



Veteran Student Newsletter



CSI Hosting Veterans Recognition Luncheon

The CSI Veteran Services Committee, Student Activities and the CSI Foundation are proud to host a Veterans Recognition Luncheon on Wednesday, October 1st at 12:00 pm in room 276 of the Taylor Building. The luncheon is being held to honor the service of current and past armed forces members and give students a chance to network with each other. Pat Branch will be our master of ceremonies. Lunch will be provided. CSI students who are Veterans or current members of the armed forces are invited to attend. Please RSVP by contacting Erin Nunnelley in the Advising Center (enunnelley@csi.edu 732-6250) by September 25th. Seating is limited.

CSI to Highlight Veteran Students in November

As a way of recognizing veteran students during the month of November CSI will displaying profiles of veteran students in the Student Union Building. The profiles will highlight the student's service and their career goals. If you are interested in having a profile featuring you please contact Kate Woods (kwoods@csi.edu 208-732-6303) in the Career Center. We encourage all veteran students to take advantage of this opportunity!

Scott Lindquist
Student Advisor

Campus Spotlight

PEER TUTORING AT CSI – The Learning Assistance Center WHAT IS PEER TUTORING?

The intent of peer tutoring is to help students help themselves, or to assist or guide them to the point at which they become independent learners, and thus no longer need a tutor. Its primary goal is to assist with troublesome content areas and identify skills necessary to complete complex assignments. Tutors are available free to current CSI students on a drop-in basis. Just bring your student ID to check in. Tutors are available beginning September 1st and students are encouraged to utilize this assistance early on. Primary content areas for tutoring include Math, Writing, Computer Literacy Assistance, and Sciences.

LOCATION:

Peer Tutoring is located in the Learning Assistance Center, which is on the second floor of the Gerald Meyerhoeffer Building (above Library). Once you arrive on the second floor, go through the set of double doors, past the reception area, and through the second set of double doors. Within the Learning Assistance Center are tutors, study tables, computers and instructional videos and DVDs for various classes.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Many factors can contribute to the success of a student such as:
Understanding learning styles
Managing time
Test preparation
Reducing test anxiety
Find these and other resources at <http://www.csi.edu/ip/adc/lap/resources.htm>

Kat Powell
Learning Center Coordinator

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Hours for the LAC

Fall/Spring Hours:	
Mon-Wed	8am-6pm
Thursday	8am-8pm
Friday	8am-5pm
Saturday	1pm-5pm

*Tutors may not be available in all subject areas during all of these hours. Schedules can be found at: <http://www.csi.edu/ip/adc/lap>

Located within Academic Development Center
Phone: (208)732-6685
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A Letter from your School Certifying Official

Welcome to Fall 2014!

I would first like an opportunity to introduce myself, my name is Shannon Kerr and I am your new School Certifying Official. With the recent retirement of Carol Carlile and the movement of Tara Nunnelley in to our Financial Aid office I have some pretty impressive shoes to fill but am looking forward to it. I have had the privilege to meet and work with quite a few VA students as we have started the new semester but have not had the opportunity to meet everyone and am looking forward to that time when it comes. I am located in the Admissions and Records office of the Taylor Building and am here whenever you need me.

I do have a few reminders for you.

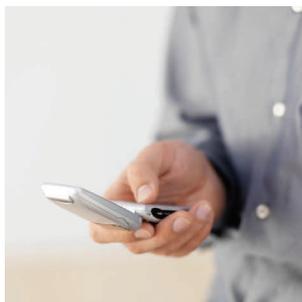
1. Students receiving Chapter 30, 1606, and 1607 make sure that you are verifying your attendance at the end of each month. The VA will not issue a payment until attendance verification has been done. This can be done over the phone at 877-823-2378, or online at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/>. If you need any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.
2. Please remember that the certification form needs to be filled out every semester. The majority of you have already filled out the certification form for the fall semester but in case you have not please get that in to me as soon as possible so that I can help you get your benefits. Remember that I can only certify courses that work towards your major so please make sure you are working with your advisors. Also you are only allowed to repeat a course twice and I cannot certify any courses that you have passed unless a higher grade is needed for that program.
3. If you need to drop a class or change your schedules in any way please let me know. I am more than happy to assist you with the changes and I do have to report these changes to the VA.

If you find that you are struggling with your course work, know that we have many resources and that there is help available. Please stop my office at any time and I can help you find what you need to help you best succeed. Thank you for everything you do and allowing me the opportunity to serve you. I am very excited to get to know each of you and again if there is anything that I can help you with or if you have ever have any suggestions on how I can better be of service to you please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Suicide Prevention Hotline

The Department of Veterans Affairs has created a national suicide prevention hotline to help veterans and their families. Veterans and/or their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1** or chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, from a trained counselor.



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