Admiral Moulton Visit

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A WKU Alum who serves as Deputy Surgeon General in the US Navy returns to his alma mater to say thank you.

Amy Bingham caught up with Rear Admiral Terry Moulton in this week’s View from the Hill.

Rear Admiral Terry Moulton says he’s living proof that the Navy is not just a job it’s an adventure. But the 1982 WKU graduate says his return to campus was not a recruiting trip, it was truly just an opportunity to say thanks.

“Proud to be a hilltopper.”

Rear Admiral Terry Moulton has carried that Hilltopper pride with him around the world including a stint as the medical administrator aboard the USS Nimitz.

Probably favorite tour in 30 years to be able to go to Hong Kong, Singapore, Bahrain and Dubai. A chance to see the world.”

During a visit back to campus, Moulton told students how his health care career started at WKU.

“I actually started in civil engineering for a semester and switched to pre-med and started taking some business classes. Then someone showed me Health Care administration and I said wow, that’s me.”

More than thirty years later, he’s the COO of Navy Medicine.

“We run the health care system for the navy and support our war fighters and support our family members that are stationed overseas and around the world.” Graduate student Stephanie Molnar from Pennsylvania was eager to find out more about Moulton’s path to the Navy after leaving the hill.

“ I thought he would offer a lot of great advice in terms of how to market yourself.”

Molnar says she would love to have a career similar to Moulton’s pairing health care with the military.

“Going into the field I wanted to be cognizant of what is available in terms of jobs. Health care is obviously not going anywhere and our system obviously needs a lot of change.”

The Nashville native says his message is simple.

“The value of an education is so important and it’s not just a diploma. It’s getting an education and lifelong learning and your commitment to your profession.”

Moulton says one of the most pressing health issues currently being monitored by the Navy is the Zika virus, a viral infection spread by mosquito bites.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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