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## **GRANT AWARDED TO SKYLINE COLLEGE TO SUPPORT VETERAN STUDENTS**

**San Bruno, California – February 21, 2019:** Skyline College announced today that the Veterans Resource Center, a hub for resources and a gathering place for student veterans on campus, will be upgraded and technology enhanced as a result of a 3-year grant awarded in the amount of \$97,240 from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors. The grant funds will provide upgrades to the existing physical space in Building 2, creating a 21<sup>st</sup> century flexible study area and a multipurpose space inclusive of the latest technology. The technology updates include the development of a laptop loan program.

Skyline College was one of 59 community colleges in California to receive funding through the recent competitive grant process which resulted in an investment of \$8.5 million to support Veterans Resource Centers state-wide.

“It may not seem like a large investment, but just over \$97,000 means a more welcoming space and increased support for student veterans. Our goal at Skyline College is to increase student success and graduation rates among all students, particularly veterans. We owe it to those who served our country, and we owe it to our community,” said Will Minnich, dean of enrollment services at Skyline College.

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The number of student veterans enrolling at Skyline College has increased steadily over the last 10 years for a total of 350 students currently enrolled. Since it was established in December 2012, the Veteran's Resource Center has served over 2,000 students. The VRC is dedicated to providing veterans and active duty service members with tools and support needed to academic success. The Veterans Resource Center hosts an annual veterans fair and various events designed to create community, provides assistance with accessing VA educational benefits, referrals to community resources, computer and printing services, a study lounge, and more.

According to the California Community College Chancellor's Office, 94 of the 114 California community college campuses have a [Veterans Resource Center](#). California is home to an estimated 1.8 million veterans, and annually the California Community Colleges enrolls approximately 80,000 veterans and active duty service members.

For more information on the Skyline College Veterans Resource Center, visit: <http://skylinecollege.edu/veterans/>.

For more information on the California Community Colleges Veterans Services program, visit: <http://extranet.cccco.edu/Divisions/StudentServices/VETS.aspx>.

### **About Skyline College**

*Skyline College is an accredited, comprehensive California community college serving more than 16,000 students annually, offering 100 Associate Degree and Certificate programs as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Care. Located on a 111-acre campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Skyline College has offered world-class educational opportunities to residents from North San Mateo County and beyond since 1969. Part of the San Mateo Community College District, Skyline College strives to inspire a global and diverse community of learners to achieve intellectual, cultural, social, economic and personal fulfillment.*

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