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## Laquasia Nunez

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United States Army Intelligence Officer, 1st Lieutenant Laquasia Nunez was born and raised in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

A graduate of P.S. 299K, and Salutatorian of P.S. 299K, Lt. Nunez learned early to work hard and work honestly. These became her guiding principles. She went on to become an honors student at Halsey Middle School 296, before attending Deer Park High School on Long Island, graduating in June 2008 as an accomplished athlete and honor roll scholar. At only age 16, Lt.

Nunez was accepted at the University at Hartford. Before entering her junior year, she took an academic break and enlisted in the United States Army National Guard. The Army life, and its mission and values, quickly took hold. Serving her nation and defending freedom is her calling.

Within three years, Lt. Nunez acquired two Military Occupational Specialties (MOS), Logistics Specialist (92A), and Avionics and Survivability Equipment Repairer (94R). With these skills, she was selected to serve on a Joint Task Force in New York State. While active, and a full-time student, she was called upon to serve the people of New York in response to Hurricane Sandy.

In 2014, Lt. Nunez earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the City University of New York. She immediately transferred to active duty and departed for training as an Army Military Intelligence Officer. Upon completion, she deployed to Afghanistan.

Lt. Nunez returned from her Afghanistan deployment to earn a Master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Grand Canyon University. She is on track to graduate in May 2019 and aspires to make a difference in the lives of soldiers and future patients.