



# Supporting Veteran Students

## House Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

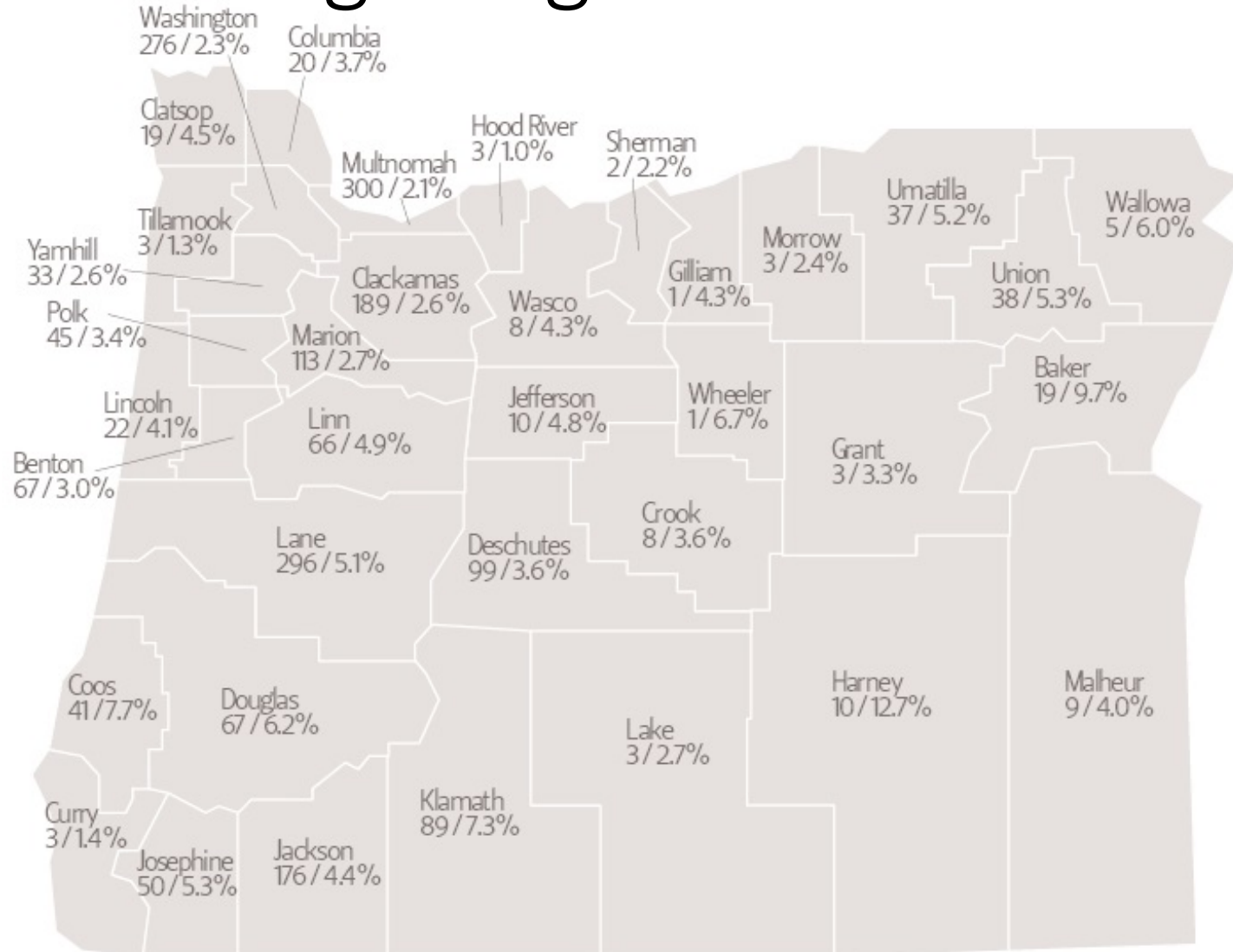
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# Serving Oregon's Veteran Students<sup>1</sup>



