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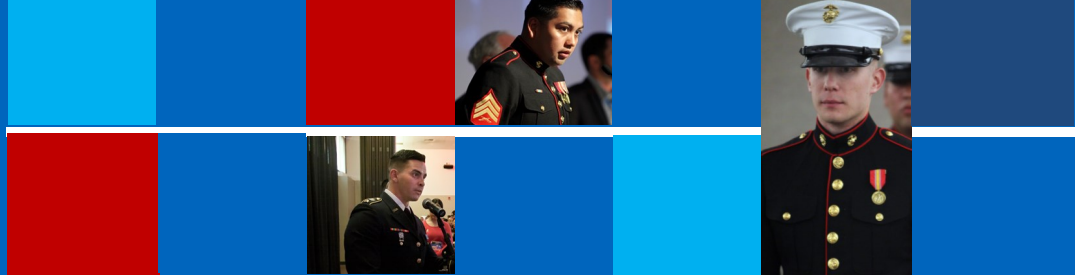
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Military Times Ranks CSUSB 12th as Best for Vets Colleges 2014

Best for Vets: Colleges 2014

4-year

These are four-Year Schools as classified by the National Center for Education Statistics.

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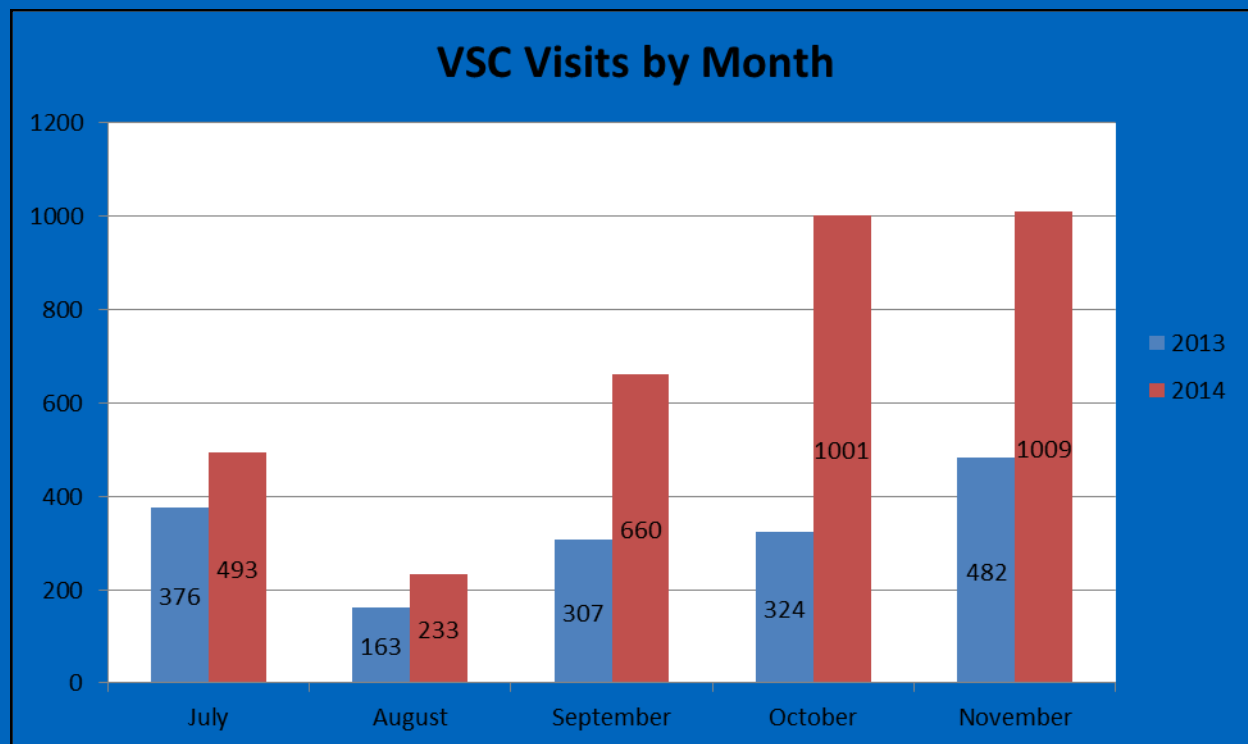
| Rank | School | Headquarters or main campus | Type | 2012 Enrollment | | Veterans office | Accepts ACE credits | At or below TA cap | Post-9/11 GI Bill | | | | Staff support | Academic support | Extra-curriculars | Accreditation | Student faculty ratio |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | Total | Military | | | | Yellow Ribbon | At or below limits | At or below limits | At or below limits | | | | | |
| 1 | D'Youville College | Buffalo, N.Y. | Private | 3,145 | 191 | ✓ | ✓ | | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | NYSBR [R] ⁽⁴⁾ | 8:1 |
| 2 | University of Nebraska Omaha | Omaha, Neb. | Public | 14,786 | 642 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆ | NCACS [R] | 17:1 |
| 3 | Concord University | Athens, W.Va. | Public | 2,834 | 81 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | NCACS [R] | 20:1 |
| 4 | Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey | New Brunswick, N.J. | Public | 58,788 | 2,154 | ✓ | ✓ | | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | MSCHE [R] ⁽⁴⁾ | 14:1 |
| 5 | University of South Florida | Tampa, Fla. | Public | 47,646 | 1,707 | ✓ | ✓ | | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | SACS [R] | 24:1 |
| 6 | University of the Incarnate Word | San Antonio | Private | 8,442 | 2,085 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | SACS [R] | 14:1 |
| 7 | Western Kentucky University | Bowling Green, Ky. | Public | 21,124 | 629 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | SACS [R] | 19:1 |
| 8 | Southern Illinois University Carbondale | Carbondale, Ill. | Public | 18,847 | 1,253 | ✓ | ✓ | | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | NCACS [R] | 15:1 |
