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Marines:

Congratulations on your selection for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program. I encourage you to consider attending the University of California Los Angeles. UCLA is an extraordinary institution with over 75 years of Naval ROTC and MECEP tradition. I am sure you are aware of UCLA's excellent academic and professional advantages. However, certain challenges exist, both academic and financial, that have historically made the school a difficult choice for MECEP students.

Let me first assure you that, as a MECEP student, you can financially afford to attend UCLA. Secondly, we work very closely with the university staff to ensure that your Marine Corps experience and accomplishments are given full consideration for admission. My staff and the MECEP students currently assigned to UCLA will assist you every step of the way. Graduating from UCLA is a challenge, but it is well worth the effort. In addition to a top-tier education from a school recognized worldwide, you would become part of a global network of UCLA alumni, allowing further opportunities while you are in the Service, and more so, as you look into post-service careers. If you think UCLA might be for you, contact us immediately.

UCLA is located in the Westwood neighborhood of Los Angeles, 12 miles from downtown, and 7 miles from Santa Monica Pier and beach. Living in Los Angeles can be a bit daunting. However, UCLA has student family housing and there are nearby military facilities available to you and your family that provide familiar services. These include Fort McArthur housing in San Pedro, and the medical facilities, commissary, and exchange services located at the Los Angeles Air Force Base, at the El Segundo location. All of these areas are an easy commute to UCLA.

Once again, congratulations and good luck on your new journey to become an Officer of Marines. I hope that you will seriously consider the challenge of attending UCLA and being a part of the Bruin Battalion. My staff and I are here to answer your questions and assist you in making your decision. Contact any of us for more information about financial aid and grant opportunities, military facilities, transfer requirements, and additional details. I wish you great success regardless of what university you eventually select.

Semper Fidelis,

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