPPING THE SCRIPT ON VIOLENT EXTREMIST GROUPS

The threats to global security are fast-moving and ever-changing. Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends, Norwich is positioned to adapt, preparing students to lead in these fluid times, and to be on the frontlines, whatever the field.

A team of Norwich University students recently won a collegiate competition aimed at countering domestic and foreign terrorism – P2P (Peer to Peer): Challenging Extremism. Sponsored by the *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*, Facebook, and the *U.S. Department of Defense*, the competition invited college teams from around the country to create social media tools to counter the online propaganda campaigns of terrorist organizations.

State-of-the-art facilities, like the cyber-security War Room in Mack Hall, help attract students like Emran and Jacob to Norwich.

The Norwich students won with a tool they created called Extremist Mimicry Interception Tool (EMIT). A tool for disarming 21st century combatants, EMIT intercepts would-be extremists before they're radicalized. Their creation redirects visitors to a site where former members of the extremist groups tell their stories of getting out of violence.

The team knew their site was a success when, in the first month it was live, it attracted—and survived—a record 4,800 attempted attacks.

The recent P2P team's success is an example of how every donation has an impact, making the difference for another student to attend, another team to compete, another solution to be developed.

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I come from a war-torn country with big dreams and ambitions. I left my family and country to be able to get the best education possible and then return to my country, to help my people in any way possible. By receiving a scholarship to attend Norwich University, I am one step closer to my goal. Participating in this program, which encourages young people to solve real life problems, was beyond my expectations as a freshman. In such a short time, Norwich University has already provided me with opportunities that are helping me to grow and improve my skills, preparing me to face real life challenges.”

—**Emran Babak**



Emran is a freshman, majoring in International Studies and International Security. He grew up in a military family in Kabul, Afghanistan.

“My experience has been global and leadership centric. I've spent many of my breaks in less developed countries like Haiti and the Philippines, participating in and leading service trips for the Center of Civic Engagement, and with academic groups in Washington D.C., addressing real world problems through the Norwich alumni network and platform.

I've learned that anyone can take on global challenges and make a real impact by leading people to meet those challenges.”

—**Jacob Freeman**



Jacob is a senior in War and Peace Studies from Wake Forest, N.C.

You Made a Difference at Norwich. **Thank you!**

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Total amount in gifts given this year:
\$13.7 Million

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of people who made gifts to help fund Mack Hall and the *Forging the Future* Bicentennial Campaign



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All students, regardless of financial need, benefit from your generosity!

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