



# Fall 2019 Mission: S.E.R.V.E. Newsletter

Semester Newsletter. Mission: S.E.R.V.E. – Success, Excellence, and Retention for Veterans in Education  
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## Remembering 9/11

### September 11th Remembrance Ceremony

At this 9.11 Remembrance we opened the event with the national anthem, local 55 Oakland Fire honor guard presenting colors, followed by an amazing keynote speaker. Master Gunnery Sergeant Edward Guerrero, USMC veteran, and Captain of the Oakland Fire Department shared his stories of resilience and healing after 9.11. Guerrero also shared his experiences of serving in the United States Marines and his calling to pursue a career in the Fire Science profession. He reflected on the personal sacrifices made of first responders who run toward the devastation to help those in need, and to remind us that freedom is not free. We listened to his inspiring story as a veteran and first responder who works tirelessly to rescue others without hesitation, and to remind us all about the first responders who gave their lives on this tragic day.



## Stay Connected

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## Mission: L.U.C. – Leadership, Updates, & Conversation

This program was designed to give student veterans an opportunity to share their experiences as a veteran in the classroom and on the college campus at Las Positas College.



Mr. William Garcia  
Vice President of Student Services  
at Las Positas College

September 10, 2019

William Garcia  
Vice President of  
Student Services



Dr. Kristina Whalen,  
Academic Vice President  
at Las Positas College

October 8, 2019

Dr. Kristina Whalen  
Vice President of  
Academic Services



Roanna U. Bennie  
Interim President, Las Positas College

November 14, 2019

Roanna Bennie  
Interim President



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## Dr. Miatta Snetter – Flex Day Guest October 22, 2019 – Dr. Miatta

Dr. Miatta facilitated two workshops for Flex Day at LPC titled “Supporting Student Veterans Success” and



“Serving Student Women Veterans.” She provided excellent insight and strategies for working with student veterans in the classroom.

Our student veterans presented Dr. Miatta with our special challenge coin.

## Mentoring Veterans Program (MVP)

This Fall 2019 semester we launched our pilot Mentoring Veterans Program (MVP) geared towards incoming student veterans attending Las Positas College for the primary purpose of assisting them in their transition to civilian and college life. The mentor program included the primary events to gather mentors and students together. The mentors included veteran alumni, community members, and industry professionals. The wealth of knowledge has helped influence student veterans adjust to college life and prepare for their future career endeavors from mentors who have a breadth of experience in a wide range of fields. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or know a student veteran that would benefit from the mentor program please let us know!



## Veterans Day Event Photos November 7, 2019



### *Veterans Day Perspective* from a Student Veteran at Las Positas College

Carlos Orozco Jr was a Sgt. In the United States Marine Corps and is now currently attending LPC to pursue a career in Business Administration. He identifies as a first-generation college student with a primary goal of transferring to a university to obtain his Bachelor’s Degree.

When asked about his reflection on Veterans Day, he states that **“Veterans Day is a day of remembrance to all those who have served and those that are currently serving. It is good to have a day of observation to commemorate all servicemembers and also a day to celebrate friendship and comradery that has been made through their lived experience.”**



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## 2.2 for 22 & 5K Run

### November 9, 2019 Veterans Day Event Photos

On November 9, 2019, the Veterans First Program partnered with the Sean Brock Foundation to host a 2.2 for 22 Challenge Walk to raise awareness that 22 veterans commit suicide daily and support mental health awareness for student veterans. The Sean Brock Foundation hosted a 5K Run to raise funds for scholarships for families of veterans who gave their lives for our freedom. We thank our sponsors, veterans service organizations, and campus departments and clubs. Over 500 participants and families visited the campus. Special thanks to the Honorable Catharine Baker for emceeding our event, and Interim Chancellor Mr. Ronald Gerhard for his opening remarks.



## Roundtable with Congressman Swalwell

November 8, 2019

We had an excellent student veterans' round table visit with Congressman Swalwell!! Thank you for hearing our military to college transitional stories and learning about issues that concern student veterans. We are proud to have served our country! It was an honor to present our Challenge Coin to you.

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## Donate Today to the Veterans First Program!

Your Support Goes Twice as Far!

It has never been easier to make a difference in the lives of our returning heroes, the veterans who have returned to college after their service to our country. Every dollar that you invest in Scholarships for Veterans will do the work of two dollars. Your investment will be matched 100% by the Mario Pedrozzi Scholarship Foundation, a local Livermore organization.

The beneficiaries will be the men and women veterans attending Las Positas College under the Veterans First Initiative program.

To Donate:

<https://www.lpcfoundation.org/investing/make-an-investment/>

Program Name: VETERANS FIRST INITIATIVE

## Spring 2020 Events SAVE THE DATE

- January 23, 2020 : MVP Mixer & Recognition Event
- February 11, 2020: Mission L.U.C. (Leadership, Updates, & Conversation)
- March 12, 2020 : Honoring Women Veterans Event
- March 17, 2020 : Mission L.U.C. (Leadership, Updates, & Conversation)
- APRIL 25, 2020 : Picnic in the Park – VET BOWL III
- MAY 14, 2020 : Veterans First Program Commencement Celebration

**\*\*Notes:** Events are tentative & subject to change.

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