	Total Enrollment	Veteran Enrollment	
EOU	3,176	265	8.3%
OSU-Corv	30,354	1,275	4.2%
OSU-Casc	1,122	90	8.0%
OT	5,232	236	4.5%
PSU	27,229	1,129	4.1%
SOU	6,088	267	4.4%
UO	23,634	427	1.8%
WOU	5,382	135	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>102,217</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

### Veteran Enrollment:

Oregon Residents: 2,134

Non-Residents: 1,690

Total Veterans Served: 3,214

\*% by county represents veteran enrollment to total enrollment by county for all 7 institutions

<sup>1</sup>Enrollment numbers are all 2015-16 academic year headcount

# Baseline Services – Both Critical and Helpful

- 1.0 FTE dedicated Veteran Service Support Coordinator per campus
  - To assist both current and prospective students
- Dedicated Veterans Resource Center space
  - One-stop benefits and services access location
  - Computer work stations
  - Study areas
  - Event and community gathering space
- Dedicated tutoring and academic advising services

# Eastern Oregon University – Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 233 Veteran Students
  - 32 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 0.50 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator
- 0.60 FTE of the Veteran Certifying Officer
- Dedicated Veteran Resource Center with student lounge and computer
- Base to Bachelor's Program – coordinated effort with Oregon Air National Guard and Oregon Army National Guard to assist veteran student transition
- Current Annual Budget: \$43,512



# Eastern Oregon University – Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - Renovation of existing Veterans Resource Center
  - Updating current center's IT infrastructure by adding computers, purchasing a printer, and supplying paper
  - Increasing the volume and scale of current veterans outreach efforts
- On-Going Expansion Funding
  - Add 0.5 FTE to bring Veteran Resource Coordinator to 1.0 FTE
  - Add 0.4 FTE to have dedicated Veteran Certifying Officer in Registrars Office
  - Add 0.4 FTE Financial Aid Counselor specific to Veteran's benefits
  - Expand “Base to Bachelor's” program to other military installations

# Oregon State University – Corvallis – Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 1,005 Veteran Students
  - 270 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 1.0 FTE Military and Veteran Resources Advisor
- Space is spread across three locations on campus. One dedicated space to provide all services is preferred.
- Current Annual Budget: \$92,920



# Oregon State University – Cascades – Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 81 Veteran Students
  - 9 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 0.45 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator
- Share space with Student Success
- Current Annual Budget: \$35,975



# Oregon State University – Corvallis & Cascades – **Expanded** Veteran Services

- **\$50K One-time Funding**
  - Make up for years of shortfall in equipment/computer lifecycle replacement
  - Support the use of the Kognito Interactive training program to provide university wide access to faculty and staff training focused on student veterans
  - Two one-year student positions to assist in development of a Veteran Transition course for student veterans and to improve digital and print media
- **On-Going Expansion Funding**
  - Add 1.0 FTE Academic Resource Counselor and 1.0 FTE Student workers for full-time operation of the resource center in Corvallis
  - Increase Veteran Resource Coordinator at Cascades campus to 1.0 FTE
  - Provide additional staff training and professional development around veteran student support issues
  - Long-term goal is to provide a one-stop center for military and veteran communities on each campus for easier access to benefits and services, study and events space, and more a connected community.



# Oregon Tech – Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 214 Veteran Students
  - 22 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- Veteran Support Services are embedded in the Veteran Certifying Officer
- Student Veterans Program maintains a veterans lounge
- Director of Retention runs a small bridge loan program to provide no-interest short term loans to complete the term.
- Current Annual Budget: \$34,710



# Oregon Tech – Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - Stipends to help Veterans through the months they receive little to no benefits
  - Stipends for testing (for emotional and learning disabilities)
  - Completer scholarships for those who have run out of benefits
  - General emergency fund that would support Veteran students when an emergency hits.
- On-Going Expansion Funding
  - Add 2 x 1.0 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator positions – one in Klamath Falls and one in Wilsonville
  - Wilsonville position would also cover Seattle, Scappoose and Chemeketa programs
  - Klamath Falls position would support online students

