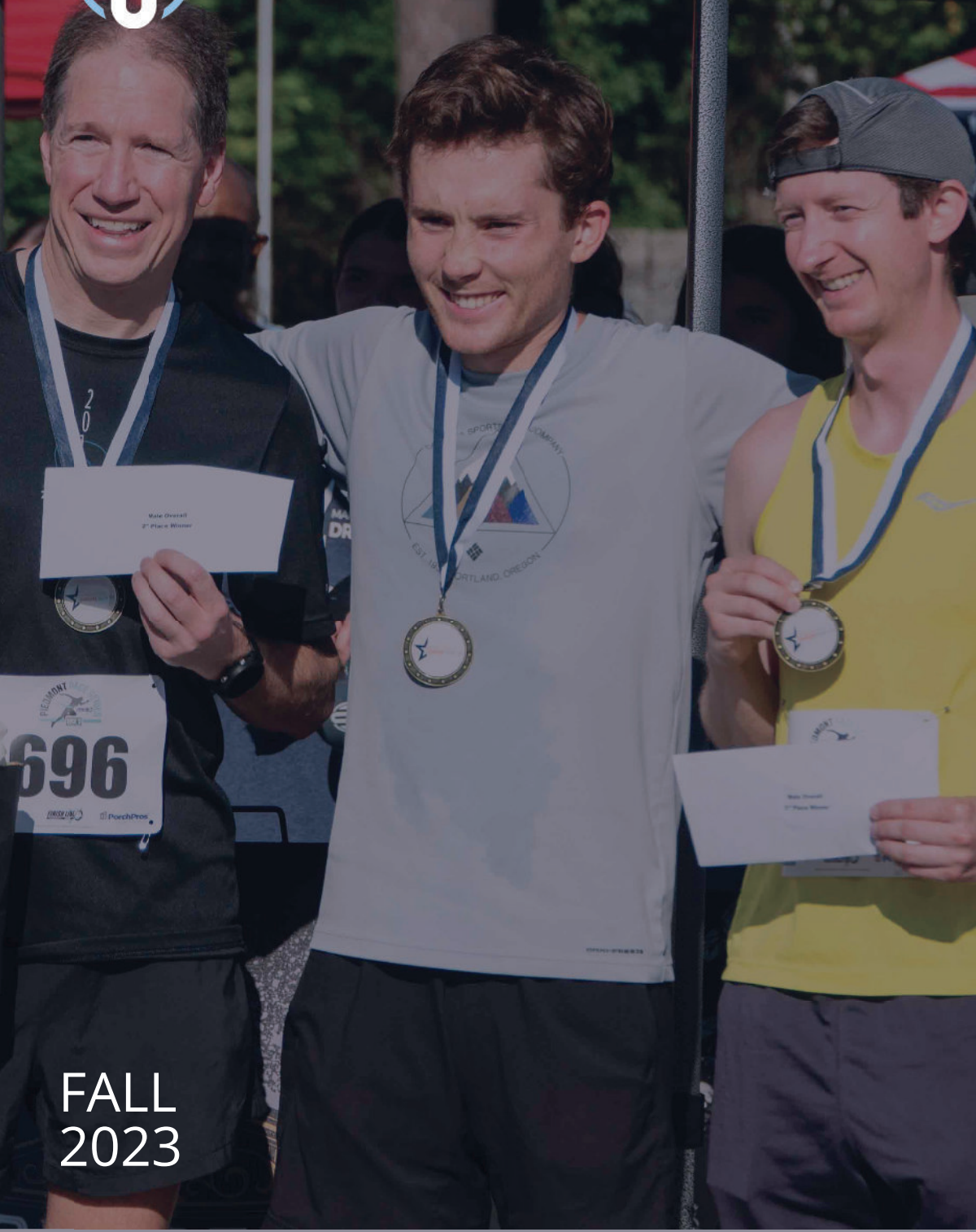




WHAT'S NEW AT MANNA U



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2023

MEET MAJOR!

