



# Veteran Student Newsletter

## CSI Veterans Recognition Luncheon a Success

About 40 people attended the CSI Veterans Recognition Luncheon held on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The event was sponsored by the CSI Veterans Services Committee, Student Activities, the CSI Foundation and DL Evans Bank. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Pat Branch. Pat is a veteran himself who serviced in the Army and received 3 Purple Hearts in the line of duty. CSI student and Miss Idaho runner-up Kalie Wright



performed a powerful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. Former CSI student and US Navy Officer Toni Lee was the guest speaker for the event and gave a moving personal testimony. CSI Executive Vice President Dr. Todd Schwarz also spoke during the luncheon. He talked about CSI's continuing commitment to supporting veterans on campus.

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## Campus Spotlight

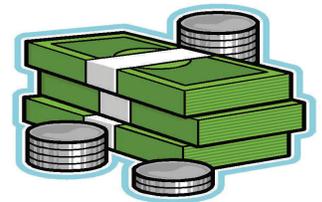
### STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Student Disability Services (SDS) at the College of Southern Idaho is responsible for ensuring that individuals with disabilities are provided equal access and opportunity to all of the services and programs offered by the college. Our office ensures that reasonable accommodations are made available to students who qualify to receive them.

Each semester our office staff has the pleasure of working with several veterans with a variety of conditions. Some of these students have disabilities related to their service to our country, while others have disabilities that have been present since their youth. Some of the more common conditions we assist with include: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and physical limitations/ mobility impairments.

To receive accommodations, students need to meet with an SDS staff member to determine what accommodations they are eligible to receive, as they pertain to their current coursework. Students seeking academic accommodations must provide current documentation of their disability. SDS responds to all requests for assistance to accommodate students with disabilities; reasonable accommodations are provided on a case-by-case basis according to how a person's disability specifically impacts functioning in the academic setting, programs, and/or services.

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The CSI Foundation is sponsoring the CSI Veterans' Scholarship for the seventh year in a row. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2015-2016 school year.

The application is available at the CSI Veterans Services webpage (<http://www.csi.edu/veteransServices>). The application is due by August 1st, 2015. If you have any questions about the Veterans' Scholarship please contact Scott Lindquist (732-6252 [slindquist@csi.edu](mailto:slindquist@csi.edu)).



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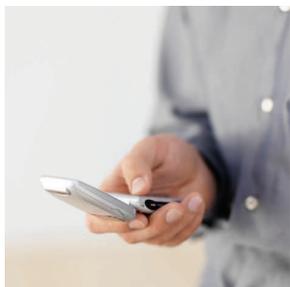


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*Suicide Prevention Hotline  
1-800-273-8255*

## CSI Veterans Club Organizational Meeting

Due to interest expressed by veterans on campus a CSI Veterans Club organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon in room 248 of the Student Union Building. The meeting will give students a chance to determine if there is interest in restarting the club. Lunch will be provided. If you have questions please contact Scott Lindquist (732-6252 [slindquist@csi.edu](mailto:slindquist@csi.edu)).

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## A Letter from your School Certifying Official

First I would like to say Welcome Back to the majority of you and Welcome to CSI to those of you who are new this semester. Last semester was my first full semester working as your School Certifying Official and I would like to say that it was the most amazing five months. I really feel that I have the best job on campus and it is because of each and every one of you. I am happy to report that the majority of the certifications are completed for the spring semester and would like to thank you for your diligence in getting them to me. If you have any problems concerning your benefits or just have questions please feel free to stop by my desk located in the Registrar's office of the Taylor Building or feel free to email, I am available 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 this form for the spring 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.

4. Please remember to check your email. This is my main source of contact for you and while I will not bombard your inbox I do send out important reminders or announcements throughout the semester that may be considered important. I will also send individualized emails concerning your benefits that I do need you to respond to.

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 desk 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 continue to work with 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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