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**CLASS OF 2019**

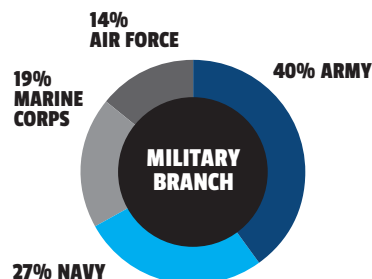
# 2019 TILLMAN SCHOLARS AT A GLANCE

We're proud to announce the 2019 Tillman Scholars: 60 individuals who represent the best and brightest from a group of thousands of talented applicants. United by their military service, academic passions, and desire to make an impact, they will form a tight knit community of scholars that will truly make its mark on the world.

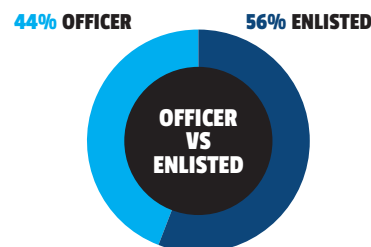
**60**   
SCHOLARS CHOSEN THIS YEAR

**2.5%**  
SELECTION RATE

**\$1.2+**   
million  
LIFETIME COMMITMENT  
TO THE 2019 CLASS




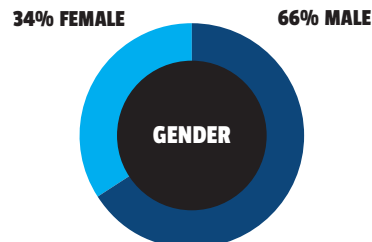
AVERAGE  
**10**   
YEARS IN SERVICE




## SERVICE STATUS



MEDIAN AGE  
**35**   
YEARS OLD



**38%**   
FIRST GENERATION  
COLLEGE STUDENTS



## IMPACT BY DEGREE

Launched in 2008, the Tillman Scholar Program supports active duty service members, veterans and their spouses with academic scholarships, a national network and professional development opportunities, so they are empowered to make an impact.

