

CLASS OF 2024

## *Outstanding Graduate*



### **NATHAN “NATE” MULLENNIEX**

College of Business

Nathan “Nate” Mullenniex will graduate with a 4.0 GPA in both his Bachelor of Accountancy and Bachelor of Business Administration.

A 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, Nate retired in 2021 as a Leading Chief Petty Officer. He traveled the world as a Machinist’s Mate-Nuclear, supervising the safe operation and maintenance of nuclear propulsion plants aboard aircraft carriers and submarines and training the next generation of operators.

**“The degrees I earned at NMSU are not just certificates—they are the keys to unlocking new opportunities for my family.”**

—Nate Mullenniex

“I was proud to have an impact on the women and men I was privileged to lead by mentoring them into becoming better versions of themselves,” says Nate. He was drawn to a business career after retiring from the Navy and knew he wanted to pursue a degree. His wife, Nyein, lived in the area, so he chose to attend NMSU.

At NMSU, Nate used his leadership skills as treasurer and president of the Student Veterans Organization and as an active member of the professional fraternity Beta Alpha Psi. He and Nyein won the general business FinTech Pitch Competition for “Pistol Pups,” a dog park and entertainment venue, and Nate was also a member of Arrowhead’s 2023 Sprint accelerator class as part of the Fourth Industrial Revolution Economy (FIRE) Venture Fellowship.

His strong academic performance earned Nate the Eileen T. Guy, James Hanssen, and Lionel D. Haight scholarships, as well as the Dr. James Bullock and Mike and Mary Wischkaemper Accounting scholarships, the Perfecto Ben (Chico) Secura and Cruz Hernandez Veterans scholarship, and Pete’s Opportunity transfer scholarship.

Nate says having a solid network was integral to his success at NMSU, and counts Daniel James, Preston Mitchell, and Dr. Beto Pallares as mentors in teaching him about the practicalities of a business career.

After graduation, Nate heads to Albuquerque for a public accounting internship at KPMG and preparation for the CPA exam. As proud as Nate is of all he has accomplished at NMSU and in the Navy—he says becoming a first-time dad to three-month-old Sophie tops it all. ▲