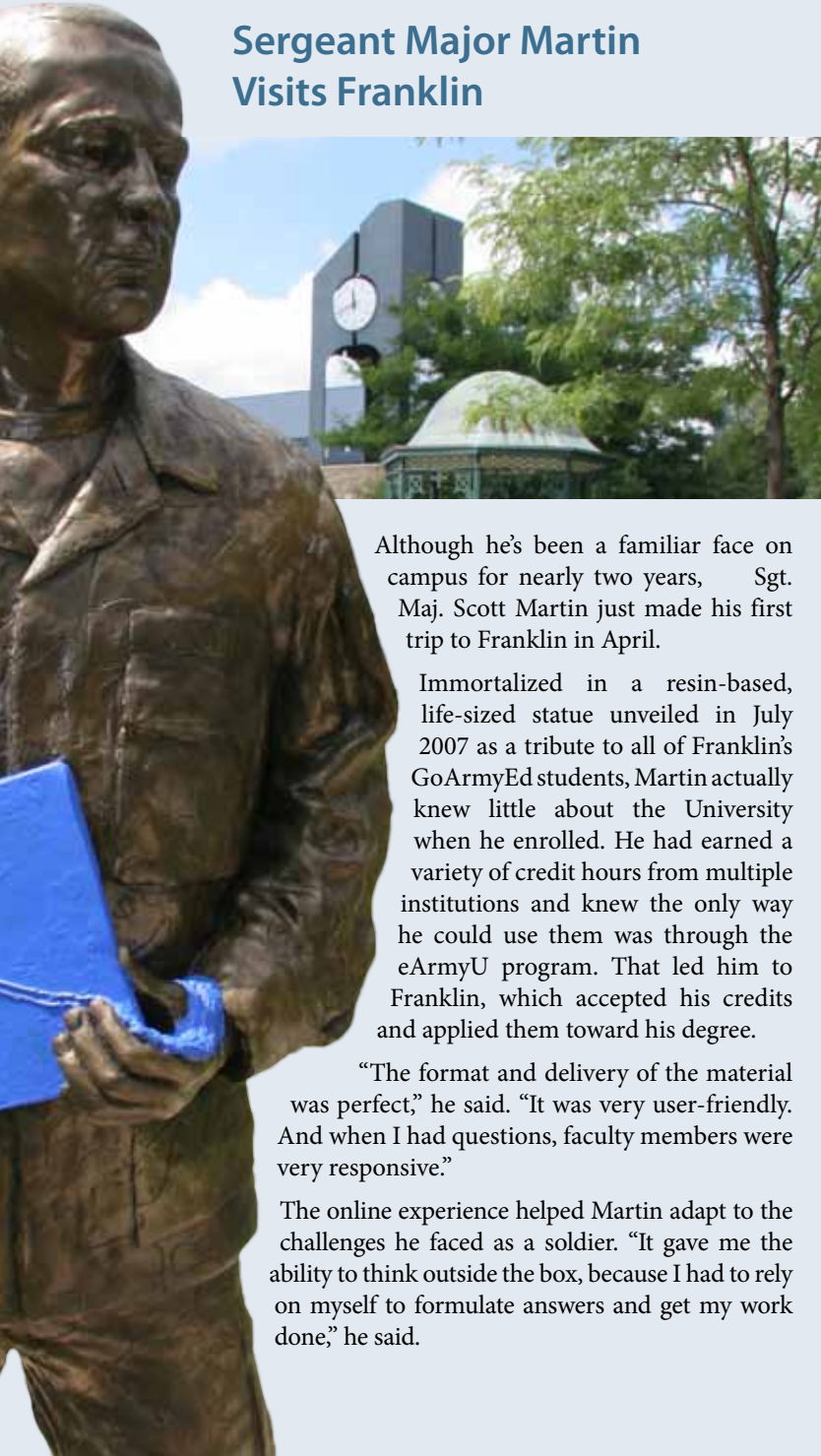


## WHAT'S NEW

### Sergeant Major Martin Visits Franklin



Although he's been a familiar face on campus for nearly two years, Sgt. Maj. Scott Martin just made his first trip to Franklin in April.

