Veterans Student Services

Veterans Student Services (VSS) assists active and reserve military, veterans and dependents at California State University, Fullerton in successfully navigating the academic environment through programs, guidance, support services, campus and community resources and the certification of veterans’ and dependents’ educational benefit. VSS is committed to offering comprehensive and personalized services within a unique learning community that facilitates the student’s social and academic integration from admission to achieving their academic and professional goals.

- CSUF Student Veteran Population is holding steady at approximately 500 student veterans. In the Spring semester of 2014, we had 512 student veterans (93 of which are female veterans =18%).

- In the 2014-15 academic year, Veterans Student Services engaged an average of 34% of the student veteran population during the Fall and Spring semester.

- Engagement is proving to be positively correlated to higher GPAs and student persistence.

- CSUF student veteran graduation rate is 68%. The national average is 51.7% (Student Veterans of America, 2014). [http://studentveterans.org/what-we-do/million-records-project.html#data](http://studentveterans.org/what-we-do/million-records-project.html#data)

- Veterans Student Services operated in its 4th year of the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), Center of Excellence for Veterans Student Success (CEVSS) Grant. VSS is one of 15 recipients and the only CSU awarded this grant; VSS will continue to be considered a Center of Excellence for Veterans Student Success even when the grant funding ends.

- Just this May 2014, a Director of Veterans Student Services, Lui Amador, was named to oversee the continued expansion of the Veterans Resource Center.

- At the end of June, Veterans Student Services and Veterans Certification merged to become one department to increase our effectiveness in meeting the needs of our active military, veteran and veteran dependent student population.

Events


- March 22, 2014 - Cal State Fullerton sponsored the 2nd annual conference: Women
Veterans in Higher Education: Transition from Service to Education Through Camaraderie and Empowerment

• May 3, 2014 - 7th Annual Veterans Appreciation Night

PRESENTATIONS

• C. Ward. (2013, November 14). Overview of student veterans: How Veterans Student Services is meeting their needs. Legislative Roundtable. Fullerton, CA.
• C. Ward. (2013, December 5). The veterans’ second transition: From community college to the CSU and UC systems- panel presentation. California Community Colleges Veterans Summit. Newport, CA.