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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED – April 10, 2014

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Three senior cadets here were recently named as National Science Foundation scholars.

Cadet Stuart Baker, 25, from Quincy, Calif., is a double honors major in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering.

He has conducted research in developing autonomous ground vehicles, stemming from his summer spent at Lincoln Laboratory working in their robotics division. In addition to leading both the Electronics Experimenters Group and the Amateur Radio Club, he regularly organizes events to educate girls and boys on the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and what jobs they can pursue studying those topics.

He will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to earn a Master of Science and a doctorate in Electrical Engineering.

Baker was also selected for the Naval Postgraduate Research Fellowship, and an MIT Lincoln Laboratories Military Fellowship.

Cadet Damon Paulo, 22, from Keller, Texas, is a computer science and math major.

His research interests have focused on social network analysis and cyber security related topics. He is currently a cadet battalion commander and will be branching Infantry following graduation May 28.

Paulo’s father, Daniel, is a 1983 U.S. Military Academy graduate, and his brother Augustin is a first lieutenant and 2011 U.S. Military Academy graduate. His sister, Blaise, hopes to follow both brothers’ footsteps next year.

Cadet Geoffrey Moores, 22, from Gaithersburg, Md., is a computer science, and physics major right now, and in grad school I hope to get a master's degree in computer science.

Coming from a very military family, his father Leon is a 1984 U.S. Military Academy graduate, and his brother Alex is in the Class of 2016 here. His mom, Lisa, is a medical officer, and both sisters are lieutenants.

Following graduation, he will branch Infantry and will be posting to Vicenza, Italy.
"The National Science Foundation selects undergraduate and graduate students from across the nation from over 17,000 applicants annually, and requires work well beyond the standard courses taken by cadets at the U.S. Military Academy” said Lt. Col. Michael Benson, officer-in-charge of the National Science Foundation here.

“Cadets Stuart Baker, Damon Paulo, and Geoffrey Moores represent more than just high academic performance – in addition to their standard required courses each has undertaken significant levels of research that demonstrate their potential for success at the graduate level. Close collaboration with faculty members in the Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Physics, and Mechanical Engineering programs contributed to the successful scholarship that each cadet included in their application files.”

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