## 2020 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES



## **Stephanie Michelle Johnson**

Paramedic

"I didn't become an EMT to get a front row to other people's tragedies. I did it because I knew the world was bleeding and so was I, and somewhere inside I knew the only way to stop my own bleeding was to learn how to stop someone else's." -Unknown

Stephanie grew up in Dilley and graduated from Dilley High School in 1998. She is married to Tad Johnson, and together they have four children. Twenty-two years after completing high school, Stephanie decided it was time to go back to college and earn a degree.

In the Fall of 2018, Stephanie enrolled at San Antonio College. She made a goal to earn her degree and become a first responder at the highest level, a licensed paramedic. After graduation, she plans to focus on rural paramedicine with the long-term goal of becoming a flight medic.

Outside of school, Stephanie is a full-time mom. With her first child leaving for college next year, she hopes her children will look at her academic example and have confidence in their ability to succeed regardless of life's challenges.

