

### Fifth Generation Service Member Recognized

Ryan Buchanan received the Ryan M. Pflin '13 Scholarship for contributions to the college community

Ryan Buchanan is a 5th generation service member and a 4th generation college graduate - both of which he is quite proud.

Buchanan joined the Navy right out of high school in 2002 and served for four years. When he completed his service, he enrolled in community college in Virginia where he earned an associate degree in criminal justice.



He studied child development as a bachelor's degree when he was with the Navy at the time, and continued to work in criminal justice.

Buchanan says his childhood in rural and town life instilled in him a sense of duty that still motivates him today.

"There's a lot of discipline when working hard," says Buchanan, who helped lead several...

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While both both service and education require a long investment, he decided to first attend an associate college and then a bachelor's degree.

"My dad was always better by the working part-time because he didn't go to college," says Buchanan. "I realize he was a little bit for me, but I know I needed to go back to school to finish my degree."

Buchanan was awarded the University of the Potomac's Ryan M. Pflin '13 Scholarship in 2019 and decided to major in business with a focus in accounting.

"He's been completely blown away by the high caliber of students that goes to UoP," says Buchanan. "They are focused, dedicated and challenged. It's very good to see that in my own school, the same as I did at UoP."

The college community is really an asset to him, says Buchanan. The setting for him is not just the campus of the Ryan M. Pflin '13 Scholarship recognizing his contributions to the college community. The award was established in 2013 in honor of alumnus Staff Sergeant Ryan Pflin, Medal of Honor recipient, to provide financial support to students who are veterans of military service.

"Ryan Buchanan is a genuine person on campus. He has excellent time skills to manage an on-Director's leader, worked others in their job, and as a Career Plan and personal growth to support their working in the financial institution," says Buchanan. "The scholarship is a great honor to be awarded at the time."

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Buchanan earned the scholarship degree on May 17 and plans to use for the New Republic House of Representatives.

"My family and I are looking forward to the future," says Buchanan. "I hope to continue to be a leader in the military field, but when he goes to work in the future."

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