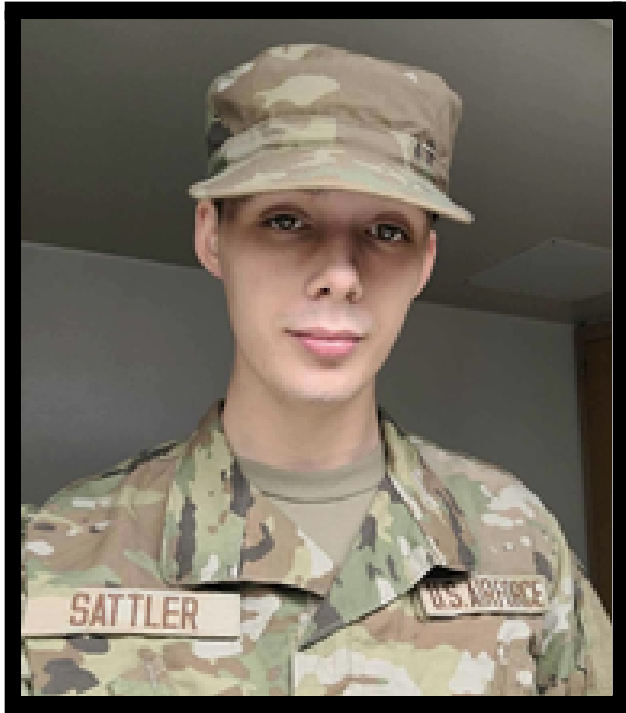


Student Success Story: High School Dropout to Air Force Career



Matthew Sattler, a recent HiSet graduate of Brunswick Community College's GEAR program, worked as a technician at a Chevy dealership during the day while attending HSE classes at night. As a high school dropout, he had a good job at the Chevy dealership, but he dreamed of a career in the Air Force.

Today Matthew is protecting your freedom and mine. There is no better person for the job than one of our HSE graduates!

Upon completion of technical training in Mississippi, Matthew will be stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, where he will be working with radio frequency transmission systems. During Basic Training, Matthew learned how to stabilize and care for injured people until medical help arrives. He discovered that he has a natural

aptitude for applying tourniquets, hemostatic dressings, and clearing airways through that training. Now, ultimately, Matthew hopes to eventually deploy with an emergency relief team to aid natural disasters.

Matthew is planning a twenty-year career in the Air Force. He credits the College & Career Readiness program at Brunswick Community College with preparing him for his military career. Matthew's humble attitude and work ethic are the perfect combination for securing America's future.

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Brunswick Community College has created an environment where students are able to receive instruction and support as they work to complete their adult high school diploma. Brunswick offers transitions programs and services using adult education career pathways and other student success services. Matthew was able, through the GEAR program, to improve his reading, communication, problem-solving and computation, writing, critical thinking, and job-readiness skills. Matthew and many students like him, can lay the foundation for further higher education opportunities, career training, and higher-income earnings. Because Brunswick helped Matthew identify goals, make plans, and determine a pathway to success, Matthew was able to parlay his work ethic into his future Air Force career.

If you have a student success story or an inspirational teacher story, please email Matthew Brown @ brownm@nccommunitycolleges.edu