| 9 | South Dakota School of Mines and Technology | Rapid City, S.D. | Public | 2,424 | 159 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | NCACS [R] | 14:1 |
| 10 | Florida State University | Tallahassee, Fla. | Public | 41,301 | 890 ⁽¹⁾ | ✓ | ✓ | | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆☆☆ | SACS [R] | 26:1 |
| 11 | Texas A&M University | College Station, Texas | Public | 50,514 | 563 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | SACS [R] | 22:1 |
| 12 | California State University, San Bernardino | San Bernardino, Calif. | Public | 18,234 | 357 ⁽¹⁾ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | WASC [R] | 29:1 |
| 13 | University of Wisconsin Oshkosh | Oshkosh, Wis. | Public | 13,413 | 550 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ☆☆☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | NCACS [R] | 22:1 |
| 14 | Texas State University | San Marcos, Texas | Public | 34,225 | 1,202 | ✓ | ✓ | | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | SACS [R] | 22:1 |
| 15 | Richard Stockton College of New Jersey | Galloway, N.J. | Public | 8,400 | 156 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | MSCHE [R] | 18:1 |
| 16 | CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice | New York | Public | 17,000 | 854 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | n/a | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | ☆☆ | MSCHE [R] | 18:1 |

CSUSB was ranked No. 12 among four-year colleges by Military Times, "Best for Vets: Colleges 2014." CSUSB is the only campus in California ranked in the top 20, according to Military Times survey. The ranking appeared in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force Times.

Approximately, 600 schools responded to the Best for Vets: Colleges 2014 survey, which was comprised of 150 questions focused on all facets of school operations. Questions centered on retention, completion and graduation rates, students using veteran and military benefits, tuition costs, student-faculty ratios, on-line programs, and programs and services for veterans.

