Accomplishments FY22

Veteran Services and Programs
1) Hosted veteran pre-commencement event with 28 of 65 student veteran graduates in attendance
2) Successfully implemented the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (CEVSS) grant program to holistically assist student veterans in achieving higher performance and completion
3) Initiate 25 student veterans into inaugural CEVSS cohort
4) Increase in student veteran completion of 28.75%
5) Provided over 588 Comprehensive Education Plans
6) Assisted over 948 veteran, dependent, and regular students visiting the Veteran Resource Center (VRC)
7) Designed and implemented the Electronic Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits Certification, streamlining the process for staff and allowing students to receive benefits more expediently
8) Worked with OIE to develop a comprehensive “Bakersfield College Veteran Students” Tableau dashboard to effectively capture and monitor multiple points of student veteran data
9) Implemented all requirements of recently enacted Isakson & Roe legislation in order to remain a VA educational benefit participating institution
10) Participated in the development of and implementation of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) board policy and procedure
11) Awarded acceptance into and participating in the Military Articulation Platform cohort where, in partnership with select BC staff and faculty, we have successfully articulated 3 courses for CPL
12) Created veteran intake process to capture demographics of veterans served by the VRC eliciting 68 responses
13) Secured $1500 in donations to implement book voucher program, allowing the purchase 7 books for student veterans in need to help alleviate financial burden
14) Reestablished student veteran Student Development class
15) Established Student Veteran School Supply Locker and calculator loan program
16) Hired additional full-time educational advisor to support CEVSS grant students
17) Hired 1 peer mentor/English tutor and 1 math tutor/professional expert
18) Hired 5 veteran work studies to assist student veterans in navigating resources
19) Veterans educational advisor, Armando Trujillo, received the California Community College Chancellor’s Office Board of Governors Classified Employee of the Year Award
20) In partnership with BC’s Peace Project, virtually presented “Peace and Military Service” panel discussion
21) Hosted virtual fall pre-commence ceremony celebrating 28 graduates
22) Hosted annual Vet Fest with 4 virtual and in-person events
23) Hosted 3 in-person workshops and recognition events with a total of 148 attendees
24) Hosted 2-30 Unit Coining Ceremonies awarding 59 coins
25) Hosted 9/11 20th Anniversary and Pow/Mia special Events
26) Hosted 3 Flex Week workshops in partnership with Credit for Prior Learning development team
27) Manager, Jenny Frank, Chairs the Kern County Veterans Collaborative
28) Educational Advisor, Armando Trujillo, acts as a NASPA Community College Representative, Advisory Board for the Veterans Knowledge Community
29) Two staff attended 3 conferences focusing on veterans in higher education