

## STUDENT VETERANS NEWSLETTER

### WELCOME BACK!

#### A message from the President

Hello everyone, I hope each of you had a wonderful winter break and enjoyed time spent with your family and had opportunities to relax prior to the start of the next semester. For those of you new to Concord University, we want to be certain you know how excited we are to have you here with us.

As the President of, and representing the members of the Concord University family, I want to share my appreciation for your service and sacrifice and also congratulate you on your decision to pursue your education here at Concord.

We know that the transition to university life can be challenging, particularly for students who have recently left the more structured experience of military service. To assist our Veterans we have worked endlessly over the last year conducting

outreach efforts to national, state, and local organizations so we may offer you additional opportunities.

To find out more about our programs and to keep up with current events, you can access and visit our veteran's page at [www.concord.edu/veterans](http://www.concord.edu/veterans). We hope the information you find there will be useful and of help to you in becoming acquainted with the Concord University community.

Best wishes for your success and please know we are here to help and assist you in any way we can. Please feel free to call on us as the need arises.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kendra Boggess*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT VETERANS ADVOCATE

Hello everyone and welcome back to another exciting semester here at Concord! I hope you all had a wonderful break and I'm excited to start this next semester with you all!

For those of you who do not know me I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and tell you a little bit about me. My name is Steven Kennedy, I am 24 years old, A United States Army Veteran, and a sophomore at Concord University. I served 4 years active duty with a majority spent in the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. I am very passionate about veterans and want to serve those who served.

We have a lot of great things planned for you and want to continue thriving with the success of last semester. If you have any ideas or suggestions that could benefit our

program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Also, if you are graduating this semester, please pay attention to your emails. We are currently working with several groups through SVA (Student Veterans of America) and have many employment opportunities coming through weekly.

If you need any assistance this semester, please feel free to contact me via email at: [kennedys24@mycu.concord.edu](mailto:kennedys24@mycu.concord.edu) or via phone at: (304)384-6300. I am here to assist you in any way possible!

Thanks,

*Steven Kennedy*



Dear Concord University  
Veterans,

I'd like to invite you to learn about a great summer internship for student veterans provided by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars through their [Veterans Employment Trajectory \(VET\) Initiative](#) at their upcoming webinar:

**VET Initiative Webinar**  
**Thursday, December 14th,**  
**2018**  
**3:00 PM (EST)**

The VET Initiative Manager, Mike Duerr (CPT US Army, Ret.), will provide a detailed overview of the VET Initiative highlighting the program's unique military-to-civilian transition components taking place in the nation's capital

during the summer of 2018.  
You'll learn more about:

- Application and selection processes
- Professional advancement components
- Academic credit opportunities
- Unique internship opportunities for ***all*** majors and career interests
- Mentor network and additional support mechanisms

*(We invite undergraduate and graduate members of all majors and career interests to attend the webinar and learn more about this fully-funded professional immersion and academic opportunity. Click the registration link today!)*

*Learn how SVA members like Laura Parunak capitalized on her VET Initiative Internship with SVA and TWC this past summer.)*

### **About the VET Initiative**

The VET Initiative is not just for those wishing to start a career in Washington, D.C. or designed for any specific academic major.

Participants are provided with an individual internship experience with one-on-one career coaching and mentoring to meet any student veteran's academic and career aspirations.

The VET Initiative is designed to help you gain hands-on industry experience in our nation's capital and prepare you for greater success in the civilian workforce through an internship, professional development

training, career coaching, courses, mentoring, and more.

TWC will select 25 qualified student veterans to receive a full scholarship for program and housing fees, as well as additional financial aid to help offset living costs during the summer of 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barrett J. Boy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Vice President  
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