Best Practices Report February-19

Texas A&M University System

Campus

Texas A&M University - Main Campus Cargo (ncargo@tamu.edu) 979-458-5310 (adrake@vpsa.tamu.edu) 979-458-3886	Nora Ashley Drake	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Troops to College (T2C)		A campus forum that facilitates communication to better serve Aggie student veterans.	Academics, Financial, Well- being, Career	Lunches paid out of donor funds
Automated Hazlewood Eligibility System (VSO)		Automated process for student veteran's benefits eligibility requirements.	Financial	Staff Hours
Automated VA Certification and Request Certification System (VS	0)	Automated process for VA certification, inclusion of courses counting, and request for certification in BANNER.	Financial	Staff Hours
Aggie Shields Book Lending Library		A student-led organization dedicated to providing books for student veterans through its lending library.	Academic	\$2,000 initial grant for necessary start-up materials; \$10,000 annual budget; other costs are offset through fundraising and book drives
Prairie View A&M University D.M.Bowie (dmbowie@pvamu.edu) 936-261-3563		Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Color Coding		Student veteran benefits are color coded by specific benefit (e.g. blue folder for Post 9/11)	Well-being	N/A
Texas A&M University - Commerce Pearson (dustin.pearson@tamuc.edu) 903-886-5123	Dustin	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense

Veterans Orientation Session		Student orientation specific for veterans to help improve campus climate; aid in finding close relationships with other student veterans; provide sense of community	Academic, Financial, Well- Being	N/A
Leveraging established on-campus resources		Goal is to increase office impacy by leveraging staff, programs, and resource structures that are already established on campus	Academic, Financial, Well- Being	N/A
Tarleton State University Kittelson (kittelson@tarleton.edu) 254-968-1805	Stephanie	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Student Veteran Lounge		Common area for student veterans to relax. Includes work space, refreshments, printing capabilities, complimentary supplies, direct support from Veterans Center personnel	Academic, Well-Being	\$50/month + One-time \$30k construction
Priority Registration		Student veterans and dependents are allowed to register at the earliest registration period	Academic, Financial	N/A
West Texas A&M University Reid (Ireid@wtamu.edu) 806-651-4939	Leo	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Annual Military Veterans Scholarship Ball		Provides opportunity to celebrate student veteran achievements. Scholarships are awarded and funds are raised during the event.	Academic, Financial	N/A
Veterans Lounge		Provides a work space for student veterans. Includes 6 work stations, telecommunication, printing, gaming, and meeting capabilities.	Well-Being	N/A

Texas A&M University - Kingsville Gamez (eloy.gamez@tamuk.edu) 361-593-4421	Eloy	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Veteran Engagement		Various programs to engage with student veterans. Includes Situation Report (newsletter) and Veteran of the Month.	Academic, Financial, Well- Being, Career	N/A
Document Consolidation		A system that consolidates all necessary information for Request for Certification, Student Class Schedule, and Degree Plan/Advisor in one page.	Academic	N/A
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Stevens (ricci.stevens@tamucc.edu) 361-825-2337	Ricci	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Pre-term veteran contact		Self-identified veterans are contacted prior to the start of a term to prevent confusion about non-resident status.	Academic, Financial, Well- being, Career	N/A
Texas A&M International University Garza (joe.garza@tamiu.edu) 956-326-2254	Joe	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Community Service		Aims to reintegrate veterans with the civilian community. Also serves as a networking opportunity.	Academic, Well-Being, Career	N/A
Veteran Inclusion		Veteran inclusion on and off campus.	Academic, Well-Being	N/A
Texas A&M University - Texarkana Hernandez (rhernandez@tamut.edu) 903-334-6602	Robert	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Electronic File Convesion		An established standard for processing veterans' benefits within 48-hours of receipt.	Financial, Well-Being	

A communications folder	
containing email templates	ò
used for routine messages.	
Has capability to personalize	Z
emails based on the	
recepient's information.	

Communications Plan

Academic, Financial, Well-Being, Career

N/A

Texas A&M University - Central Texas Jernigan (t.jernigan@tamuct.edu) 254-519-5760	Tila	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Fort Hood Campus Location		Offers office hours and classroom instruction on Fort Hood to support soldiers and dependents.	Academic, Well-being, Career	Routing operational expenses
Stole Program		Provides stole for veterans, who honorably served, and Purple Heart recepients.	Academic	\$25.00/veteran
VetSuccess		Collaborative effort between TAMUCT and VA to provide support and assistance for Active Duty Service Members and dependents.	Academic, Well-being, Career	Office Space and Assisting with cost of outreach
Texas A&M University - San Antonio Delgado (richard.delgado@tamusa.edu) 210-784-1175	Richard	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense
Patriot Cord Ceremony		Recognizes graduating veterans and their accomplishments.	Academic, Well-Being, Career	Cost of cords and coins
Veteran Priority Registration		Allows student veterans to have first choice in class selection.	Academic, Career	N/A
Military Cultural Competency Training		Provides a 5-hour online training and workshop discussing basic military history, student veteran dynamics, and engagement strategies for retention and graduation.	Academic, Well-Being, Career	\$10,000
Texas A&M University - Galveston Bailey (baileyk@tamug.edu) 409-740-4725	Ken	Description	Pillar	Budgeted Expense

Student Veteran Association Lunches	SVA-led lunches that discusses various student veteran topics.	Academic, Financial, Well- Being, Career	\$5,500
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