

# VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- School Certifying Official Corner
- Veteran of the Month
- VRC Events and Updates
- Department Highlights: Honors Enrichment Program
- Careers: MSJC School of Nursing and San Francisco Police Department

## VETERAN OF THE MONTH

We would like to recognize Alec Ramirez as the April Veteran of the Month. The Veteran of the Month is nominated by staff and students for their exemplary character and service to fellow student Veterans.

Alec an Army Veteran pursuing a degree in Audio Engineering. He always has a positive attitude and is willing to help his fellow students. Alec has also generously donated a Wii system to the Veterans Resource Center. Congratulations Alec!



Alec Ramirez, Veteran of the Month, pictured with VRC Coordinator Mary Lou Dillard

## SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL CORNER

If you have questions regarding state or federal financial aid you do not need to go to the Financial Aid Office. Veterans and dependents can come in to the VRC and speak with a School Certifying Official regarding their aid. Using VA Educational Benefits does not make you ineligible to use financial aid so come in to speak to a certifying official to be sure that you are receiving all of the aid available to you.

If you are planning to take classes during the summer be sure to submit a Statement of Responsibility (SOR) as soon as you register for a course. Remember that you only have 4 days to pay your fees (same day pay starts May 29th).

SOR forms must be submitted in person. Forms sent to the VRC email will NOT be processed and you may be dropped. All schedule changes must be reported, after you add or drop a course be sure to submit an updated SOR to avoid disruptions in your benefits.

2017-2016 fee Waivers, both Cal Vet and BOG, expire at the end of the spring 2017 term. If you are planning on using either of these waivers during the summer term be sure to file either a 2017-2018 FAFSA or a 2017-2018 Cal Vet Fee Waiver applications. Come in to the VRC if you have any questions.



Dial 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

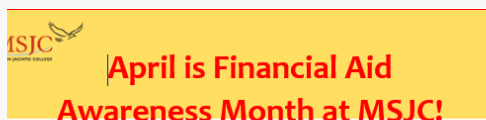
Text to **838255**

**Confidential Veterans Chat**



Pictured left to right: Director of Financial Aid and Veteran Services Shanae Williams, VRC Student Worker Joshua Pawlak, VRC Coordinator and Counselor Mary Lou Dillard, President Schultz, Dean of Student Services Dolores Smith, Financial Aid Student Worker Gregory Patterson

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Students will be educated on all the options available to help them pay for college.

You may spot financial aid staff across all campuses informing students and having tables set up with information on upcoming events and instructional flyers. Plus, information is readily accessible through student emails, social media pages and signs around campus.

Dolores Smith, Dean of Student Services, hopes that this month will provide a chance for students to see their options, get a chance to get questions answered and meet some of our financial aid staff.

The goal is to make students aware of their eligibilities for various types of financial aid and how to acquire what they need. Look for staff wearing the button "Financial aid...Ask us how to get many financial aid questions answers on the spot."

We hope that many students will see the presence of the FA staff. Those who attend the events have the chance to interact with a department that normally stays behind office doors. We care about students and their success!



We are "Battle Tested Entrepreneurs" that are proactive in retooling other veterans with basic assistance in the areas of entrepreneurship, networking, employment training, business development, economic development, resume writing, disability claims, & education in government contracting. These issues are not inclusive of our committee however, they illustrate our core values and support that we want to provide to all our fellow veterans.

**Murrieta Innovation Center**  
26442 Beckman Ct, Murrieta, CA

[www.SocalVbac.com](http://www.SocalVbac.com) | Facebook- SoCal Vbac

Call for more info 951-442-8365 / 951-456-1910

The Mt. San Jacinto College Foundation honored outstanding individuals and organizations and raised funds for student scholarships during its 9th annual gala. The theme, "A Night of Vintage Glamour," was a nod to the heyday of radio and TV of the 1940s and highlighted the college's television and radio programs that prepare students for work in today's dynamic media industry. The VRC, under the Financial Aid department, was present at the event. Thanks to a raffle done by Dean Smith, student workers were able to receive tickets. An additional ticket was donated by Sherrie Guerrero, Board of Trustee. The department enjoyed photo booths, wine, dancing, and after dinner, a visit from the President of Mt. San Jacinto College, Dr. Schultz.



The VRC is proud to recognize one of our very own Student Workers, Michael Gathright, who is the recipient of the American Legion Post 848 Scholarship. Micheal is a Marine veteran who served from 2000-2008. Michael has been a student at MSJC since Fall 2016 and a student worker since January. Congratulations Michael!



Join the MSJC Veterans Resource Centers at our Eat Wings Raise Funds event on April 28th. Dine at the Hemet Buffalo Wild Wings during regular business hours and let your server know that you are there for the Veterans Resource Centers event and Buffalo Will Wings will donate 10% of your bill to the VRC! Your support will help us plan events and workshops throughout the year.

3575 W. Stetson Ave  
Hemet, Ca

# Department Highlights: Honors Enrichment Program

Approximately 25% of applicants to UCLA from community colleges will be accepted. However, 75% of applicants to UCLA that completed the Honors Enrichment Program will be accepted. Mt. San Jacinto College's Honors Enrichment Program serves over 200 students and aims to empower them with the academic skills necessary for achieving transfer success at four-year universities. Since its launch in 1996, the program has accomplished this goal by focusing on nurturing students with personalized and small group instruction and counseling.

The on-going, one-on-one interaction between students, counselors, and faculty is one of the strongest aspects of our program, providing a plethora of benefits to students. For example, faculty and counselors can write strong and highly personalized letters of recommendation for deserving honors students. These letters have helped our honors students achieve greater financial freedom in pursuing their academic dreams. Many of our students have received UCLA TAP scholarships, and alumni have received the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke scholarship.

Each honors section at Mt. San Jacinto College is limited to five openings, thereby facilitating collaboration among honors students in seminar style learning environments. By embedding honors sections within traditional sections, the program discourages feelings of elitism among honors students and promotes the sharing of knowledge with non-honors peers.

[click here for more information](#)

## MSJC School of Nursing

MSJC's School of Nursing would like to offer our veterans a chance to earn credit for their military work and educational experience. If you served in the areas of: Basic Medical Technician Corpsman, Army Health Care Specialist, Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician you can possibly receive advanced placement. Come in to the Veterans Resource Center to discuss your options with a counselor.



## San Francisco Police Department

Starting Salary: \$83,018 (Top Step Officer Salary: \$122,486\*)

\*Based on education, training points, and law enforcement work experience.

The San Francisco Police Department invites you to join a highly respected police department and serve the citizens of one of the most beautiful cities in the country. San Francisco Police Officers perform a wide variety of duties to promote public safety, security, crime prevention, and law enforcement.

A number of essential duties include:

- Patrol districts and respond to calls in order to detect and prevent crime
- Interact with the community to build cooperation and support
- Conduct criminal investigations and give court testimony
- Enforce traffic and parking laws
- Write reports and maintain records

[click here for more information](#)