Troops to College: CSU and Statewide Parallel Efforts

CSU efforts underway prior to 2006 led by individual campuses:
- Certification
- Student Support Services
- Dedicated Veteran Campus Centers (less than 6)

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In March 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger charged the California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), Departments of Education, Veterans Affairs, and Labor and Workforce Development Agency to expand education opportunities for active duty service members and veterans. The vision was for California to become the nation’s leader for providing educational opportunities for service members and veterans.

The chart below illustrates the parallel veteran affairs efforts undertaken by the CSU and the state from 2006 to present. The arrows indicate where CSU efforts overlapped with the broader statewide initiatives under Col. Bucky Peterson’s leadership.

STATEWIDE efforts co-led by Col. Bucky Peterson with support from CSU Chancellor’s Office Student Academic Support Department.

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CSU CHANCELLOR’S OFFICE Student Academic Support Department implements a centralized model to coordinate campus efforts.

- Expanded campus student support services.
- Encouraged flexibility of credit.
- Developed model for student involvements; increased outreach.
- Created campus veteran support teams; host monthly meetings with campus veteran team leaders.
- Enhanced CO and campus websites and developed marketing materials.
- Created Troops to College Admission Program.
- Established partnerships with military installations.
- Created Wounded Warrior Project.

CSU led state effort

CSU consulted on state effort

State led CSU effort