Immortalized in a resin-based, life-sized statue unveiled in July 2007 as a tribute to all of Franklin's GoArmyEd students, Martin actually knew little about the University when he enrolled. He had earned a variety of credit hours from multiple institutions and knew the only way he could use them was through the eArmyU program. That led him to Franklin, which accepted his credits and applied them toward his degree.

"The format and delivery of the material was perfect," he said. "It was very user-friendly. And when I had questions, faculty members were very responsive."

The online experience helped Martin adapt to the challenges he faced as a soldier. "It gave me the ability to think outside the box, because I had to rely on myself to formulate answers and get my work done," he said.

After beginning his online classes at Franklin, Martin received orders to go to Afghanistan and thought he'd have to put his education on hold. "But once I got to Afghanistan," he said, "my duties there allowed me to pursue my education. So I went ahead and signed up for another class, got my books, and I was ready to go. Why would I want to delay when I knew that I could continue? I continued and never stopped."

Working through 18-hour days and occasional study breaks to take shelter during mortar attacks, Martin graduated in 2005 with a B.S. in Applied Management. Soon after, he was promoted to a Promotion Policy Writer. He was also accepted to the Sergeant Majors Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas, and went on to earn his MBA.

"I think whenever a soldier acquires higher education, it's going to benefit him or her in terms of promotions," Martin said. "It's critical that soldiers continue their education. That's what the Army is looking for: smarter, brighter leaders of tomorrow."

Which is exactly what Martin has become. In February he was the first Non-Commissioned Officer named a Military Fellow to Capitol Hill. He serves as an advisor to Senator Mark Warner of Virginia, assisting him with defense appropriation decisions. "It's fascinating," Martin said. "I'm thankful to have the opportunity."

Much like the opportunity of seeing a statue created in your likeness. "It truly is an honor to have a statue," he said with a smile. "I think it's fantastic. I really think it looks like me."

And just as the statue reflects him, Martin mirrors the aspirations of soldiers around the world.

### University Leaders from Iraq Visit Franklin

In February, Franklin University welcomed three of seven Iraqi university presidents traveling to the United States to attend the American Council on Education's national conference and to meet with senior education officials.

The visit was part of a proposal introduced last year by Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki aimed at revitalizing the country's educational system. Once fully implemented, the plan will fund 10,000 Iraqi students to study abroad each year for the next five years. Other schools visited by the seven university presidents included North Carolina State University, The Ohio State University, and Texas A&M University, as they examined the newest developments in pedagogy, technology, and administration in U.S. higher education.

## FRANKLIN SUPPORT

### Spotlight: Becky Gragg



As a GoArmyEd Student Services Associate (SSA) at Franklin University, Becky Gragg works to guide soldiers toward graduation by assisting them in choosing majors, course selection, preparing degree plans, and supporting students throughout their experience at Franklin.

Gragg is especially proud of the benefits that Franklin offers its

GoArmyEd students. “Franklin’s online format makes it possible for soldiers to take classes anywhere, anytime,” she said. “The no-cost textbook benefit for soldiers is a primary example of how Franklin strives to be military-friendly.”

She began working in Franklin’s Call Center eight years ago and in 2005 made the transition to the GoArmyEd department. Gragg is currently completing her B.S. in Marketing at Franklin. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and reading.

“It’s a great honor to work with soldiers,” she said. “These men and women make great sacrifices to defend our country. I am truly thankful to be given the opportunity to assist soldiers with their educational goals.”

“Without a doubt, one of the greatest things in the world is watching one of our soldiers walk across that stage at graduation.”

### Franklin to Attend Symposium

Franklin’s Director of Military Relations **Darrin Adams** will attend the Department of Defense Worldwide Education Symposium July 27-31 in Atlanta. The theme for the 2009 Symposium is “Educating America’s Patriots,” focusing on the mission of providing voluntary education opportunities that measure up to the high quality and value that service members expect and deserve.



## STUDENT RESOURCES

### Textbooks Provided at No Cost

Franklin University is proud to offer no-cost textbooks for undergraduate classes taken through the GoArmyEd portal for qualified soldiers. As you serve us by defending our country, Franklin works hard to serve you by breaking the financial barriers keeping you from earning your degree.

