Professor Elizabeth Matthews, introduced the winner of the Kearse 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.