

**COLLEGE & ARMY ROTC****BUILDING  
SUCCESSFUL FUTURES**

**Army ROTC salutes today's exemplary cadets who keep their eyes on today's triumphs and set the stage for tomorrow's successes.**

**VINCENT LAI****VINCENT LAI  
UCLA**

Second Lieutenant Vincent Lai is a recent graduate of UCLA where he served as the Army ROTC Battalion Commander in his senior year. Cadet Lai was awarded the General Creighton Abrams Scholarship, a national award recognizing his academic achievement and military leadership. His demonstrated educational excellence, leadership potential and commitment to the nation also earned him a scholarship from NationsBank. 2nd Lt. Lai is an outstanding officer who completed the Infantry Officer's Basic Course last fall and recently earned his Ranger tab. He is now a platoon leader in the 82d Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

**ASHSHANAE TOLBERT  
Tuskegee University**

Formerly a company commander in the Junior ROTC program, Ashshanae Tolbert joined the Alabama Army National Guard in her junior year of high school. During her senior year, she held the position of editor-in-chief of the school newsletter and president of both the Student Government Association and the National Honor Society. Cadet Tolbert was awarded Most Valuable Player in softball, Most Outstanding Band Student, Who's Who Among American High School Students, the United States National Scholar/Athlete Award and a four-year Army ROTC Scholarship to attend Tuskegee University. As a freshman at Tuskegee, majoring in mechanical engineering, she is an active member of the Army ROTC Drill Team, Powderpuff Flag Football and the Ranger Challenge team. After freshman year, Cadet Tolbert plans to attend Airborne School and to continue her service in ROTC and later on active duty in the Army.

**ASHSHANAE TOLBERT****JAMIE ROMERO****JAIME ROMERO  
University of Tennessee Martin**

Cadet Jaime Romero aspires to be a marine biologist and to get his master's degree and later a Ph.D. Other aspirations include teaching high school and becoming a true role model for his younger brothers as well as other students. Sponsored by the University of Tennessee's ROTC program, Jaime enrolled in Camp Challenge at Fort Knox, Kentucky. Three days into the program, he was named platoon sergeant and shortly after, platoon leader. Cadet Romero graduated among the top 15 cadets out of 200. His performance at camp earned him a scholarship that pays for his tuition at the University of Tennessee Martin. Cadet Romero's plans are to serve four years with the National Guard; he's hoping to serve in a helicopter unit.