Major Thomas Franklin, a 2011 graduate of Joshua High School, distinguished himself early as Commanding Officer of the NJROTC unit and Captain of the school's nationally recognized Rifle Team. He earned the prestigious Legion of Valor's Bronze Cross for Achievement, awarded to only 50 cadets nationwide each year. Following high school, he attended the New Mexico Military Institute Preparatory Program before earning a full Marine Corps ROTC scholarship to Texas A&M University, where he received his bachelor's degree in history in 2015.Commissioning into the United States Marine Corps, Franklin built a remarkable career, later earning an MBA from Western Governors University in 2022. By age 30, he had already attained the rank of Major. He has served as an AH-1Z Attack Helicopter Commander, Night Systems Instructor, and graduate of several elite military programs, including the Marine Corps Basic School, Amphibious Warfare School, and Naval Flight Training. A recipient of the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Franklin now serves as a flight instructor in Milton, Florida, training the next generation of Marine aviators. Joshua ISD is proud to recognize Major Thomas Franklin as a 2025 Wall of Fame Inductee for his outstanding achievements and service.