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**Environmental and Ecological
Engineering &
Certificate in Entrepreneurship and
Innovation**

BEST STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Ironically, this COVID-19 stay at home has been my best part of my student experience. As an active duty member attached to the NROTC unit, this was the first time I got to concentrate mostly on just school. I have also gotten to spend everyday with my family. Even though I am spending 12+ hours at my desk, I get little breaks with my wife and dogs that have meant so much.

MOST CHALLENGING

The most challenging experience was when my wife got sick and I had to juggle going to Mayo clinic, Navy work/NROTC, school, and owning our home (a 1939 home that believes it needs constant attention)!

NEXT UP

I transition from enlisted to officer in the Navy. I am scheduled to commission in less than two weeks. I then go to flight school in October as a student Naval Flight Officer.

WORDS OF ADVICE

Don't drop out when it gets hard or you are uncertain what you should be doing. I dropped out twice because I couldn't decide what degree I wanted and/or what I wanted to do with my life. Finishing is the most important thing. You can pivot in your career to what you want most of the time with the degree you already have. Just never give up and finish!

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