# Portland State University – Current Veteran Services



- Serving:
  - 1,001 Veteran Students
  - 128 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 1.0 FTE Veteran Resource Center Director; 1.0 FTE Office Manger; 3 part-time VA federal work-study students
- Dedicated Veterans Resource Center (VRC)
- Current budget: \$159,484

# Portland State University – Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - \$10K to build a quiet study room in the Veteran’s Resource Center
  - \$40K as matching funds for scholarship fundraising efforts
- On-Going Expansion Funding
  - Add 1.0 FTE Assistant Coordinator
  - Add 0.5 FTE Student Worker Office Support
  - Remodel VRC – carpet, paint, 4 computers, tables with chairs

# Southern Oregon University - Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 212 Veteran Students
  - 55 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 0.6 FTE Veterans Resource Coordinator
- 6 Part-time veteran student employees
- Veterans Resource Office shares space within the Commuter Resource Center
  - Computers for student use; free tutor; on-site assistance with VA benefits paperwork;
- Current Annual Budget: \$73,887



# Southern Oregon University - Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - \$40K Space Allocation & Support – Relocation and development of dedicated VRC. Increase number of computers available to students; access to a stocked refrigerator, snacks and supplies for classes.
  - \$10K Training & Development - Hire professionals to provide veteran-specific professional and educational development trainings.
- On-Going Expansion Funding
  - Increase to 1.0 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator
  - Add 1.0 FTE student labor
  - Provide Training, outreach and education to campus community
  - Quarterly & annual recognition and outreach events for veteran students
  - Increased recruitment of veteran students

# University of Oregon – Current Veteran Services

- Serving:
  - 397 Veteran Students
  - 30 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 0.25 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator
- 0.49 FTE Graduate employee (academic year only)
- Part time student employees up to 0.50 FTE (academic year only)
- Dedicated Student Veteran Center
- Peer mentoring; New Student Veteran Welcome/Orientation; various workshops throughout the year
- Current Annual Budget: \$62,353



# University of Oregon – Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - Expand the new student veteran orientation, and ongoing workshops throughout the year.
  - Funding of student veteran employees to serve as mentors/advisors in the PAVE (Peer Advisors for Veteran Education) Program.
  - Establishing a tutoring program for student veterans to access free tutoring services.
  - Equipment replacement - computers, printer, etc
- On-Going Expansion Funding
  - Increase Veteran Service Coordinator from 0.25 FTE to 1.0 FTE
  - Replace/update computers available to student veterans in the resource center



# Western Oregon University – Current Veteran Services



- Serving:
  - 115 Veteran Students
  - 20 eligible family members using veteran benefits
- 1.0 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator
- 2 x 0.5 FTE Federal VA Work-Study Students
- Dedicated Veteran’s Success Center in the Student Center
- Provide admission application fee waiver; free MacBook Pro rentals; new veteran student orientation; outreach and social events for veterans
- Current Annual Budget: \$87,986

# Western Oregon University – Expanded Veteran Services

- \$50K One-time Funding
  - Renovate existing Veteran’s Resource Center; purchase new work/study stations; replace outdated computers.
  - Expand current programs and activities – Memorial Day program, Veteran’s day program, resume writing/internship/career readiness program
  - Provide training and professional development opportunities for veteran students.
  - Organize a regional conference for student veterans and VRC staff.
- On-going Expansion Funding
  - Add 1.0 FTE Veteran Resource Coordinator (total 2.0 FTE)
  - Add 1.0 FTE Veteran’s Health Counselor/coordinator
  - Add 1.0 FTE Veteran’s Admissions Recruiter
  - Add 1.0 Federal VA Work-study students (2 positions)

Thank you for your  
support of veteran  
students!

