



# ARMY ROTC



HOUSTON BATTALION

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON - CENTRAL / DOWNTOWN / CLEAR LAKE  
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## CALL FOR FIRE TRAINING



**MSVIs Cadets at Fort Hood executing the introductory portion of the course.**

On Friday, October 30th, the MSVIs took a trip to Fort Hood Army post located in Killen, TX. There, Cadets went through a six-hour course that gave them a depth understanding of how to call for fire. First, an introductory course was given. Cadets got familiarized with the basics, such as how and when to send up a call. Then Cadets had a chance to practice what they learned. Finally, the training ended with each Cadet successfully executing a virtual Call for Fire Mission. Every Cadet that attended the training worked hard and was able to check off another commissioning requirement, bringing them one step closer to Commissioning.

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**CDT S. Cadet (Texas Southern University) finding her target point using a map.**

# MEET OUR CADET OF THE MONTH



**CADET AARON LIN**

"My name is Aaron Lin. I'm a sophomore at Rice University, studying Biochemistry and Cell Biology. I'm originally from San Jose, California, was born on April 12, 2001. My family is of Taiwanese background, and I'm proud to be the first member of my family to serve in the Military. In High school, I was involved with Bugles Across America, where I had the chance to work with military personnel to serve at military funerals. This experience inspired me to choose a career in the Army.

I hope to eventually serve as a Medical Officer in the Army.

I'm grateful for the chance to be a part of the Houston Battalion, and I hope to get more opportunities to develop myself as a leader both in and out of this program. I hope to prove myself as a leader not only as the Cadet of the Month, but also as I continue with the ROTC program."

-CDT Lin, Rice University

## HALLOWEEN WORKOUT

On Wednesday, October 28th, the University of Houston Battalion conducted a Halloween Themed Workout session where all Cadets got the opportunity to dress up in their best Halloween Attire.



CDT Bailey UH



CDT Kubosh, UH  
CDT Esquivel, UH



CDT McQuarley, UH



CDT Hassoun, UH  
CDT James, UH



CDT Wright, UH



CDT Nguyen, UH  
CDT Stamm, UH



CDT Weinstein  
UHCL



MSVI Formation.  
Dinosaur costume: CDT Green, UH



UH Houston Battalion



CDT Takata, CDT Lin, CDT Singh, CDT Mckenna  
Rice University

## COVID-19 AND ARMY ROTC



"Like many of my fellow cadets, the pandemic has really pushed me to get creative with ways to stay connected with loved ones and maintain physical fitness. It's especially challenging dealing with feelings of isolation while living on campus, where the rules are very restrictive. Perseverance is a mental game, and in these challenging times, it really has come down to constantly reminding myself what the end goal is. I've just been incredibly thankful for ROTC and the sense of normalcy that comes from meeting others in-person."

-Cadet Takata, Rice University

"COVID affected me in a lot of ways; as a student nurse, it has been a hassle to learn information virtually because of how strenuous the curriculum is. It has also impacted the way hospitals deal with student nurses. It has been a hassle for my school to arrange clinical times because the school has to put our safety first. COVID hasn't stopped me from getting educated, but the current situation makes me feel incompetent because now I have to teach myself.

I keep my focus on ROTC despite challenges because I know this pandemic will pass, and pressure creates diamonds. Everything I am going through is going to make me or break me as a leader. I have to remember my reasons for joining and know that I do want a better quality of life for me & my family."

-Cadet Narinesingh, University of St. Thomas



COVID-19 has significantly impacted how we conduct training at the University Battaion. Cadets have been working hard despite the challenges that have arised this semester.

## Steps to Join ROTC

### Step 1

Register for Military Science course through respective university/college course catalog  
(No obligation trial period)

*Have a  
desire to  
serve?*

### Step 2

Meet eligibility requirements  
(We will help you get there)

*Want  
money for  
college?*

### Step 3

Sign contract to become an Army Cadet  
(This starts all benefits, scholarships)

### Step 4

Commission as an Army Officer  
(Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard)

### Scholarships Available

2 & 3 year full tuition and fees scholarships  
\$600 a semester for Text Books  
\$420 a month stipend

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