The Power of Mentoring

Student Veterans: Continuation of Service – Mentoring, Leadership and Inclusion on Campus

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Introductions

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• Melinda Myers, Student, Army Veteran, BMCC
• Angela Eilers, Student, Family Member, BMCC
• Elizabeth Vasquez, College Assistant, Navy Veteran, CUNY BA
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Coordinator’s Role/Responsibilities

- Leadership, Management, Coordination, Training & Support
- Recruitment/Selection
  – Diversity (inclusion)
  – Referrals from Peer Mentors
  – Continuous Cycle
- Serve as a Mentor
- Inclusion of Mentors in Veteran Services - Programming, Processes & Planning
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Coordinator’s Role/Responsibilities
Basic Training

Establishing Rapport
Listening / Attending techniques
Cultivating a Welcoming Environment (VRC)
Title IX/Henderson Rules/CUNY/BMCC Policies
Understanding GI Bill Entitlements
Consequences of “F & W” grades
Veteran Specific Orientation
Veterans Support Team
PROVE Model / VET Chats

Degree Works
Applying to Senior Colleges
Campus Resources: Counseling Center, Accessibility Services, Single Stop, LRC/Tutoring, Women’s Resource Center, etc.
Community Resources: VA Centers, Housing & Employment Assistance
Organization for Student Veterans – meetings, activities and events
Problem Solving
Conflict Resolution
Outreach Techniques
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Mentorship Methods:
- Hybrid Approaches
  - One-on-One
  - Group
  - Cohort
  - Active v. Passive (High Achievers/Others)
- Walk-in
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Questions?
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