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DeVar Jones is a strategic operations leader with national security, defense policy, and maritime engineering expertise. He is pursuing his MBA at the University of Michigan Ross School of Business, where he is a Consortium Fellow and the Vice President of Prospective Students for the Armed Forces Association. Additionally, he is a member of the International Investment Fund, where he concentrates on global investment strategies.



Before attending business school, DeVar served as an Action Officer at the Pentagon, supporting high-level naval operations and strategic initiatives. He was later hired as a Data Management Lead for the Office of Warfighting Advantage, formerly the Learning to Action Drive Team, where he focused on security risk mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and operational efficiency. In this role, he helped drive data-driven decision-making to support Navy-wide readiness improvements and briefed senior defense leaders on critical operational priorities. He also worked as a Tactical Advisor aboard the USNS Bob Hope, providing operational guidance supporting strategic maritime logistics.

DeVar further contributed to private-sector defense strategy as a Systems Engineer at Systems Planning and Analysis Inc., where he developed risk frameworks to enhance decision-making and efficiency. As a licensed Merchant Mariner, he holds an Unlimited Second Engineer's License and has sailed with Transocean, Maersk Limited, and Crowley Alaskan Tankers, overseeing complex engine operations and global logistics.

He earned his Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, where he served as a Regimental Diversity Training Officer, President of the Christian Fellowship Club, and a four-year NCAA Division III football student-athlete.