Saddleback College VETS Program Hosts Veterans Resource Fair

Mission Viejo, CA – The Saddleback College Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS) program hosted a Veterans Resource Fair on September 14th to help veterans, active military, and military families connect with resources to achieve their educational and life goals after service.

The Veterans Resource Fair presented an all-in-one opportunity for student veterans to learn about the VETS program on campus including the VETS Center, the Student Veterans Association, the Transfer Center, the Center for Career and Life Development, Disabled Students Programs and Services, and Learning Assistance Program. Community organizations included the South Orange County Veterans Center, AMVETS Foundation, American Legion, Laguna Hills VA Clinic, OC One Stop, Troops to Teachers, and many more.

Dr. Tod A. Burnett, President of Saddleback College, stated, “It was an honor to bring such unique resources to our students and their families after their service in the military. As these students have served their country, it is our responsibility as a public institute of higher learning to present them with all the information and assistance we can offer regarding their return to civilian life and academia.”

Terence C. Nelson, Assistant Dean of Counseling Services and Special Programs and VETS Director stated, “The Veterans Resource Fair is one small way that Saddleback College and our VETS Program can show our appreciation to U.S. Military Veterans in our community for their sacrifices. The first step in a successful transition back to civilian and college life is acquiring the knowledge of what is available for you.”

With a vision to become the model veterans program in post secondary education, the Saddleback College VETS Program was developed to provide current or prospective Saddleback College students who are United States military veterans, active military, and their families with access to educational opportunities and the necessary support services to reach academic success, their career goals, and transition back into civilian life. Student veterans are aided by a specialty veterans’ counselor, a “Boots to Books” transitions course, a Veterans Outreach Aide and Marine Veteran, an on-site Service Officer, awareness events such as the Veterans Resource Fair, numerous ties to Orange County agencies and organizations, and the college’s Veterans Office that assists veterans and eligible dependents with the filing of required documents for educational benefits.

Located in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College provides quality higher education and training to the greater south Orange County community. Having served more than 500,000 students since 1968, Saddleback College offers over 300 degree and certificate programs to help students reach their personal, career, and educational goals. For more information, please visit www.saddleback.edu.

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