

**Professor Elizabeth Matthews, introduced the winner of the Kears  
Award in Political Science to Nicholas Snodgrass.**

Nick deserves enormous credit for the paper he produced for my class The Cold War and Beyond. Every now and then you get a student who thinks outside the box; goes beyond the parameters of the assignment and takes a risk. That is what Nick did in this paper. In this assignment, the students were asked to write a memo to the President of the United States and suggest a course of action for an historical event. Instead of writing his paper from one of the more obvious perspectives, he chose to take the position of a soldier in Vietnam. His paper was well written, well argued and thoroughly researched. Beyond those characteristics, it was also thoughtful, engaging, and even entertaining. It was a pleasure to read and I am very impressed by his work. Congratulations, Nick, on writing a fine paper.