

Greetings Mr. Hopkins,

I am writing on behalf of student-veteran, Ricardo Gutierrez, nominating him for Men of Honor's student award.

Mr. Gutierrez is a first time college student, enrolled in his first semester at San Jacinto Community College.

After enduring the unimaginable tolls of war in the United States Army, Mr. Gutierrez has experienced a series of hardships such as PTSD, homelessness, abandonment and isolation from family due to his military career and personal set backs associated with transitioning back into civilian life.

For many, these issues alone would make most people give up on life, however, Mr. Gutierrez continues to strive for student success. Gutierrez reached out to the veteran center for assistance in getting into college, where we assisted him through the Enrollment process and we currently developing him for success in the classroom.

Mr. Gutierrez is overcoming social issues brought on by war, by being an active member of the Men of Honor as well as the Student Veterans Association.

The student has made a positive change in appearance and is in the process of securing a stable home environment by getting his own apartment. Mr. Gutierrez is actively seeking employment and is persistent in his educational endeavors.

Mr. Gutierrez is pushing through his difficult circumstances and making the best of his opportunities regardless of the work that it takes to overcome. I am advocating his consideration for this award opportunity.

Regards,
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