

# 2021 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

## SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE



### Jesus Tristanvalerio

Network Administration

“I would rather die a meaningful death than to live a meaningless life.”

-Corazon Aquino

Jesus Tristanvalerio was born in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. He was only three-months-old when his family decided to migrate to the United States and make San Antonio their home. Growing up in a household where Spanish was the primary language was a challenge and he needed his older siblings and classmates to help him overcome the language barrier. Jesus attended Judson Independent School District from elementary through high school and graduated in 2004.

In 2005, Jesus decided to join the United States Marine Corps and served his country at the height of the war on terrorism. Planning only to enlist for four years, he ended up serving his country for 12 years. In January of 2017, he was honorably discharged medically. Serving his country put a hold on his educational journey but after being discharged, he knew it was never too late to pursue his dream of attending and graduating from college.

Jesus is an example and inspiration to his daughters, his family, and other veterans who dream of reaching their aspirations through higher education. He wants his family to see his hard work and feel pride, knowing the sacrifices have been worth it. He is grateful God gave him the blessing to continue his education by transferring to The University of Texas A&M-San Antonio to pursue a bachelor's degree.

