

Stafford County School Student Recognized as 529th Finisher in Semper 5ive *Presented \$100 Virginia 529 College Savings Plan Starter Certificate*

QUANTICO, VA (September 17, 2018) – Marine Corps Historic Half sponsor, Virginia529 and their mascot, Tuition Monster, presented Colin Robertson with the 529th finisher award for his participation in the 2018 Semper 5ive event on May 20 in Fredericksburg, VA. The 9-year-old student completed the five mile run averaging just over 12-minute miles to complete the Semper 5ive in 1:02:54, earning a \$100 Virginia 529 Plan starter account.

Robinson is a Fourth Grade student at Grafton Village Elementary School in Stafford, VA, but already has his sights on George Mason University where he plans to become a geneticist.

“I would like to be a professional soccer player when I grow up,” said Robinson. “Or maybe a geneticist.”

When asked his favorite part of the Semper 5ive course, the well-spoken student shows impressive patriotism.

“I was inspired to run the Semper 5ive by my best friend Isiah, who had completed the event the year before,” explained Robinson. “When I was out there this year, I ran to honor the U.S. Marines and what they do for our country.”

Robinson’s father Tyler, an English teacher at King George High School, provides additional inspiration, having completed the Devil Dog Double and Marine Corps Marathon several times. On hand to support Colin in receiving his award were the Tuition Monster, Tyler Robinson, and Grafton Village ES Principal, Michael Sidebotham.

The Marine Corps Historic Half, established in 2008, annually is held in Fredericksburg, VA hosts 10,000 runners participating in half marathon, five-mile, and 18.1-mile distance events. Considered “the greatest half marathon in history,” the event boasts a course featuring landmarks dating back to our nation’s beginnings and the early homes of Presidents George Washington and James Monroe.

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