

# VRC

## November TAACCCT Round 4 Meeting



The following table lists the efforts and other related programs that GBC is currently conducting to retain and graduate Student Veterans.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Retention Effort</b>	<b>Description</b>
<p><b>Great Basin College (GBC)</b></p> <p><b>Veterans Resource Center (VRC)</b></p>	<p>GBC established the Elko Main VRC in October of 2014 to better serve our Student Veteran Population.</p> <p>We provide <i><b>Intense Academic/Personal Support for Student Veterans &amp; their Families</b></i>, both during their time here at GBC and after they have graduated.</p>	<p>We provide an encouraging environment by acknowledging, honoring, and addressing all of our Veteran's needs, all while helping them attain their educational goals.</p> <p>At the VRC we house the following: Veterans Lounge, Study Room, Coffee &amp; Snack Bar, Elko Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) offices (Fulltime Veterans Service Officer, Administrative Assistant, &amp; VISTA Member).</p>
<p><b>VRC Study Room</b></p>	<p><i><b>Academic / Personal Support</b></i></p>	<p>We provide a non-distracting, comfortable environment that the Student Veteran can concentrate on their studies. This space has computers &amp; printers, used text books, as well as a reference library. Student Veterans utilize this work space all throughout the day.</p>
<p><b>Regular Hours Tutoring /Study Hall Period</b></p>	<p><i><b>Academic/Personal Support-Peer/Instructor One on One</b></i></p>	<p>We offer the Student Veteran various tutoring options, either with their peers or with our faculty/instructors as needed or requested.</p>
<p><b>Afterhours Tutoring /Study Hall Period</b></p>	<p><i><b>Academic/Personal Support-Peer/Instructor One on One</b></i></p>	<p>We offer peer to peer/faculty to student tutoring sessions/groups on the weekends and until 11pm on certain days of the week, as requested by Student Veterans. Some Students have difficulty studying at home with their family routines and the afterhours resources provides them with other options.</p>

<b>Academic Success Center</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic Support / Network</i></b>	<p>GBC's Academic Success Centers (ASC) on the Elko campus and at GBC's rural centers offer the following services to GBC students, all at no cost:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live Tutoring - Free to all GBC Students</li> <li>• Free Placement Testing</li> <li>• Proctored Testing</li> <li>• Open Computer Labs</li> <li>• Free Student Success Workshops (also available online)</li> </ul>
<b><u>B(S)<sub>3</sub>N</u> Biological Sciences Student Support Network</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic Support / Network</i></b>	<p>Math and Science tutoring offered free of charge at the B(S)<sub>3</sub>N center. Tutors are comprised of Students and Instructors. Walk ins welcome. This has been made possible by Nevada INBRE and the GBC Science Department.</p>
<b>SLC, UT VA VET CENTER Mental Health Services</b>	<b><i>Personal Support- Intense One on One / Comfortable Support Group</i></b>	<p>MSW/LCSW drives from SLC, UT to Elko on the first and third Tuesdays and Wednesdays of the month. We hold a Veteran support group in the VRC at 12 noon on those Tuesdays.</p> <p>Individual appointments can also be made on those days.</p>
<b>Informal Mentoring / Peer Support</b>	<b><i>Academic/Personal Support- Peer/Faculty &amp; Staff Intense One on One</i></b>	<p>Informal Mentoring is conducted by the Veteran Resource Coordinator, Veteran Certifying Official, Faculty &amp; Staff, Veteran Volunteers, and by other Student Veterans.</p>

<b>Nevada Department of Veteran Services (NDVS)</b>	<b><i>Personal Support- Intense One on One</i></b>	<p>As of August 2016, the NDVS Veteran Service Officer (VSO) is housed in the VRC fulltime. This offers a struggling Student Veteran more resources and benefit information in one location. This greatly helps with Student retention. By adding more services we also outreaching VA Educational Benefits to another agencies Veteran clients.</p>
<b>Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR)</b>	<b><i>Personal / Financial Support- Intense One on One / Group</i></b>	<p>Elko DETR Veterans Representative visits the VRC several times per week to offer services and to update the current job postings. The representative also refers many Veterans to us for their Educational Benefits. Various trainings are offered through DETR such as resume classes. Works with JOIN and has provided financial assistance for Veterans training and employment.</p>
<b><u>JOIN</u> Job Opportunities In Nevada</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Personal / Financial Support</i></b>	<p>Elko JOIN has provided financial assistance for many Student Veterans. They can provided help with tuition, books, and tools. They work well with DETR and GBC to provide financial assistance for Veterans training and employment.</p>
<b>Advising &amp; Career Center</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic / Personal Support</i></b>	<p>Provides assistance to students, alumni, faculty, staff, and the community in developing, implementing, and evaluating career/life plans. Hosts career fairs several times per years. All advising staff refers Student Veterans to our Certifying Official and to the VRC to complete their academic plans and set them up for success.</p>

