Our inaugural ACD intern, Matthew (Matt) Pitman is credited with uploading the entire content of the College’s ethics teaching modules to the new learning management website. He, quite literally, spent weeks inputting data in preparation for extensive beta testing. At the completion of his internship, he drafted a scholarly reflection of the engagement experience. Matthew is a goal-oriented, task-focused young man. Matt set the bar high for all subsequent interns with his notable contribution to the College.

The summer of 2019 proved to be a summer of unique challenges for our former intern. Mathew has always shown considerable interest in military service and he is actively pursuing an appointment to West Point following his graduation from Rockville High School in the summer of 2020. In June of this year, he was chosen from an applicant pool of 6000 individuals to attend a unique program offered by the USMA. This is a fast-paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics.

Fresh from the West Point experience, Matthew headed straight to Boys State in Westminster, Maryland. Here he participated in geopolitical debates, legislative agenda setting and mock elections. The focus of the event was to discuss American civic principles and the importance of an energized citizenry to democratic ideals. Matthew says from this experience, he learned to appreciate different points of view and to value legitimate differences of opinion.

Upon his return from these capstone events, Matthew wasted no time in getting back to work at his summer job where he is employed as a percussionist and camp counselor at a local music studio. He tutors percussion, guitar, and bass guitar students and serves as the house percussionist for student bands as well as the faculty band.

In the summer of 2019, our second ACD intern, Conor Snyder, continued the digitization of the narrative history of the College. This includes an upload of more than 3000 pages of historical correspondence and more than 2500 individual photographs taken during the period from 1971-1998. The College now has a complete photographic collection that is available upon request. In addition to continued progress in digitizing the archive, Conor has completed more than 44.5 hours of ethics training as part of the beta test of the new ethics website. His review of the materials has sparked an interest in ethics education and primary research in ethics.

Conor is a 2018 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. He takes great pride in his alma mater and he credits his experiences at VMI with giving him the necessary discipline to succeed. Conor was drawn to the Institute because of the well-established academic programs and its nationally recognized Division 1 Lacrosse Team. Moreover, the Snyder family has a long and distinguished relationship with the Institute.

Conor is a second-year dental student at the Medical University of South Carolina located in the heart of historic Charleston. His interest in dentistry developed after he attended a Maryland Mission of Mercy dental outreach engagement with his father.

Conor is a recipient of the coveted Health Professions Scholarship Program and he is excited about the prospect of entering the United States Army as a dental officer.

Conor has pursued leadership opportunities at essentially every level of his professional development and he understands that leadership should be borne out of the needs of those most affected by it. His developing leadership style is best described as "servant-leadership" and he more than most understands that the leaders' job is to lead.
Conor has been a wonderful addition to the Executive Office this summer and he has demonstrated a work ethic worthy of emulation. His efforts have been integral to the preparation of the Centennial Anniversary Presentation Book and the ethics website launch. On behalf of the entire staff of the American College of Dentists, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a job well done.