Franklin will coordinate the shipment of these materials for you prior to the course start date. Soldiers enrolled in graduate-level classes are contacted to purchase the required course materials for classes. Please contact the [Franklin University Bookstore](#) to request your materials.

If you drop a course at no charge, you will be contacted to return the textbooks you received.

### Military Discount

You sacrifice a lot for our country – and so does your family.

That’s why Franklin offers a Military Family Member Discount which entitles spouses and dependent children to a 15% discount on undergraduate courses and a 10% discount on graduate courses. Even with the unique challenges of a military family, Franklin makes continuing your education both accessible and affordable.

[CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ON THE MILITARY FAMILY MEMBER](#)

### myFranklin Makes a Difference

myFranklin is a secure portal for Franklin University students – an entrance point on the Web designed to give students access to online resources and information. Through myFranklin, students can view course schedules, course grades, unofficial transcripts, and much more. Prospective students can view a demo at [my.franklin.edu](#) by logging in as a guest.

### Fees Waived

Remember Franklin waives all associated campus and enrollment fees for GoArmyEd students through the portal. You can register for your classes by visiting the GoArmyEd Web site, contacting your Franklin Student Services Associate (SSA), or contacting your ACES Counselor.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

### Library Provides for Research Needs

Connect with these research tools and more through the Franklin University Nationwide Library:

**OhioLINK** – This consortium of 80 colleges and universities provides access to a wealth of locally provided and OhioLINK services and resources.

**Ask a Librarian** – Librarians are available to help you locate the resource or service you need. Contact them online, via email, in person, by phone, or through Chat Reference.

**Chat Reference** – Ask a librarian a question in real time when you're online completing research, no matter where you are: on campus, off campus, or even in the library.

**Writing Guides** – Learn how to correctly cite in APA style, evaluate information for your research, avoid plagiarism, and properly paraphrase information.

**Online Instructional Tutorials** – Online library tutorials pertaining to library services and resources such as databases and useful documents relating to library instructional sessions.

[Connect With These Resources and More!](#)

### Explore the Opportunities of the Student Learning Center

Franklin's Student Learning Center (SLC) offers support to students through workshops, placement, proficiency testing, and free tutoring. Every Franklin student, whether taking classes on campus or online, is encouraged to explore the opportunities provided by the SLC.

**Tutoring** – The SLC provides free tutoring support for Franklin students enrolled in core, introductory-level classes in a variety of formats. All tutoring services focus on strengthening students' understanding of key course principles. Tutoring is available by appointment via *FranklinLive!* or on a drop-in basis at the SLC. The SLC has expanded its online appointment hours beyond its normal business hours. For exact days and times, please refer to the tutoring schedule on the SLC Web page.

**Workshops** – Academic Success Series workshops, offered both online and on the Franklin campus, provide exceptional tips and tools for success. Workshops scheduled for the Summer '09 Trimester include: APA, Grammar, Writing and Researching Effectively, and Microsoft Office. All workshops are free for current students.

To find out more about SLC offerings or to sign up for a workshop, contact the SLC at 614.947.6800, 1.866.341.6206, or through the SLC Web page.

[Visit the SLC Web Page](#)

### Adams Leads Forum on PTSD



**Darrin Adams**, Director of Military Relations, facilitated a Franklin University faculty forum in March focusing on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and how this disorder may affect current or future military students.

The purpose of the forum was to educate Franklin faculty members on the symptoms of PTSD and to raise the understanding of many of

the situations deployed soldiers may face and how those situations may affect their daily life and class work. The underlying theme of the presentation was that understanding the disorder is the first step toward being able to better serve the military student more effectively.

Adams believes Franklin University understands the challenging times our country is enduring and that the military student is committed to protecting our freedom first and foremost. These students may at times require special consideration due to deployment schedules and/or the effects of war, such as PTSD. It is important for Franklin instructors to be able to identify and respond appropriately to soldiers experiencing any difficulty within the classroom and to work in cooperation with them while guiding them toward graduation.

As a result of this presentation, Franklin University plans to include information regarding PTSD in its orientation program for Franklin faculty.

### Dates to Remember:

June 17: *Section E opens*

July 7: *Section V and C opens*

July 28: *Section Q and F opens*

August 26: *Section D opens*

September 9: *Section H opens*