13th Annual Texas Veterans Higher Education Symposium
October 5-6, 2021

Tuesday, October 5

8:00-8:30  Registration and Check-In

8:30-9:15  * Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:15-9:45  * Keynote Address

10:00-11:00  Presentation: Stand-To Veteran Higher Education Task Force, Military & Veteran Affairs Playbook
Amy Bernard, George W. Bush Institute

11:00-11:15  Break

11:15-12:15  Presentation: Assessing the Impact of the COVID Pandemic on Student Veterans and Campus Support Services
Wendy Lang, Operation College Promise
Monteigne Long, Texas A&M University System

12:15-1:30  Lunch with Guest Spotlights
Art Montiel, Alamo Area Council of Governments
Kandi Tillman, 50strong

1:30-2:30  Concurrent Sessions
Presentation: How Do You Quantify Integrity (Career Readiness)
Amanda Olson, The University of Texas at Austin
* Presentation: An Interdisciplinary Partnership for Providing Well Being Services (Holistic Wellbeing)
Dr. Katherine Selber, Texas State University

2:45-3:45  Concurrent Sessions
* Presentation: Serving Those Who Have Served: How Veterans and Employers Engage During the Career Readiness Process (Career Readiness)
Susan Keough, Texas A&M University
Presentation: Power of Working Together (Holistic Wellbeing)
Adriana Leal & Jessica Parra, University of the Incarnate Word

4:00-5:00  * Presentation: Texas Veterans Commission Briefing

5:30-7:30  Reception at The Art Museum of South Texas

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Wednesday, October 6

8:30-9:30    * Presentation: Veteran Inclusivity
             Dr. Abby Kinch, Student Veterans of America

9:45-10:45   Panel: Texas Veteran Education Success Tracker
             Moderator: Jerry Smith, Texas A&M University System
             Panelists: Lisa Adams, The University of Texas at Dallas | Dr. Chris Cate, Student Veterans of America | Jeremiah Gunderson, The University of Texas at Austin

10:45-11:00  Break

11:15-12:15  Concurrent Sessions
             * Presentation: Overcoming Obstacles: Using Case Management for Veteran Student Success (Academic Success)
             Marleatta Dean & Anne Imber, Lone Star College – University Park
             Presentation: VETworking & More: Career Programs That Engage Student Veterans (Career Readiness)
             Lisa Adams, The University of Texas at Dallas

12:15-1:30   Lunch

1:30-2:30    Concurrent Sessions

             Presentation: The Pursuit of Holistic Well-Being: Building a Plan to Boost Resiliency (Holistic Wellbeing)
             Rachel Brauner & Lakshmi Mahadevan, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
             * Presentation: Financial Best Practices & Collaboration across Campus (Financial Support)
             LeeAnn Pickett, Texas A&M University

2:45-3:45    * Presentation: Employing Student Veterans on Campus
             Alex Rodriguez, The University of Texas at Dallas

4:00-4:30    * Closing Remarks

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