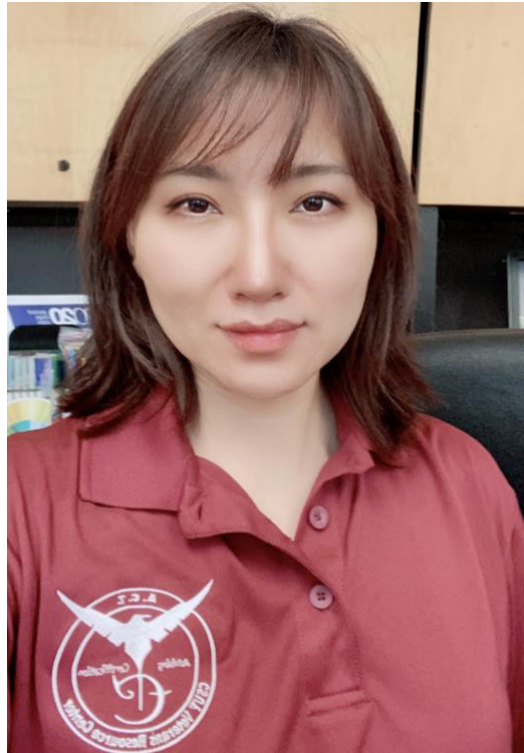


## 2021 Rick Hopcraft Memorial Veterans' Scholarship 2021 Recipient



**Lin Liu**

I am a second-year graduate student at USC, studying Educational Counseling, with a GPA of 3.96. While pursuing full-time education, I am now interning at Pasadena City College and California State University, Fullerton, and volunteering at Mt. Sac College. After graduation, my professional aim is to work as an adjunct college counselor and a part-time real estate agent.

I enlisted in the US Navy as an Aviation Structure Mechanic and served for four years, stationed at Norfolk Naval Base. Parts of my values, such as autonomy, beneficence, faithfulness, and veracity, were influenced by my military experience. I would not have been able to complete my AA and BA degrees in two and a half years, let alone pursue my master's degree if it hadn't been for the invaluable experience in the service. I have the confidence to investigate and try, no matter how many challenges I face in my studies and my life. Once I've set a goal, I build a plan to achieve it and get started right away.

Receiving the Rick Hopcraft Memorial Veterans Scholarship motivates me to maintain a high GPA and serves as a reminder to help my peers. I'm looking forward to giving back to the community once my career begins.