Manna University's Official Mascot!

Manna University is pleased to announce our official mascot, Major. We are now officially the **MANNA UNIVERSITY MAJORS!**

Major the Honey Badger represents several major components of who we are at Manna U: effective, strategic, and emerging leaders who are more powerful than their appearance might suggest.

Why the Manna University Majors?

As a noun, a Major is a military rank found within the US Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps. This is an important rank because it is where many officers hone their strategic thinking and application. The Major is a leader who has risen to an executive level but has not yet arrived. A Major is an effective leader.

Why a Honey Badger?

God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power. Power to give, to serve, to be unstoppable in a way that results in good for God's glory. Honey Badgers are known to take on predators like lions and cobras. We will not back down. We will fight the good fight. We will effectively lead because of the gift of God working in us and through us.



Quick Facts

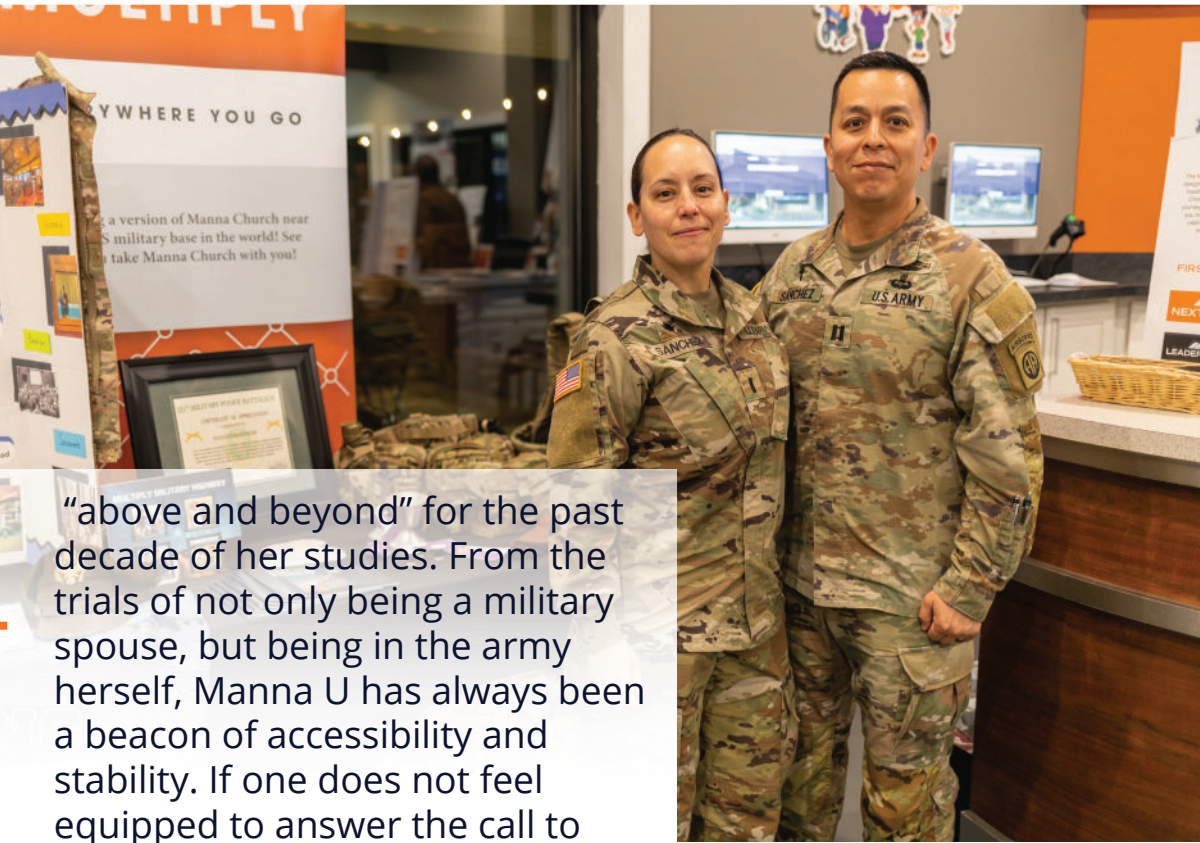
- Digging is Major's favorite pastime.
- As a Honey Badger, Major is known as the world's most fearless animal.
- Honey Badgers are known as one of Africa's most intelligent creatures. They have enormous brains for animals of their size, are known to manufacture and use tools, roll trees, and build ladders.



