

Capt. Jordan Eddington

2019 Pillar of Respect



In his junior year at Taft High School, gifted two-sport athlete Jordan Eddington tore two ligaments in his left knee, jeopardizing his desire to play college football. But Jordan did not give up. He worked with his team trainer, Coach Tim Kloewer, every day before school starting at 7 a.m.

Five months after surgery, Eddington played his first varsity football game.

He credits his drive and determination to succeed from the encouragement and love he received from his family and from teachers he encountered in the hallways of Fernandez Elementary School, Zachry Middle School, and Taft High School.

As gifted an athlete as he was, his academic achievements exceeded his prowess on the athletic field. Throughout his educational career at Northside ISD, Eddington was enrolled in the district's gifted and talented program and was inducted into the Taft National Honor Society. Both his academic and athletic abilities helped him get into the United States Naval Academy, where he flourished on and off the football field.

Today, he is the Commanding Officer, Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Marines in the U.S. Marine Corps. Eddington says his years at Northside taught him to work hard, to

remain diligent, and to be part of a team. They are lessons he imparts to the Marines under his command.

While he has lived in various states and countries throughout his service, San Antonio and Northside ISD are still home, where he says the lessons he learned helped shape who he is today. He and his wife, Candice have been married for three years.