Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, USN, graduated from Adler University in 2018 with her Master of Arts in Psychology: Specialization in Military Psychology. Shannon was killed in action during her fifth military deployment on January 16, 2019 in Manbij, Syria.

Senior Chief Kent was assigned to Cryptologic Warfare Activity 66, a Navy unit that supports the National Security Agency and military special operations forces. She completed both her BA and MA degrees while on active service. She had planned to become a clinical psychologist and treat veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Kent was known among faculty and her peers for always pushing herself and others to do their best work. In true Adlerian fashion, her research pointed to the effectiveness of social connections in helping people heal. Kent used her Adler University capstone research to co-author an article with Adjunct Faculty Member, Dr. Barton Buechner, which will be published in the Journal of Humanistic Psychology.

Memorial Scholarship
The Senior Chief Petty Officer Shannon Kent, USN, Memorial Scholarship honors Kent’s commitment to scholarship, society, advocacy and justice. Scholarship recipients must be either serving in the military (Active Duty, Reserves, National Guard), a military veteran or retiree, or the spouse or child of one who is serving or has served. Scholarship awards will be given out in increments of up to $1,000 per term, and one student may receive up to $5,000 in total awards.

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