

2014 Distinguished Graduate



Dennis A. Raez Kinesiology

"The real man smiles in trouble, gathers strength from distress, and grows brave by reflection."

—Thomas Paine

Biography

Dennis Raez's journey at San Antonio College started 14 years ago, and it has been unique. He took ESL courses to improve his English proficiency which allowed for his acceptance to the U.S. Coast Guard, where he had the honor to serve saving lives with Search and Rescue and Maritime Law Enforcement. He always kept his CPR and First Aid certifications current in his civilian jobs, but he was looking for something more rewarding. San Antonio was his homeport, and he found San Antonio College a perfect fit for his educational goals, so he is here now as a proud veteran student.

The highly motivated and energetic coaches in the Kinesiology Department gave Dennis inspiration and drive toward getting his Personal Trainer Certification. About a year ago, he took his first core curriculum class. In the first lecture, the instructor brought in a guest speaker who shared his experiences as the acting president of the Kinesiology Club and invited everyone to join. Now, he finds himself not only as a proud member of the K-Club, but also acting Secretary, member of the Honors Academy, and member of the Phi Theta Kappa.

Dennis is determined to follow the example that his instructors set every day, because their experiences are the reason he pursues Kinesiology, also because this allows him to impact people's lives the same way: the positive, healthy way.



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