



"Iron Mike Harrington" Education Grant

Sponsored by Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Southeast Texas

Summary: Owl Bowl VIII is being held on Veterans Day, 2023 and in honor of those who serve our country, donations received will go to increase the access to education for active-duty Marines.

The Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Southeast Texas (MCCC, SETX) provides the "Iron Mike Harrington" Education Grant to active-duty Marines who are attending Rice University or other local universities. Through this program, Marine corpsmen are able to pursue their bachelor's degrees in order that they can be promoted to Commissioned Officers. The donations received through the fundraising for Owl Bowl VIII will go directly to increasing the number of education grants that MCCC, SETX can provide. These grants are especially impactful for our local corpsmen as they help fund their tuition and other educational costs. Recent recipients of the grant include:



The President of the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Southeast Texas presents the Colonel "Iron Mike" Harrington Memorial Education Grant to newly commissioned Round Rock, Texas native, 2nd Lieutenant Roman Zepeda from the Rice Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (Houston Consortium). On May 11, 2ndLt Zepeda graduated from Prairie View A&M with a BS in Political Science. He will attend the Marine Officer Basic School in Quantico, VA starting on 10 June as a Ground Officer with the hopes of entering the Intel Community as an Intel Officer.

The Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Southeast Texas is proud to announce that it awarded the "Iron Mike" Harrington Educational Grant to Staff Sergeant Shawn Welch. SSgt Welch is MECEP Student at the University of Houston and a member of the Houston Consortium (NROTC) at Rice University. The Houston Consortium Staff selected him for this grant based on his demonstrated leadership and mentorship of his fellow NROTC Cadets selected him for the grant. He is pursuing a degree in Finance and serves as the Cadet Executive Officer.



MCCC, SETX's dedication to our military community and its tireless efforts to make education more accessible and attainable is directly aligned with Rice Business' values. We believe that supporting this organization is not just an investment in the present but a step towards a brighter and more prosperous future for military families in the Houston area.

We look forward to collaborating with MCCC, SETX, and hope that the funds raised during this year's Owl Bowl will help fuel the growth and success of the "Iron Mike Harrington" Education Grant.