Virginia Military Institute
2007 Institute Honors Graduates

T. Grayson Ernst
Psychology
Thesis: *"The Relationship Between Locus of Control and Political Affiliation"*
Adviser: Colonel James T. Gire

Christopher S. Fields
International Studies
Thesis: *"Are We Safer Yet?": The Search for 'Constitutional Security' Through Amending the Ways We Collect Intelligence"*
Adviser: Major Dennis Foster

Graham T. Forbes
Biology
Thesis: *"The Effect of the MKS3 Gene on Paramecium Ciliary Beat Frequency"*
Adviser: Lieutenant Colonel Wade Bell

Anastasia M. Kovarik
Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: *"Shelter Against the Wind"*
Adviser: Lieutenant Colonel Matthew R. Hyre

Jason P. LaCerda
Arabic and International Studies
Thesis: *"A Moroccan Connection"*
Adviser: Dr. Mohamed Taifi

Bryan P. Nelson
Biology
Thesis: *"The effects of the aromatase inhibitor 4-hydroxy-adrostenedione on the development of sensory-motor behaviors in the zebrafish (Danio rerio)"*
Adviser: Colonel James E. Turner
Institute Writing Program Award: Best Thesis in Science/Engineering

Christopher S. Nelson
International Studies and Spanish
Thesis: *"Liberty and Independence in Latin America: An Examination of the Political Writings of Simón Bolivar, the Liberator"*
Adviser: Captain Blair Turner

Troy R. Nold
International Studies and Spanish
Thesis: "'*Indigenismo*' *and the Crisis of Indian Identity in Latin America*"
Adviser: Colonel John E. Cerkey

Liam T. O'Brien
Arabic and International Studies
Thesis: *"No god but God': the Political Philosophy of Islamic Fundamentalism and the Influence of the West"*
Adviser: Major Dennis Foster

Brandon W. Price
History and English
Thesis: *"The Economics of Wheat Farming in the Shenandoah Valley, 1860-1880"*
Adviser: Colonel Kenneth Koons

Phillip L. Saunders Jr.
History
Thesis: *"Frank Price and the China Mission: Evangelism of What?"*
Adviser: Colonel Mark Wilkinson

John A. Terminato
History
Thesis: *"Testing the Goals of Education: One Student at a Time—A Case Study of the No Child Left Behind Act's Effects on the Future of Education in Pennsylvania"*
Adviser: Colonel Christina R. McDonald

Andrew E. Timpner
History
Thesis: *"The United States and India: Redeeming a Relationship"*
Adviser: Brigadier General Charles F. Brower IV
Institute Writing Program Award: Best Thesis in Liberal Arts/Leadership