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As the Director of Programs and Innovation for the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF), Paul Morgan oversees the core academic enrichment programming that DMSF offers their Scholars. Having been a Murphy Scholar with a mentor, Paul is able to see the true value of that relationship and use those experiences to elevate the mentor program today.

Paul's time on the ground as an affinity group leader accelerated his understanding of Scholars' needs, challenges, and potential. This significantly supported his efforts toward increasing high school and college persistence. Paul manages the residential caddie program that has been very successful at converting Murphy Caddies into Evans Scholars. He also works to secure travel grants that afford Scholars the opportunity to become immersed in the history and culture of another country.

Before joining the team at DMSF, Paul used his research and instruction skills as a Graduate Instructor for The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. He also worked for the Office of Minority Student Affairs at the University of Illinois, where he had the pleasure of working with low-income, first generation college students whom like him wanted an opportunity to achieve a more ambitious future.

Paul is a coveted speaker that believes in the significance and beauty of storytelling. He has been presented with the Chicago Youth Center Adult Achievement Award, the Hoyman Professional Education Award from the College of Applied Life Sciences at the University of Illinois, and the Outstanding Educator Award from the Network of Hispanic Administrators in Education.

Paul has a bachelor's degree in Health Education as well as Rehabilitation and Disability Studies. He also has a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Before his education, Paul served our country fighting overseas with the United States Marine Corps in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His occupational specialties are Infantry and Artillery. The values he learned in the Marines are present today: work hard, be innovative, and overcome.

In his spare time Paul volunteers for numerous non-profit community based organizations. Paul sees volunteering as a fun activity, moral obligation and vital step toward building stronger and more inclusive communities.

