

Newsletter

2018 Symposium Wrap-Up

The 10th Annual Veterans Higher Education Symposium was held October 11-12 in Austin. Hosted by the University of Texas System and the Texas A&M University System, the Symposium was a huge success again this year. Notable guests included TAMU Chancellor, John Sharp; and Robert Worley, Director of Education at VA Benefits Administration. We hope you enjoyed networking with your colleagues and learned something valuable. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the University of Texas System for planning and hosting the Symposium.

Save the Date 2019

SAVE THE DATE! The 11th Annual Veterans Higher Education Symposium will be held at Texas A&M University in College Station, October 1-3, 2019. We will meet for our System break-out session on Tuesday, October 1 in the afternoon. The conference will be held on October 2 and 3. We hope you all will be able to join us in 2019! A formal save the date will be sent out soon.

Best Practices

What do you do really well on your campus? Everyone is doing something great for their own campus and student veteran population. Let's share our best practices!

The best practices survey is designed to identify and share best practices supporting student veterans and military-connected students. The Office of Veteran Services will compile and share the best practices from each TAMU System campus and state agency. This helpful resource may be used to guide your programs, practices, and policies on your respective campuses. Please complete and return the Best Practices survey by **Friday, December 21**. Questions? Contact Montaigne Long at mlong@tamu.edu.

Data Collection

How often are you asked, "How many veterans are on your campus"? Do you know the answer to that question? As we start to collect data from the Fall 2018 semester, it's a good time to evaluate if you know how many veterans your campus serves.

This semester, we also want to learn more about student success and will accomplish this by better understanding the 1-year retention rate of student veterans.

Please submit your campus data to Montaigne Long at mlong@tamu.edu by **Friday, February 1, 2019**.

Campus Spotlight

The Aggie Ring is the most visible symbol of the worldwide Aggie Network and one of the oldest and most revered traditions of Texas A&M University.

In support of the Aggie Ring Scholarship, the Veterans Resource and Support Center at Texas A&M established the *Aggie Rings for Student Veterans Program*. This scholarship provides the opportunity for current student veterans to be a part of the time honored tradition.

Six veterans received their Aggie Rings through scholarships in November. Chancellor Sharp attended the Ring Ceremonies in support of the student veterans.

Please click on this [link](#) for more information about the scholarship program.

Have a “good news” story to share about your campus and student veterans? Please submit them to Montaigne Long at mlong@tamu.edu to be included in a future edition of the TAMUS Office of Veteran Services newsletter.