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WEST POINT, N.Y. – Two U.S. Military Academy seniors, Cadets Alex Brammer of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Ahmad Nasir of Anchorage, Alaska, are among the Marshall Scholarship awardees named Nov. 25.

Brammer, an economics major, will study Economics for Development at Oxford.

He served as a Ranger and infantryman in the Army for four years, deploying to Iraq three times. He’s also a manager/student coach for the Men’s Lacrosse Team and has earned the superintendent’s award for excellence for three years. He is a future Army Aviator and hopes to eventually fly for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Nasir, an American Politics and Arabic double major, has worked as a congressional intern, studied abroad in Morocco, participated in a cultural exchange with the Sultanate of Oman, and is a member of the Army football team.

He is interested in studying military-to-military relations, and the Middle East and South Asia. He aspires to be a South Asian Foreign Area Officer in the U.S. Army and hopes to use his education and military experience to help bridge the divide between U.S. and foreign military officers to forge stronger bilateral relationships.

“Winning the Marshall Scholarship offers me the unique opportunity to continue developing as a leader and will undoubtedly help me cultivate the skills necessary to be a soldier-diplomat in the U.S. Army by interacting with some of the brightest young people from the U.S. and around the world,” said Nasir. “This scholarship will continue to reinforce my commitment to public service through the military and other pursuits as well.”

The scholarship covers the cost of tuition, books, travel and living expenses while in England. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Scholarship, which is given by the British Parliament as a national gesture to the people of the United States for aid received after World War II under the Marshall Plan.

West Point cadets have earned 36 Marshall Scholarships since 1982, the academy’s first year competing for the awards.

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