Alumni Spotlight: Edward James Muro

Edward Muro graduated from California Baptist University with a B.A. in both Communication Studies and Leadership Studies, and is currently pursuing a Masters in Single Subject Education, also at CBU. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Eddie joined the United States Army and earned a scholarship for his graduate education. Following his projected graduation in Spring 2018, he will be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant officer. He hopes to lead soldiers in Army combat or any support unit in the future. He currently works at CBU as a student worker for Facilities and Maintenance and attends Sandals church.

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Eddie chose to study leadership because of its universal application to any profession, culture, and role. He says, “What is great about leadership is its application to literally anyone, in any field. Leadership will never leave a person because it is a development of a lifestyle rather than just necessary skills, knowledge, or title. I knew that no matter where I would end up, I would apply what I learned from the leadership program.” Since leadership styles stem from a person’s perspective of themselves and the world around them, Eddie wanted a program that reflected his belief system. “The ‘how’ of leadership is typically standard across most programs,” Eddie says, “but the ‘why’ is what separates us from other effective leaders.” He found the “why” of leadership at CBU to be different from other programs because the role model is Jesus Christ, who is the foundation of a successful leader. Reflecting on the CBU Leadership Program, Eddie said that his education has been more helpful and applicable than he could have ever imagined. It has taught him to identify various leadership styles and approaches, how to be a good leader and follower, and to discover his strengths and weaknesses as a leader. “The Leadership Program at CBU gave me a better grasp on how I want to be led and what kind of leader I strive to be. I would highly recommend those in a leadership position or aspiring to be in a leadership position to seek CBU’s Leadership Program because of its content, design, and application.”
Quotes
From Eddie’s Supervisors and Professors

“When knowing and observing Cadet Muro closely, I have seen that he is a very effective and highly charismatic leader to his peers and subordinates. He naturally excels at motivating others and possesses qualities that exemplify his attitude to lead by example. He leads from the front.”

2nd Lt. Michael A. Doss
United States Army

“Eddie is a charismatic influencer. He radiates enthusiasm, and he draws others into his wake of joy.”

John Montgomery
Dean of Spiritual Life
California Baptist University

“He has always been enthusiastic about making a positive difference and that is why he excelled in the leadership studies program.”

Dr. John Shoup
Dean of School of Education
Executive Director of the Dr. Paul & Annie Kienel Leadership Institute
California Baptist University

“Cadet Muro demonstrates strong leadership potential by setting the example not only during our field training exercises, but also in the classroom as well. He takes initiative and is constantly seeking to improve himself and help mentor his peers in tactics and physical training.”

John S. Dabrowski
Captain, Field Artillery
Assistant Professor of Military Science,
California Baptist University Army ROTC