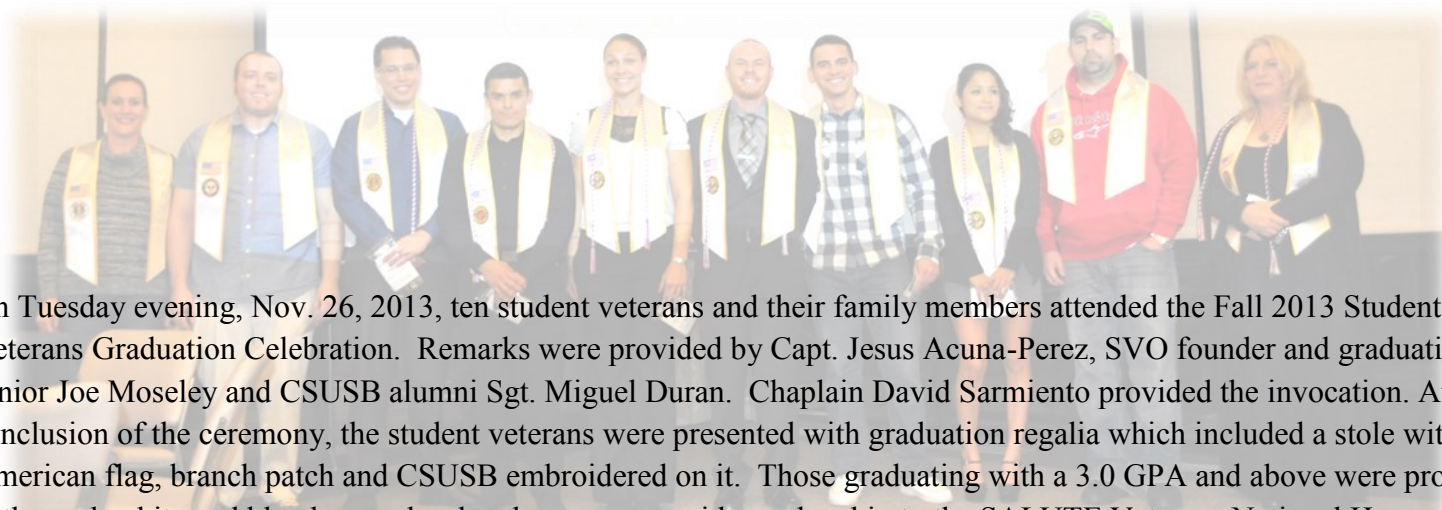
Many thanks to the hard work of student assistant Kenny Jacobs, USMC-Reserves, and Tanner Carrollo, Institutional Research, U.S. Army veteran, for all of their hard work on the survey. "To receive this level of national recognition is a great testament to the dedication of our campus to serve veterans through high quality instruction and programs," said Marci Daniels, director of the center and a U.S. Army veteran.

Veterans Success Center Tops 1,000 Visits



VSC student assistant Luca Daley, USMC dependent, is the center's number cruncher. He is mainly responsible for entering the information from various sign-in sheets into the database. Daley was shocked by the increase in numbers of student veterans visiting the center so he created the above chart to compare the number of visits between the 2012-2013 academic year and the 2013-2014 academic year for the months of July through November. "As you can see VSC visits have increased significantly, doubling and even tripling through the school year. We have also reached the 1,000 visit mark for the first time during the month of October with registered visits at 1,001 exactly, followed by 1,009 for the month of November. Overall for this time period, the VSC experienced a 49% increase in total visits," Daley said.

Fall 2013 Student Veterans Graduation Celebration



On Tuesday evening, Nov. 26, 2013, ten student veterans and their family members attended the Fall 2013 Student Veterans Graduation Celebration. Remarks were provided by Capt. Jesus Acuna-Perez, SVO founder and graduating senior Joe Moseley and CSUSB alumni Sgt. Miguel Duran. Chaplain David Sarmiento provided the invocation. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the student veterans were presented with graduation regalia which included a stole with the American flag, branch patch and CSUSB embroidered on it. Those graduating with a 3.0 GPA and above were provided with a red, white and blue honor chord and a one-year paid membership to the SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society. Student veterans were also presented with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Gary G. Miller, a CSUSB alumni pin, and a branch medallion provided by the Help Hospitalized Veterans. After the ceremony, dinner and desert were served.

