



Student Spotlight, Ashley Tanner

For each eJournal publication, the Faculty Advisory Board will select a student of the Security Studies disciplines who represents excellence in academic performance and demonstrates outstanding leadership, community service, and benevolence. For the inaugural publication, this student spotlight features the accomplishments of Ashley Tanner.



Ashley is completing the Bachelor in Security Studies program, with a concentration in Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis, and a Minor in Cultural Competency and Security Studies. She also achieved a certificate in European Studies. She will graduate summa cum laude in May 2014. This culminates a 2005 educational experience that began at the University of Northern Colorado, where she majored in Criminal Justice, and included basic training in the U.S. Navy. Ashley also attended Chaminade University in Honolulu where she earned her AS in Criminal Justice in 2012

Between 2007 and 2012, Ashley served in the U.S. Navy as a Cryptologic Technician, specializing in collections. She achieved the position of senior analyst and conducted fusion analysis. She held a command position coordinating dignitary and flag officer visits. During this time, she became a member of the American Board for Certification in Homeland Security, and completed the Level IV Certificate in Homeland Security. She earned her Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist designation (which includes information dominance in missions, such as intelligence, information warfare, oceanographic, meteorological, etc.).

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Ashley will continue her graduate study in the Master of Security Studies program and will focus her research interest in cyber intelligence issues. She hopes to participate as a graduate assistant and pursue completion of a thesis.

Ashley served as an intern in the 17th Training Support Squadron at Goodfellow AFB, and is currently a Research Assistant for Dr. William Taylor. She assisted with: *In the Service of Democracy: American Military Manpower from World War II to the Present*, a book to be published by the University Press of Kansas.

In her spare time, Ashley enjoys reading, especially current events (national and international), foreign policy, military history, intelligence, and cyber issues. She also enjoys spending time in outdoor activities, and she and her husband are huge sports fans. She enjoys traveling, having visited Asia and the South Pacific, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

Ashley received numerous commendation letters and recognition from her military duty as well as her scholarly performance. Several include the ASU Dean's List (every semester), top Intelligence Studies student, inductee into the Tau Sigma National Honor Society, and the Naval Achievement Medal.

Finally, the inaugural edition of the *Journal for Homeland and National Security Perspectives* was completed under Ashley's relentless and persistent leadership and vision. In her words, "My husband [Jed] has been so supportive of me in this effort, and without his encouragement I would have never gotten involved to the extent I have." She also stated, "We [the student editorial and faculty advisory board] believe this publication is a worthwhile effort to highlight our CSS student's knowledge and scholarship, particularly those who hold positions as practitioners, but also those students who aspire to reach those ranks."

The Faculty Advisor Board greatly appreciates the work of all ASU CSS students, the Editorial Board, and the efforts of faculty, directors, administrators, and support staff. Ashley Tanner merits this distinguished honor, and it is our pleasure to recognize her in the *Student Spotlight*.