

# **Resources for Student Veterans University of California, Los Angeles**

**NCSL Military Task Force Meeting  
Los Angeles Convention Center  
August 2, 2018**

# Agenda

- UCLA's Commitment to Veterans
- UCLA's Veteran Resource Center
- UCLA Support to military-connected students and community

# UCLA's Commitment to Veterans

UCLA has been serving veterans for over 70 years! Whether it's our medical school faculty and residents providing care to 3,000 individual patients a year at the VA, our on-campus supportive services for student veterans, state-of-the-art cosmetic and reconstructive surgery for warriors wounded while serving overseas, or groundbreaking research revolutionizing the way the U.S. military does business, UCLA serves those who serve in myriad ways.

# UCLA Veteran Resource Center

- Provide caring and personalized support to UCLA undergraduate and graduate military-connected students
- Help our military-connected students hit the ground running by connecting them to the university system and offering support and the tools they need to achieve their desired goals at UCLA
- Dedicated center in the heart of campus that includes 2 private offices, a computer lab with free printing, study lounge, kitchenette with free coffee and snacks



# Admission and Recruitment

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UCLA is committed to outreaching to military-connected students:

- Participation in education fairs and recruiting events
- Attendance at military-specific conferences
- Transcript pre-application evaluation
- 1:1 admission support with admissions staff



# Transition to UCLA

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# Transition to UCLA

UCLA is committed to supporting our admitted military-connected students transition to campus:

- Email and phone outreach to all admitted students
- Welcome Days for freshman and transfer students
- Military-specific on-boarding workshops
- Military-Connected Student Welcome Reception
- Boots to Bruins Course



# Academic Success

# Academic Success

UCLA is committed to supporting the academic success of our military-connected students:

- Fall course for transitioning student veterans, “Boots to Bruins”
- Spring course for veterans interested in creative writing
- Track academic success of students and provide individual meetings with Program Director or Program Coordinator
- Tutoring (beginning Fall 2018)
- Veteran Liaison in Disability Office
- Veteran Success on Campus (VSOC) Counselor

# Academic Success



# Employment and Career Services

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UCLA is committed to supporting the employment and career development needs of our military-connected students:

- Career specialist who supports students career exploration and career development
- Ready, Aim, Hire Career Development Series featuring resume critiques, networking and recruitment night, and interview preparation
- Partnership with UCLA Alumni Association, UCLA Career Center, US Vets, Wounded Warrior Project, and Travis Manning Foundation to provide additional services to students

# Employment and Career Services



# Financial Resources

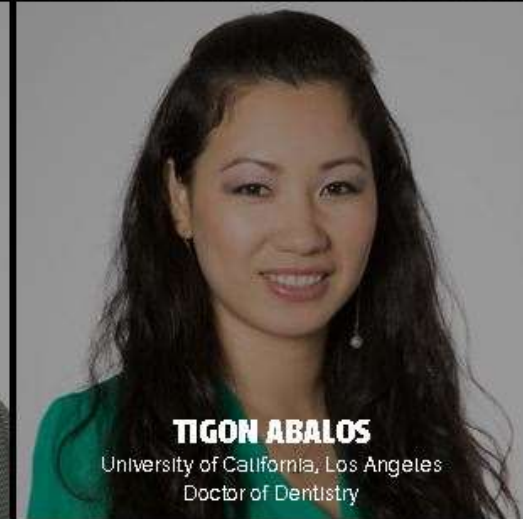
# Financial Resources

UCLA is committed to supporting the financial needs of our military-connected students:

- Need and merit-based scholarship specifically for veterans
- Accept chapter and state education benefits, which support students' cost of attendance
- Yellow Ribbon Program participation
- Pat Tillman Foundation University Partner



# Financial Resources



# Health and Wellness

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UCLA is committed to supporting the health and wellness needs of our military-connected students:

- Veterans Liaisons in Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Office and Student Health Center
- CAPS weekly drop-in hours in UCLA Veteran Resource Center
- Case Management Services for military-connected students
- Operation Bruin Smiles for dental care needs
- Veteran Resource Center offers community building events on-campus and off-campus
- UCLA/VA Family Wellness Center
- Operation Mend

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# Housing

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UCLA is committed to supporting the housing needs of our military-connected students:

- University-owned housing offered to all students enrolled in residential academic programs
- Priority housing is offered to veterans
- Housing options offered for single undergraduate and graduate students, married/domestic partners, and students with dependents
- Flexible payment plans for students using education benefits
- For commuting student veterans with service-connected disabilities, priority parking is available.

# Legal Services



# Legal Resources

UCLA is committed to supporting the legal needs of our military-connected students:

- UCLA Student Legal services provide monthly drop in hours at the Veteran Resource Center
- UCLA School of Law Veterans Legal Clinic
  - Representation provided on VA benefits & traffic citation matters
  - Records request
  - Counsel & advice
  - Referrals (if needed)





# Recreation and Athletics

# Recreation and Athletic Services

UCLA is committed to supporting the recreation and leisure needs of our military-connected students:

- Recreation Programs

- Classes offered at West LA VA
- Service events at the West LA VA Veterans Garden

- Athletic Services

- Scholarships for veteran families for baseball camps
- Free admission for veterans at home baseball games
- 50% off tickets to UCLA home sporting events (starting 2018-19 athletic year)



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