VSC Presented with American Flag

Rene Cespedes, district representative for Congressman Gary G. Miller and U.S. Navy veteran, presented the VSC with an American flag that had been flown over the United States capitol to honor the center for their dedication to improving the quality of Veteran education services at California State University, San Bernardino.



The VSC Recreates a Fairy Tale in Cinderella

In the fairy tale Cinderella, the dashing prince falls in love with Cinderella after she, outfitted in beautiful attire by her fairy godmother, makes an appearance at his ball. In the story, Cinderella must leave the ball before the stroke of midnight because that is when her coach, horses, attendants and gown turn back into a pumpkin, various animals and rags, but her glass slippers remain intact. As she is running away at midnight, she loses one of her glass slippers. The prince sets out to find Cinderella so he can marry her by means of having all of the eligible bachelorettes in the kingdom try the glass slipper on.

Through the generosity of our own fairy godfather, Joe Silverman, 15 CSUSB student veterans were outfitted with a new suit, dress shirt, tie and a leather belt on a first come, first serve basis on Dec. 6, 2013. Mr. Silverman is committed to giving back to veterans by helping them present a professional appearance at interviews and conferences. Each veteran was also provided with a \$5 gift certificate towards a haircut or manicure from Serendipity. Instead of a glass slipper, our princes for the day had to fit into the suits!



CSUSB Army ROTC Cadet of the Month



Name: Withers, Aaron **ROTC Rank:** MSII

Born: Wildomar, CA **Desired Branch:** Aviation

College: CSUSB '16 **Major:** Kinesiology

Favorite Sport: Hockey

CDT Withers' embodiment of physical fitness, positive attitude and dedication to the ROTC program make him a great role model for other cadets to follow. CDT Withers repeatedly scores above a 300 on the APFT and he actively and enthusiastically participates in every ROTC training event, never once missing a PT or lab session. Furthermore, this past month he participated in the BN Ranger Challenge competition and earned a spot on the Golden Lion Battalion Ranger Challenge Team. CDT Withers is an arduous worker in and outside of the ROTC program. He is a perfect example of a natural leader, student and athlete!

VSC Featured in National Magazine



The CSUSB Veterans Success Center was featured in the November issue of Military Advanced Education magazine. The article cited university career centers that support students in a tough job market by introducing them to prospective employers. Marci Daniels, VSC coordinator, and student assistant Kenneth Jacobs, a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps reserves, are quoted in the article, “Help Wanted – And Given.”

The following are excerpts of Cpl. Jacobs and Ms. Daniels, remarks:

“I see veterans having the most difficulty finding a career,” said Corporal Kenneth Jacobs, a U.S. Marine Corps reservist and junior at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB). “I believe this is because of various stigmas that coincide with being associated with the military, such as PTSD, differences in political views, and the sexual harassment that seems to constantly plague news stories about the

military.”

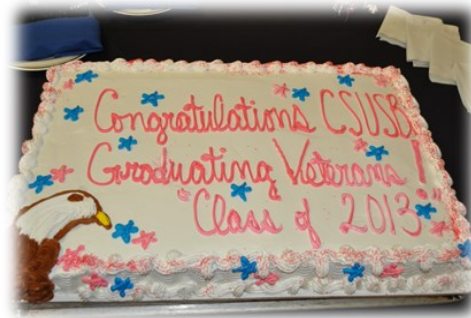
“These stigmas can result in veterans not finding a job as easily. You would think leadership, dedication, motivation would outweigh the negative connotations that people often associate with veterans, but those qualities don’t always [do such]. I’m preserving and pushing through these stigmas by using skills I learned in the military, such as professionalism, being timely and taking initiative,” Jacobs further remarked.

Daniels was quoted as saying, “We have a Veterans Success Center,” she said, “which offers specialized services tailored to their unique needs and works in concert with the university’s career center, College of Business career counselor, and community organizations to develop career-building tools and to help place veterans.”

