

## ***Helping American Veterans with Educational Services (HAVES)***

### **Project Personnel**

**Total Award Amount    \$154,125**

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### **Project Description**

The HAVES Program honors the commitment of the campus leadership and community to the academic and personal success of student veterans and is proposed to augment the Kellogg Legacy Boots to Broncos Program in its last year of funding. The primary objective of HAVES is to provide a successful educational experience and support a productive veteran community of lifelong learners.

The success of the Veterans Resource Center in serving as a centralized point of contact for programs and services and the subsequent stabilization of many of the academic and enrollment support services have brought to light the need for additional focus as follows:

1. Expansion of elective, G.E. and course-to-course articulation of military courses/experience through collaboration with the American Council of Education, the academic departments and the Chancellor's Office
2. Increased outreach to community college students to support their transition to Cal Poly Pomona and maximize the use of their limited VA benefits to achieve a four-year degree
3. Development of a Faculty Advisory Board to increase the faculty's understanding of veterans needs and enhance meaningful interaction between veterans and the faculty and staff within the colleges
4. Creation of a campus VET ALLY Program (similar to the Safe Zone Ability Ally Program) to increase campus awareness of student veteran needs
5. Enhanced training of our vet mentors to facilitate vet-to-vet support and strengthen our veteran community
6. Expanded workshops for student veterans to support their educational aspirations and strengthen the student veteran community
7. Ongoing expansion of liaisons with external organizations that can provide veterans career and internship opportunities and the health and wellness support that cannot be provided within campus resources

8. Expanded recognition for veterans individually and as a whole
9. Increased efforts to obtain external grants to support the veteran community