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AS IT HAS BEEN SINCE ITS INCEPTION, the Naval War College's primary mission is to educate and develop future leaders. Our talented and highly motivated graduates complete their studies in Newport and then go on to serve in demanding positions in our military services, in those of our allies, and throughout the government's national security sector. In these positions they apply the critical-thinking skill sets that were refined and honed at this great institution. Their close interaction with our extraordinary faculty and staff sparks a desire for lifelong learning that continues to pay dividends for our students both as national security practitioners and as informed and engaged citizens.

At the end of the day, the greatest resource the College provides to our services, agencies, and nations is our alumni! In important assignments around the globe, they are often the critical voices that make the arguments that carry the day. In commands and organizations large and small, they provide a foundation of ethical decision-making in the complex, dynamic, and volatile world in which we live. There is no better case study on the value of networks and interpersonal relationships than the one demonstrated by our extraordinary alumni.

While the majority of our alumni are from the United States, we recognize that the Naval War College is a major player on a global scale. Our *global reach* is reflected in the fact that we are honored to claim more than 4,700 international graduates, representing 137 nations. The record of success for these international alumni is remarkable, with nearly half of all Naval Command College graduates having attained flag or general officer rank, and nearly a quarter of these alumni having become Chiefs of their Services.