Motherhood, Military, and a Master's

Deana Sanchez, Class of 2023

Full-time homeschool mom and current military reservist, Deana Sanchez is the epitome of a lifelong learner. Sanchez graduated with her Masters of Divinity last fall. Already, she has been able to put the principles of her curriculum to practice, particularly using the counseling courses offered in the program. Sanchez often counsels soldiers and occasionally does so alongside her husband, Jacob, who is active-duty military. Together, they have made an incredible impact on the lives of soldiers who so often struggle with mental illness. Her purposeful application of Manna U's curriculum, however, is not only exclusive to her work. "God has used Manna University as a tool to make me a better wife, mother, and teacher," Sanchez assured. Her 10 years studying at Manna University for her undergraduate and graduate degrees have primarily been spent in pursuit of becoming a better teacher for her daughter. The "family-oriented atmosphere," as Deana describes it, is a significant reason for her educational success. When studying full-time in her undergraduate degree, Deana was actively caring for four children in her household. Accessibility to education with constant support from her professors was key during this hectic season. "Never have I felt like I or my family was just a number," she affirmed. "If I ever needed prayer, I always knew I could pick up the phone and call." From her own experience, Deana's professors have gone



“above and beyond” for the past decade of her studies. From the trials of not only being a military spouse, but being in the army herself, Manna U has always been a beacon of accessibility and stability. If one does not feel equipped to answer the call to formal education, Deana advises, “If God is calling you, there is nothing that can stop it. The first step of faith is all you need.”

MannaU AT A GLANCE

280+
Registered Students
for the academic year

50+
International
Students

2
International
Mentoring Centers

203
Undergraduate
students

80
Graduate Students

300+
Alumni





Empowering Global Leaders

Floribert Mbateye, Freshman, Church Leadership

Floribert Mbateye is currently pursuing a Certificate in Christian Leadership at Manna University. He lives with his wife and son in Kigali, Rwanda, where he owns a Graphic Design business called Beyond Art. Floribert recalled, "I called it that because I wanted to focus on Christianity and reaching young people. We share about the gospel, so we go beyond art." As a small business owner, Floribert is learning not only how to better lead his employees, but his clients too. Constantly surrounded by different cultures, Floribert seeks to learn how to connect his personal faith with his management skills. "Sometimes it was difficult before for me to connect with people of other beliefs, but because of Manna U, I can better connect to people." Floribert's time at Manna U has not been without learning curves. "Writing papers, watching videos, and completing discussion boards have been very difficult," he admitted. To study, Floribert frequents the Manna University Mentoring Center in Kigali where he is able to utilize student resources and learn from leaders in-person. In the face of these obstacles, however, Floribert has thrived while overcoming cultural barriers. Floribert also expressed that he feels his courses at Manna University have equipped him to lead better in many contexts saying, "Manna U has also helped me lead



better at church. I have learned that 'if you are a good servant, you are a good leader.' I try to exercise this instead of commanding people or being on top." When this interview was conducted, Floribert was on a business trip to South Korea to make contacts for his business. Floribert is truly an example of a global leader being empowered by Manna University to bring change into the spheres he occupies in real time.

Make an Impact Today!

Your gift will help make an immediate impact on our city and everywhere our students go with what they've learned at Manna U. If you have any questions regarding how to become an active donor, please contact Dr. Carlo Serrano at cserrano@manna.edu.

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OUR VISION

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