

# EAGLE OPS



## A Message from Dean McLamb

### Honoring Our Graduating Veterans

Dear Veteran and Dependent Students,

This month, we proudly dedicate our newsletter to celebrating the achievements of our graduating veterans. Graduating is a significant milestone in any journey. Still, for those who have balanced the demands of education with the call to serve, it represents something even greater: a testament to unwavering commitment and strength of character.

As you close this chapter and enter new opportunities, know that your impact continues—whether in your careers, communities, or wherever your path leads next.

Congratulations again, we are honored to have been a part of your journey and can't wait to see what you accomplish next!

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# Meet The Military & Veterans Services Team



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## Meet Our Veteran Care Team

"The team has been created to provide specialized advising and coaching support for military-connected students - veterans, spouses of veterans, or dependents of veterans - who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled at Wake Tech."



**Blair Turpin**  
Director/Academic Advisor



**John Walston**  
Academic Advisor



**Ashley Wheeler**  
Success Coach



**Sonya Hayes**  
Career Coach

To Schedule a Virtual Appointment Scan the QR Code or Click The Link Below:



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# Updates & Events

## Veterans Employment & Resource Summit

**Date & Time:** Thursday, June 12, 2025, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Location:** Wake Tech Conference Area - SWC Building L

**Hosted by:** Wake Tech in collaboration with NC State University

## College Calendar Summer 2025 Term

**May 18th:** Last Day to Drop a Class with 100% Refund

**May 19th:** First Day of Summer Term

**May 20th:** Last Day to Drop a Class with 75% refund for Summer 1st-5wk session

**May 22nd:** Last Day to Drop a Class with 75% Refund for Summer Term

**May 26th:** College Holiday - College Closed

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# Veteran Spotlight

We are proud to recognize the dedication, sacrifice, and service of our veteran and dependent students and staff. Their academic achievements and contributions to the community and workplace deserve acknowledgment and celebration. Through our highlights, we ensure that their hard work and commitment do not go unnoticed.

## May's Student Spotlight: Younggran Phillips

**Younggran won our newsletter naming contest with "Eagle Ops," a name that perfectly reflects our mission and drive. Congratulations, Younggran! Your contribution will help us connect and inspire moving forward.**

**Keep soaring!**



Younggran is in her second year at Wake Tech, working toward an Associate in Applied Science in Business Administration, focusing on Marketing, and plans to graduate in Fall 2026. A U.S. Army veteran, she served as a 92G (Cook) from 2010 to 2012 at Fort Bliss, Texas. Outside of academics, she enjoys traveling—most recently to Washington, D.C., during the Cherry Blossom season—spending time with family, reading, gaming, and walking.

Her teenage child inspires her to keep moving forward.

One piece of advice Younggran would like to share with her fellow veterans is: "Whether big or small, the challenge, don't be afraid to ask questions!

Always connect with your professors and make a good impression on future students!"

# GRADUATE SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to the Following **Spring 2025** Veteran Graduates!

We We Wish You the Best!

John Ahenda  
Bobby Amerson  
Erik Anderson  
Steven Benson  
William Bostic  
Quatrice Branch  
Benjamin Burrell  
Trellis Carraway  
Thomas Cashwell  
Cameron Caudle  
Christian Chuquillanqui  
Carletta Colter  
Stuart Creel  
Brett Feezle  
Jessica Fisher  
Jorge Gamero  
Anthony Giola  
Andrew Green  
Jeremiah Green  
John Hair  
Matthew Hinnant  
Rebekah Hoskins  
Justin House  
Daniel Jackson  
Andriy Khmil  
Julian Lambright  
Tanisha Mack  
Ricardo Martins  
Logan Massey  
Ryan McWhirt  
Jared Mendoza-Arzola  
April Miles

Aiyanna Moore  
William Nelson  
Salvatore Notarmaso  
Aiyanna Parker  
Kizzy Parson  
Michele Pham  
Keshera Phillips  
Nathan Pope  
James Porter  
Dasia Price  
Jeremy Ramos  
Rocky Riviella  
Bradley Robinson  
Luiz Rocha  
Brandon Rodriguez  
Trinidad Roman  
Brody Sadler  
Georgeanna Samuel  
William Segree  
David Seward  
Dorita Thomas  
Allan Thompson  
John Truett  
Kelvin Tyler  
Matt Veroni  
Dane Walker  
Bryce Wellman  
Terry Wiggins  
Bryson Wilson  
Xavier Wilson  
Daniel Wilson  
Crystal Winston