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- A history major, Dylan Brunetti ’20 will spend a year in Tanzania after studying Swahili.
- Brunetti hopes to work for the State or Labor Department, ideally as an attaché.
- He credits his Morris education for helping him prepare.

Dylan Brunetti earned a 2020 David L. Boren Scholarship. A history major, Brunetti will spend a year in Tanzania.

An initiative of the National Security Education Program, Boren Scholarships provide funding opportunities for undergraduates to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to US interests. Brunetti will get to study Swahili online, as part of the African Flagship Language Initiative (AFLI) summer program at the University of Florida.

Boren Scholars represent a pool of highly motivated individuals who want to work in the national security arena. Recipients accept a Service Requirement to work for the federal government. Brunetti hopes to work for the State or Labor Department, ideally as an attaché.

“To be selected is everything to me,” he says. “This means that I can enter government service a lot easier than otherwise.”

Brunetti credits his Morris education for helping him prepare. His liberal arts degree gave him the chance to learn about the fields he’ll need to success as a Boren Scholar.

“But because Morris is a liberal arts school, in addition to a historical education, I also received a political science education,” he says.

About Boren
David L. Boren Scholarships and Fellowships are sponsored by NSEP, a major federal initiative designed to build a broader and more qualified pool of US citizens with foreign language and international skills.

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