Evan Ward

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Education

Aug 2019-Present

New College of Florida — Sarasota, FL;
- Pursuing a BA in Economics;

July 2017-May 2019

United States Military Academy — West Point, NY;
- Averaged 18-21 credit hours per semester;
- Member with the Triathlon team and trained for over 15 hours per week. Competed twice at USAT Collegiate Nationals;
- Competed in several interdisciplinary modeling competitions and was the winningest student in math competitions at West Point as a freshman and sophomore;
- Underwent extensive leadership training and led subordinates to ensure their success in the military, physical, academic, and character programs;
- Presented research on accountability schemes for lethal autonomous weapons at Pembroke College, Oxford, UK;

Experience

Aug 2015-July 2017

US Army Deep-Sea Diver — Fort Eustis, VA;
- Gained proficiency in underwater construction, salvage, hydrographic survey and side-scan sonar operations, hyperbaric chamber operation, river and bridge recon, underwater cutting and welding, countermine operations, search and recovery operations; SCUBA and deep-sea, hard-hat diving; dive emergency medicine; maintenance of diving equipment; and underwater demolition;
- Maintained proficiency in warrior skills including combat medicine, land-navigation, various weapon systems from the 240B machine gun to grenades, and different defense and offensive measures from reacting-to-contact to room-clearing, among other skills;
- Assigned to work 3 pay grades (about 4 years) ahead in the NCO Operations position while an E-3;
- While enlisted, I tested out of 51 semester hours worth of CLEP and DANTES exams;

Awards

2019 Rachel Carson Award and Outstanding rating in the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ranked 1st out of 4850 international collegiate teams);

2018 Finalist rating in the Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ranked 11th out of 3150 international collegiate teams);

2016 Honor Graduate of the 29-week Army Engineer Dive School, which typically has over an 80% attrition rate;

Skills

Languages Experience with Go, Python, HTML+CSS+JS, LaTeX;

Writing Can write 20-page interdisciplinary research papers on relatively unfamiliar topics in less than 99 hours. These have done very well in international collegiate competitions (n=2);

Forecasting Familiarity with superforecasting principles, prediction markets, probabilistic reasoning, Guesstimate software;

Projects

2018-Present Maintain a personal blog, evanward.org, with a number of posts on effective altruism;

Present Building a web application, probability.dev, with the goal of making it easier to generate, refine, and share random variables;

Present Writing my Bachelor's thesis on mixed strategies for distributed agents to better navigate explore-exploit dilemmas.

Interests

Effective altruism, existential risk reduction, formal epistemology, decision analysis, applied rationality, programming;