

# FUTURES

## Opportunities await.

Dear counselor,

It's the time of year when many students and their families have questions about what comes next. *FUTURES* is ready to help guide discussions, address myths of service, and highlight rewarding opportunities in the Military.

In this year's issue, you'll find stories from service members who are benefitting from the multitude of opportunities the Military provides, such as:

### Army Reserve Capt. Shaelyn Layton

Thanks to her training as a cyber operations officer and the part-time flexibility in the Army Reserve, Shaelyn accomplished her goal of becoming a cybersecurity systems engineer in the civilian world. "If the Military had not provided me with this level of training, I would never have been able to make this pivot."

### Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Sidney Wilson

Sidney travels the world as a damage controlman aboard the USS Momsen. While he expected the Military would provide opportunities for professional growth, he didn't expect the personal growth and sense of adventure. "Having the opportunity to leave home, experience new places. ... I've grown so much."

### Marine Corps Corporal Cristaly Garcia-Ortiz

For Cpl. Garcia-Ortiz, helping others at home and abroad is one of the most rewarding aspects of service. "It's the collective moments I've had throughout my career when I've been able to impact people in different ways. ... Those are all the greatest moments, to be honest."

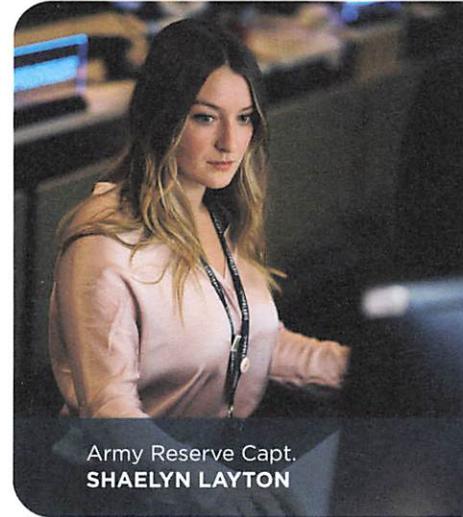
Thank you for sharing *FUTURES* with your students. We hope this resource helps facilitate rewarding discussions about whatever comes next.

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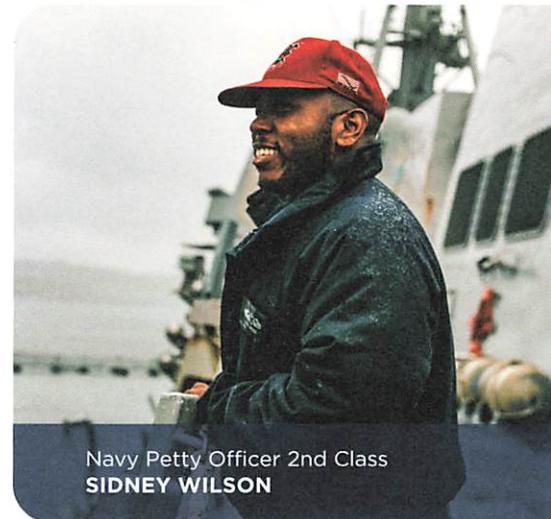


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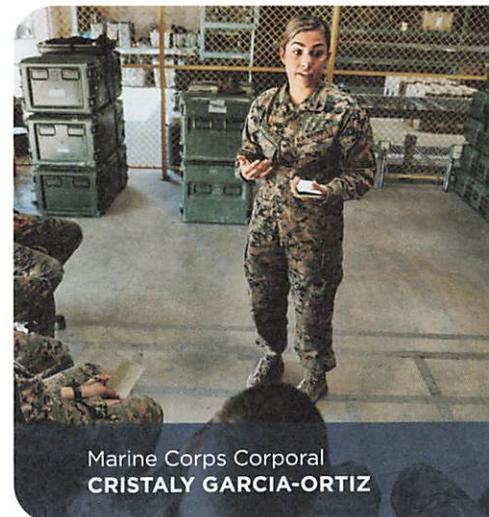
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