**45**   
UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

**33% HEALTHCARE**

**24% PUBLIC SERVICE**

**13% STEM**

**10% BUSINESS**

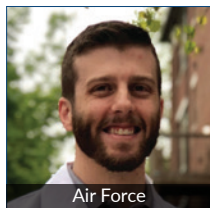
**10% HUMANITIES**

**7% LAW**

**3% EDUCATION**

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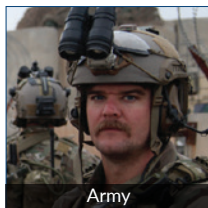
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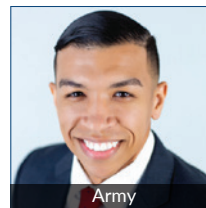
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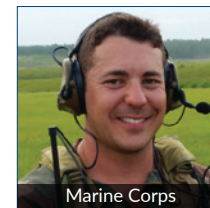
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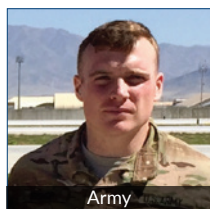
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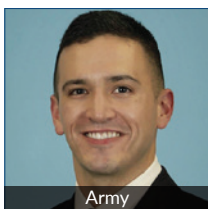
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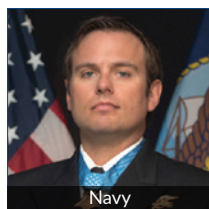
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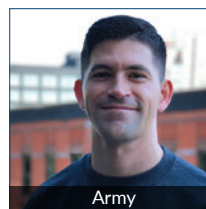
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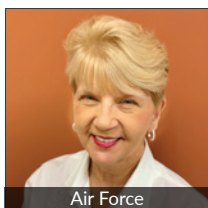
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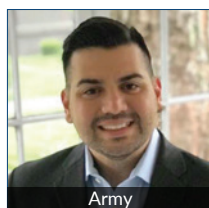
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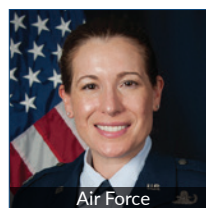
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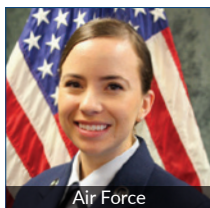
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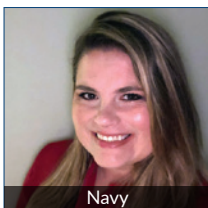
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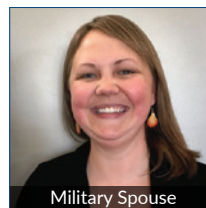
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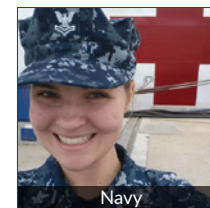
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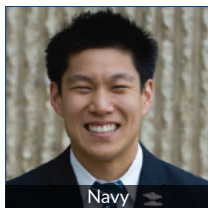
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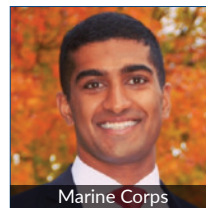
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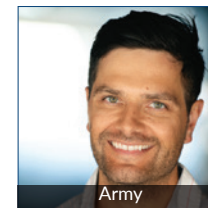
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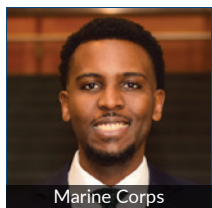
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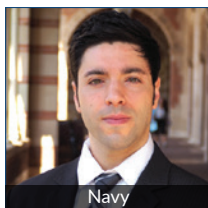
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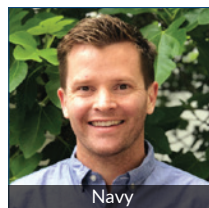
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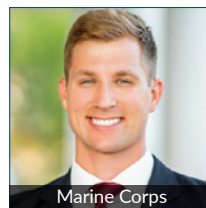
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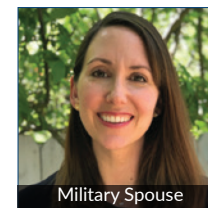
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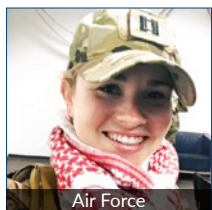
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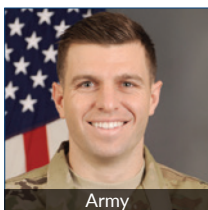
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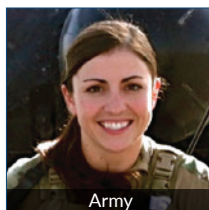
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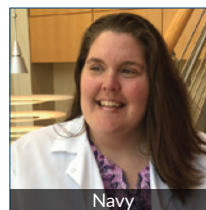
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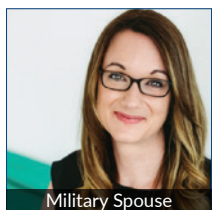
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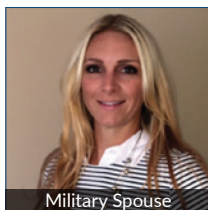
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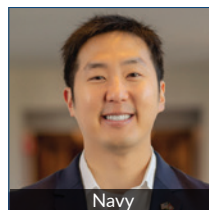
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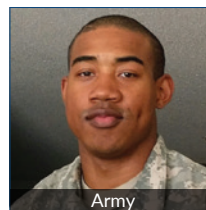
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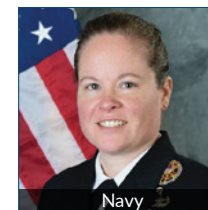
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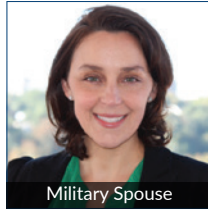


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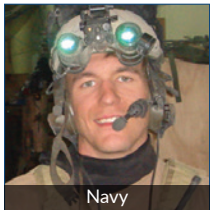
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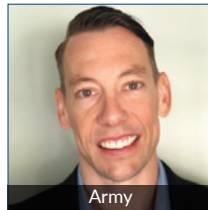
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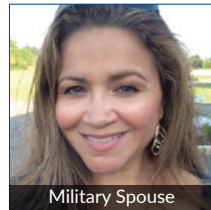
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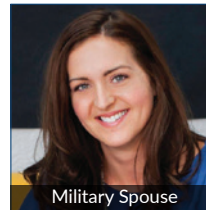
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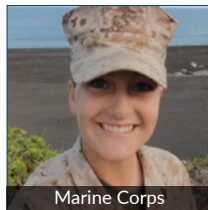
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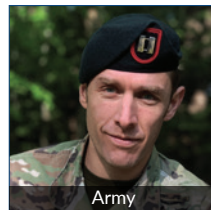
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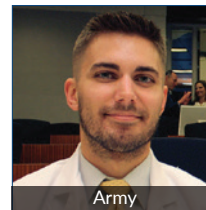
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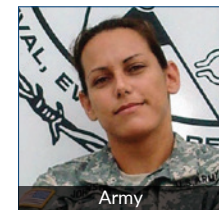
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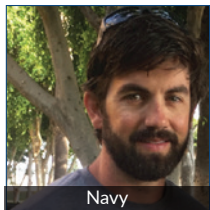
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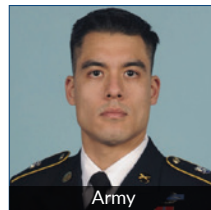
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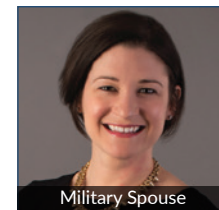
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