Student Veteran Of The Year

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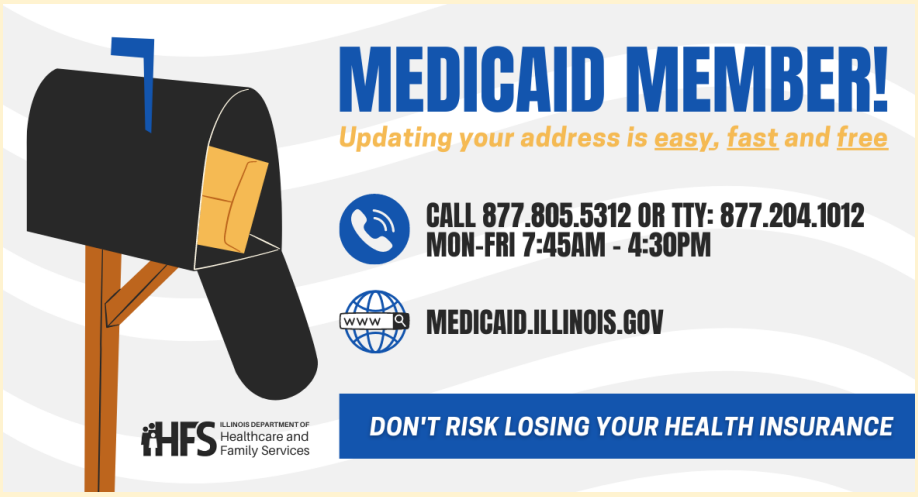
Loyola University Chicago senior Josh Jones has been named Student Veteran of the Year by Student Veterans of America (SVA) – a nonprofit organization that seeks to elevate the academic, professional, and personal development of veterans in higher education through a network of on-campus chapters in all 50 states and three countries overseas.

Jones, an economics major with a minor in biology in Loyola's College of Arts and Sciences, was named president of Loyola's SVA chapter in 2021. He is a Marine Corps Veteran who served as a 2311 Ammunition Technician stationed in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina with units such as 2nd Battalion 6th Marine Regiment and 2nd Marine Logistics Group. His accomplishments both in and out of uniform recently received personal recognition from Representative Michael Bost, chairman of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"I am extremely honored and humbled to receive the 'Student Veteran of the Year' award from SVA," said Jones. "This organization is deeply passionate about supporting veterans and has provided me with so many opportunities. SVA is essential to the success of student veterans – I hope to continue working with the network for a long time."

Jones will officially launch his own nonprofit project Chicago Brigade with a networking social hosted by Uber on March 30 at The Old Post Office. Registration is now open, and all Chicagoland veterans in higher education are encouraged to attend for an opportunity to connect with some of the most sought-after employers in the area.

IDVA Director Terry Prince and Loyola University SVA Chapter President Josh Jones at the Loyola University Veterans Day Ceremony.

"Josh was selected from 1,500 chapters representing 750,000 student veterans," said Alex Pirila, associate director for Military Veteran Student Services (MVSS). "He was chosen for his leadership in helping fellow student veterans find community at Loyola, and for his steadfast commitment to improving the lives of student veterans everywhere."