

## MILITARY & VETERANS PROGRAMS

Sergeant Valentin's story is a testament to determination, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence—qualities that have shaped both his military career and his educational journey. Born in the Philippines on November 1st, 2000, SGT Valentin was instilled with strong values from a young age, particularly the importance of character, knowledge, and a solid work ethic.

In July 2019, SGT Valentin enlisted in the United States Army as a 92R Parachute Rigger. While serving in the Army, he remained committed to his education, always striving to better himself both personally and academically. Despite the challenges of balancing active-duty service with higher education, SGT Valentin set ambitious academic goals and earned his degree with honors. His journey at FTCC was pivotal, providing him with the knowledge, resources, and support to thrive in both his military and educational pursuits.

Through his dedication, SGT Valentin excelled at FTCC, earning a degree while managing the demands of active duty. He credits FTCC's supportive environment, the flexibility of its programs, and the encouragement of his professors as key factors in his success. The college allowed him to pursue his studies while staying focused on his military duties, proving that with determination and the right support, it is possible to achieve great things.

Beyond his degree, FTCC played a crucial role in helping SGT Valentin achieve one of his most significant accomplishments: acceptance into the Green to Gold program. This opportunity has opened the door for him to pursue a career as an Army officer, a goal that reflects his long-term ambition of becoming a pilot. With a clear vision for the future, SGT Valentin also looks forward to completing his bachelor's degree and ultimately retiring from the Army with a fulfilling career.

SGT Valentin has proven that it is possible to excel in both the military and academic fields, and his journey serves as an inspiration to others. FTCC is proud to recognize Sergeant Valentin's hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to both his education and service to the nation.

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