“We work hard to develop career tools

for our student veterans, such as resumes and online profiles, that focus on the positive attributes associated with military service, including the willingness to accept authority, ability to follow company policies and procedures, flexibility to work in diverse environments, ability to function effectively under pressure and team orientation. During mock interviews and career counseling sessions, we work with students to reinforce these values,” related Daniels.

The Military Advanced Education magazine is the leading higher education resource for our nation’s service members. The magazine’s circulation is targeted to education service officers and the content focuses on current trends in higher education and pressing issues for military students.



New Restrictions Announced for Army Tuition Assistance

Staff writer Jim Tice of Army Times recently wrote an article explaining the new guidelines for tuition assistance which affects the regular Army, the National Guard and the Army Reserve components. His article states: The tuition assistance program will continue to be funded in 2014, but on Jan. 1 the Army will place new restrictions on the popular program, including a cap on the number of semester hours that can be paid for annually with TA money. The new rules apply to officers and enlisted soldiers of the regular Army, National Guard and Army Reserve who are pursuing college degrees with TA support. Officials estimate that nearly 50,000 soldiers could be adversely affected by the changes recently approved by Army Secretary John McHugh, and thousands delayed in getting the benefit, and some may lose it. The key changes are:

- * Soldiers will be limited to 16 semester hours of TA-funded studies during a fiscal year. Based on existing participation rates, this policy will affect about 20,000 regular Army soldiers, 6,200 National Guard members and 12,000 Army Reserve soldiers.
- * Soldiers will not be allowed to use TA until one year after they complete initial entry training, whether that be the Basic Officer Leadership Course, Officer Candidate School or Advanced Individual Training. Based on current usage, this will impact about 4,000 regular Army soldiers, 3,000 National Guardsmen and 1,200 Army Reservists.
- * Soldiers will not be allowed to use TA for post-baccalaureate degrees until they have completed at least 10 years of service, unless they entered the Army with a bachelor's degree.

More information on the new guidelines can be found in Army Time's Monday (Dec. 9, 2013) in-print edition.

What I'm *Thankful* for this *Thanksgiving*

Rodolfo Landaverde
U.S. Army Veteran



I'm thankful to be an American because I am able to achieve the dreams I want to accomplish.

Reuben Perales
USMC Veteran



I'm thankful for my family friends and my girl for the support they have provided me while pursuing my degree. There are many times they have provided inspiration when I have none. I am also thankful for the Veterans Success Center who has gone above and beyond to make sure I was on track in school and ready for the next stage of life after I graduate in December.

Josh Cosgrove
U.S. Army Dependent



I am thankful for the opportunity to continue my education, for my family and my friends, and the CSUSB Veterans Success Center.

**Raymond Munoz,
U.S. Marine Corps Veteran**



I am thankful every morning for the opportunities that I am able to struggle and try for in life. Thankful for all the abilities which have been provided to me for helping and loving all those around me. For the simple smile which is waiting to be shared day to day with friends, family and those who pass through my day. I am also especially thankful for the love and support of my mother.

**Fred Gutierrez,
U.S. Air Force Veteran**



I am thankful that Thanksgiving brings me happiness by being able to be close to my family, with all the festivities of Thanksgiving including the festive foods and football. It's also the predecessor to the happiest time of the year, Christmas.

**James McGilberry,
U.S. Army Veteran**



I am thankful for family and friends and also good health and peace of mind. I am also thankful that God loves us all continually no matter what happens in life. I'm also thankful that God has given me an opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.



Daniel McDonald, Cadet U.S. Army, Field Artillery Branch

I am overwhelmingly thankful for all the people in my life, especially my future wife Lindsey Anne Skidmore. IF it were not for the input and experiences of others, I would definitely not be the person I have developed into and I most definitely would not be in the position I am in, pre-commissioning, pre-wedding, and on the eve of my graduation from CSUSB. All I have is due to the love and dedication others have given me!

