Veterans Success Center - Newsletter -

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WELCOME BACK!

We hope everyone had a good and relaxing Holiday break.

As we begin the new semester virtually, please know that the Veterans Success Center is still open and operating to answer your questions or assist with any other items. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. If we cannot answer your question, we will make sure to direct you to the right office or look into your question and get back to you as soon as we can.

We will also be releasing weekly newsletters with information relevant to the Veteran community so please check your emails and be on the lookout for them.

Also, we invite you to join the Veterans Club on our campus. The club is open to any and all Veteran, and Veteran Dependent, students. The club is meant to grow comradery among the Veteran community and we look forward to setting up activities and events for students. It also is a great resource for students looking to be involved on campus, or meet with other Veteran students on campus.

We hope you have a wonderful semester. Stay strong and stay safe!

Veterans Success Center Staff



Spring 2022 Virtual Learning Announcement

CSUB has announced that spring 2022 will be delivering courses remotely for the first **three weeks** of the semester (Jan. 24th-Feb. 11th).

Join the Veterans Club!

The Veterans Success Center has created a Veterans Club to bring Veteran students together. The first meeting of the semester will be on February 1st at 3 pm over Zoom. If you would like to attend the meeting, please email the Veterans Success Center at veterans@csub.edu



Veterans Club: Upcoming Events

February 1st at 3 pm: First club meeting | Zoom February 2, at 7 pm: Virtual Club Fair | Zoom February 12th at 10 am: Veterans Club Hiking Trip | Wind Wolves Reserve *Make sure to follow the Veterans Success Center @csubvetcenter to keep up to date on club events.

Counseling Services for the Veteran Community

As we navigate towards a new form of "normalcy" due to the long-lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, both the Bakersfield VA Clinic and the CSUB Counseling Center extends their support and assistance to any and all members of the Veteran Community. Please click on the names of the locations to access information.





CSUB Counseling Center

(661) 654–3557 | veterans@csub.edu

Please note that the main Bakersfield campus will remain open and services will still be available, such as: the library, Student Recreation Center, Financial Office, Student Health Services, and the Counseling Center.

Please note that all students that are planning on utilizing in-person campus services must be booster by February 11th or have a valid exemption on file. Also, if you are coming onto campus, please make sure to take the COVID-19 Screening prior to coming to campus and wear a mask indoors.

Veterans Success Center: Resources

The Veterans Success Center serves as a hub and resource for all of our Veteran students and community.

At the Center, there are three areas for students to utilize: (1) the lounge area (first picture on the right), (2) the computer lab (second picture on the right), and (3) a break/lunch area (not shown). All three areas are free for student to utilize during normal business hours of the Center.

For the computer lab, there are 8 different computers that students may use. Students may also print 10 sheets



There is a new monthly enrollment verification requirement for students using their Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits and receiving Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments. Those students will be required to verify their enrollment at the end of each month of paper for homework and/or assignments.

Due to COVID-19 and safety protocols, the Center is following strict guidelines for student usage. Please make sure to check in with the Veterans Success Center staff if you have any questions, need accommodations, or would like to utilize the space.

The Veterans Success Center is located near Financial Aid and Admissions and Records. Please call, or email, our office if you plan on stopping by or need assistance getting to the Center.

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during their term to continue receiving payments.

Students will be able to use text messages as a simple, quick option for verifying enrollment to receive their MHA and/or kicker payments uninterrupted. **Please reach out the Education Call Center (ECC) at 1-888-442-4551 to update your information.** This will ensure that you receive the latest email updates on monthly enrollment verification and are able to opt-in to enrollment verification by text messages.





Have you received a text from VA lately? Reply to verify

your enrollment.



Here are some helpful links: <u>Monthly Enrollment Verification</u> – FAQ <u>Enrollment Verification</u> – Website



The Institute welcomes current and transitioning military members to a sixmonth life science career exploration, giving them exposure to the life science industry and a deeper understanding of career options in this growing sector.

For more information, please visit: 2022 Military Fellowship

Additional Resources & Opportunities



Financial aid counselors will be offering students virtual workshops on filling out the FAFSA or CA Dream Act, as well as answer any financial aid related questions.

For more information: please visit: <u>CSUB Financial Aid</u>



College can be expensive and additional funds maybe needed as you pursue your education. Please check out the link below to view scholarship that are available to veterans and their family members.

Scholarship Opportunities