<b>VA Student Work Study</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic / Personal Support</i></b>	<p>Allows the Student Veteran to work a part time job at GBC (less travel between classes). This additional income helps to pay the bills while using VA Educational Benefits.</p>
<b>Free Veteran Classes</b>	<b><i>Personal Support</i></b>	<p>We give free classes teaching different coping mechanisms for Veterans. Rest for Relaxation is a painting class that encourages Veterans to use the power of creativity as a skill in their lives.</p> <p>We have also teamed up with the Western Folklife Center and the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Each year we host a Veterans Writing Group Workshop here at the VRC to encourage our Student Veterans.</p>
<b>Battle Born Veterans Club (SVA)</b>	<b><i>Network / Personal Support</i></b>	<p>Sanctioned by the Student Veterans of America and the Student Government Association, the Battle Born Veterans Club is a Student Veteran ran organization that builds comradery amongst the transitioning Veterans.</p>
<b>Financial Aid</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Financial Support</i></b>	<p>GBC Financial Aid assists Veterans with all aspects of their VA Educational Benefits. They also encourage all Student Veterans to apply for FAFSA and Veteran scholarships. GBC is continuing to receive more Veteran scholarships from our community.</p>
<b>Accessibility Services</b>	<b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic / Personal Support</i></b>	<p>It is the policy and practice of GBC to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and state and local requirements regarding students with disabilities. Under these laws, no qualified individual with a disability shall be denied access to or participation in services,</p>

		<p>programs and activities of Great Basin College. All services are at no cost to students and potential students of Great Basin College.</p>
<p><b>The PRACTICE Counseling Service</b></p>	<p><b><i>Intense One-on-One Personal Support</i></b></p>	<p>GBC and Communities in Schools partner to provide PRACTICE, free of charge to our students. The Partnership for Research, Assessment, Counseling, Therapy and Innovative Clinical Education — The PRACTICE — is a UNLV community mental health training clinic.</p>
<p><b>Operation Bravo</b></p>	<p><b><i>Intense One-on-One Academic, Personal Support/ Career Networking</i></b></p>	<p>Barrick Gold Corporation, Great Basin College, and the Nevada Governor’s Office of Economic Development have teamed together to establish Operation Bravo, a Veteran Internship Program. Operation Bravo assists our transitioning Veterans by setting them up for success through education and employment. While attending GBC and receiving their VA Educational Benefits, Student Veterans will gain valuable work experience within their major fields of study, interning with partner employers. Operation Bravo believes that by investing in our Veterans, we are investing in our communities. Veterans shouldn’t waste the benefits that they’ve earned; their futures are waiting.</p>

## **WHATS NEW... NOV 2016?**

### **VRC KIOSK~**

The VRC will be extending its coverage into our service areas. We will be placing a "VRC Kiosk" at our GBC locations in Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Ely, Pahrump, and Elko. The VRC Kiosk's will contain all of the pertinent Veteran information to each location, as well as GBC, VA Educational, and Nevada Department of Veterans Services information.

### **VRC DATA COLLECTION~**

The VRC will be adding a computer sign in system like the ASC and the HTC computer labs. This will greatly help with our data collection.

### **OPERATION BRAVO~**

Barrick has informed us about a grant opportunity that could benefit our partnered program, Operation Bravo. The VRC is currently pursuing permission to apply for the STEM Workforce Challenge Grant Round IV to assist the Student Veteran Internship program Operation Bravo. If we are awarded this grant, it will provide us with additional funding to sponsor more Student Veterans. Whether we can proceed or not, it is a big decision for GBC. If this particular grant is not feasible at this time, then there may be others that are a better fit worth looking into for the future of the program.

