



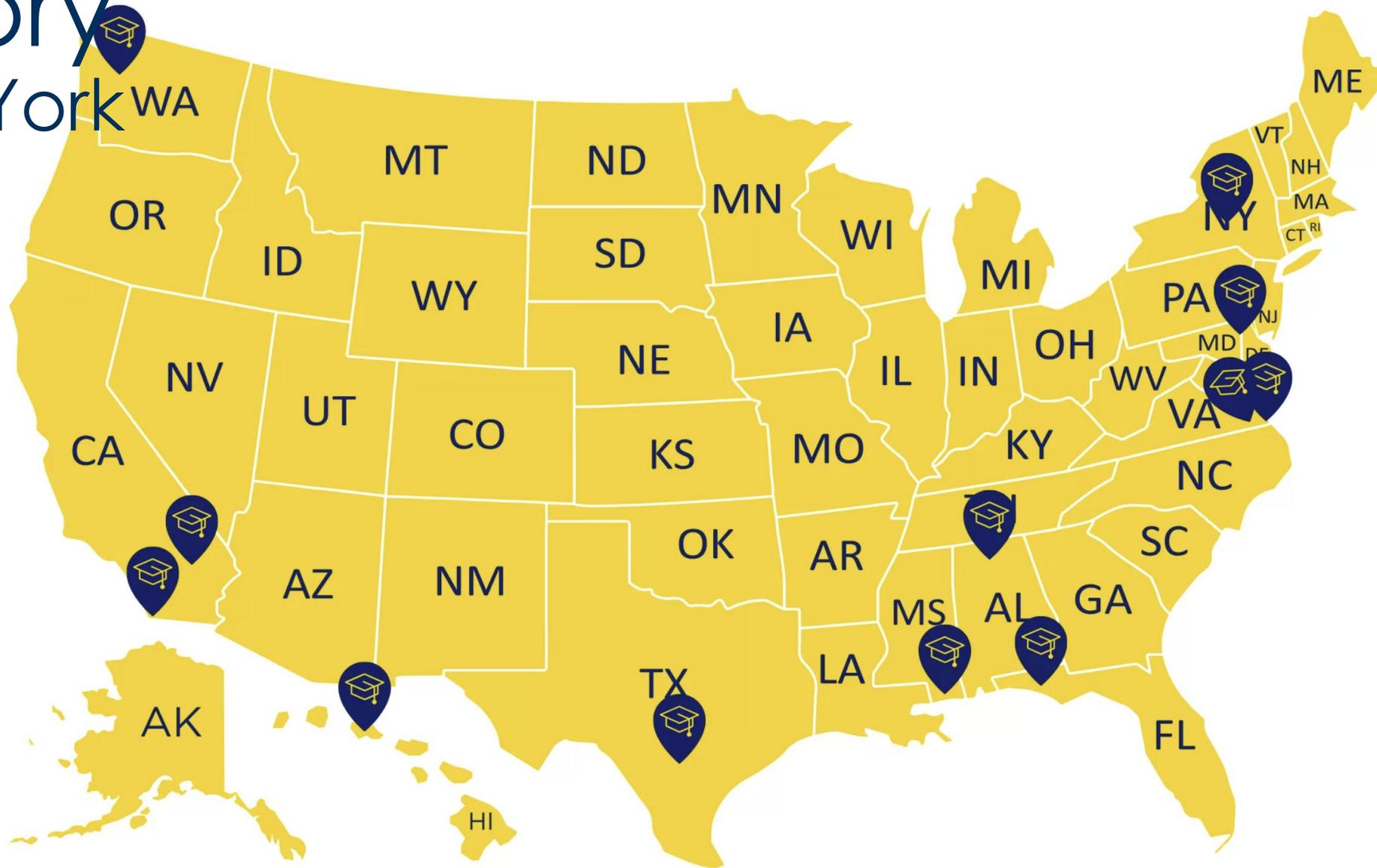
VICEROY MAVEN

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The Air Force Research Laboratory

Rome, New York



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Air Force Research Lab



Abbreviation:
AFRL

Designations
MAVEN & ENVOY

Location:
Rome, New York

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Cohort Info

- 55 Interns
- WSU represented 12% of the interns
 - 2nd highest representation
 - People from across the United States
 - Various majors and skill levels



DoD Contracting: Assured Information Security

- Team of 2
- Down the street from AFRL
- Project focused on network steganography
- This is where most of my time was spent the latter 6 weeks
- Great on-the-job experience
- Amazing for networking opportunities



Intern Projects

- Drone City – Drone Swarms
- Assured Info Sec – Network Steganography
- IoT Lab in AFRL - IoT
- Software Assurance Lab in AFRL – Software Assurance
- Quantum Computing – Quantum Optimization of AI models
- Aerospace – SWE for Cleaning Up Orbital Debris



AIS's Intern Project



Concept:

- Using Network Steganography for covert communications
- Create a proof of concept to be used by senior engineers as part of a contract

Goal:

- Develop a Python system for effectively encrypting messages, hiding them in network packets, and recovering them remotely
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Outside of Work



- Intern Field Trips
 - Beach
 - West Point
 - USS Slater
 - Museums
- Weekend Trips
 - NYC
 - Niagara
- General exploring of the area
 - Great for walking
- Many interns went hiking over the weekends at nearby mountains



Preparing for MAVEN

- Brush up on Linux commands
 - Do their suggested exercises
- Do some research on the area
 - Food spots
 - Hiking
 - Nearby travel destinations
- Get an idea of the climate
- Mentally prepare for the distance

At Your Host-Site

- Leave your dorm room!
- Make friends with as many of the interns as possible
 - At least find a few core friends you can hangout with
- Be ready and fully committed to working
 - Success for many groups was found in consistency and preparedness
- Do not discount your own ability, just be prepared to learn
- Set aside some funds to travel and travel with a small group





On-the-Job

- Commit yourself to the work given to you
 - Always remember you are there to learn and gain experience
 - Make use of the experience surrounding you
 - Read documentation and do the work yourself
 - Understand the full scope of the problem and create a plan before all else
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