### **MORE STUDENT VETERAN SCHOLARSHIPS~**

The VRC is currently in communication with some awesome individuals that are interested in starting a yearly Student Veteran Scholarship to help with the student's rent needs. More to come!

### **VETERANS DAY~**

After the parade, the VRC will be co-hosting an event at the VFW Hall to teach Cub Scouts about the different generations of Veterans. ALL Youth Welcome.

### **PAINTING FOR R&R CLASSES~**

The VRC will be offering Painting for R&R classes again. We are also planning to teach them in Pahrump.

### **RECOVERING DOCUMENTARY~**

The VRC is co-hosting a documentary on NOV 3<sup>rd</sup> in GTA 130. Recovering is a Veteran Cycling film that shows how cycling can help with PTSD and other related issues that Veterans often face.

### **COWBOY POETRY- VETERAN'S WRITERS GROUP~**

The VRC will be hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Veteran's Writer's Group at the VRC on JAN 31 & FEB 1.

## **GBC VRC 2016 3rd Quarter Outreach Report for 1 JUL-30 SEP**

**5 JUL, 2 AUG, 6 SEP 1-2PM-** NNVRG (Northeastern Nevada Veterans Resource Group) Meeting.

**5, 19 JUL, 2, 23, AUG, 6, 20 SEP 12-1PM-** SLC VET Center Group Meetings at the VRC.

**JUL-SEP-** Assisted the NDVS for the Elko Daily Free Press "We Salute You" insert / resource guide.

**25, 26 AUG-** Elko Veterans Outreach Fair at the GBC High Tech Center

**14 JUL, 11 AUG, 8 SEP 7-9PM-** Elko VFW 2350 Meeting.

**20 JUL, 17 AUG, 21 SEP 6-730PM-** Carlin American Legion Post 32 Meeting.

**27 AUG-** Warrior of the Canyon- VRC Veteran & Community Event This event has partnered GBC with various community members, business, and service agencies and organizations. **Stats at the end of Outreach Report-**

**AUG-** Monthly VRC Newsletter Initiative. The newsletter is assembled from all of the different Veteran service organizations in our community and state that provide a benefit, service, or a product to Veterans. The newsletter is called the "GBC Student Veteran", and is distributed throughout the community via email and limited hardcopies.

**JUL-AUG-** Increased volume and reach of social media presence. Current Face Book page likes- 588. Created a FB page for our VRC Veteran event, Warrior of the Canyon which has 91 likes.

**19 SEP-** GBC VRC / Barrick Gold / GOED Partnership kickoff marketing meeting for Internship Program.

Barrick Gold Corporation has funded Operation Bravo through a donation of \$74,528 to GBC. Operation Bravo ribbon cutting and the International advertising will kick off in November.

**16 SEP- 1030-1200PM-**Meeting with County Commissioners to establish what Veteran resources are lacking and how to address them. All Veteran Services from Elko County were represented.

**16 SEP- 1200-130PM** SLC VA Quarterly Meeting.

**SEP-** Assisted the NDVS VISTA Member to outreach for "Ride to Recovery" and to bring a documentary to GBC called "Recovering". The documentary will be shown on 3 NOV 2016.



## Warrior of the Canyon 2016-STATS-

### Running Winners-

1st Place- Jordon Ransom

2nd Place- Sheldon Mudd

3rd Place- Tony Platerio

### Cycling Winners-

1st Place- Charlie Ekburg

2nd Place- John Cunningham

3rd Place- Mark Staszak

### Walker Winners-

1st Place- Derrick Tybo

2nd Place- Joshua Williams

3rd Place- Frank Cox

4th Place- Don Reitmeier

5th Place- Chuck Sanders

### Event Numbers-

Total Participation Including ALL Support Staff, Volunteers, Walkers, Runners, Cyclists - 225

Finished Cyclists- 11

Finished Runners- 3

Finished Walkers- 36

All Support Staff / Volunteers / Family Members- 175

*Comprised of our Sponsors, Family Members of Participants, and Various Support from the Entire Community through Individuals, Organizations, and Agencies. All were donated services and resources to ensure event safety, event entertainment, and event morale.*

*More event pictures can be found at GBC's Flickr Page.*

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/146570114@N02/sets/72157673089705096>











