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# VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

Providing information and resources for student Veterans and dependents attending California Baptist University

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## CBU LANCERS!

Hello Lancers! We hope that you have had a good start to Spring semester, and we extend a warm welcome to our new Lancers. Also, an exciting congratulations to our December 2020 graduates, as they embark on their new endeavors! This month's issue will provide you with a few virtual upcoming events next month that many might find resourceful for the semester. Don't forget to add us on social media for the latest news and updates.



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For all Chapter 33 recipients, graduation fees for undergraduate and graduate programs can be certified to the VA provided that you have remaining time in or Post 9/11 GI Bill if you are approved to graduate and participate in the commencement this spring, scan and email me the graduation charges.

Summer class registration is open. There are limited traditional or live synchronous classes this summer. Almost all of them are in an 8-week session. We are still working with the departments and see if they can offer traditional general education and Christian classes this summer. For an 8-week session, six units are full-time. If you have not done so, check with me first to check if you have enough funds to cover your summer classes.

Just to let everyone know, I will be on leave from 22-26 March. I will start the summer term certification on 29 March. If you need to change or make an adjustment, you have until the day I come back from leave. Be advised that the summer term is the most challenging time of the academic year in terms of overpayment. There are seven enrollment periods within this term. Please choose the right classes and stick with them until the end. Overpayments by the VA is a painful process. Believe me when I say that.

# MEET YOUR STAFF



**Katie Meacham** is the Veteran's Resource Center Graduate Assistant. She is currently pursuing her Master in Social Work. Her dad retired from the Navy after 25 years. In her free time, she enjoys motocross and figure skating.



**Destineah Jasareno-Myers** is a work study. She is 18 years old and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences. She is a pre-med student aspiring to be a pediatrics doctor and is a diligent, conscientious young woman. In her free time she likes to go on adventures.



**Danae Jones** is a work study. She is 17 years old and is pursuing her Bachelor in Business Administration. She is from the island of Oahu, Hawaii. She is also part of the CBU Stunt Team. Whenever Danae gets free time, she loves to sleep.



**Artem Belskyy** is a work study. He is 24 years old and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. He is an aspiring ICU nurse and a current army medic in the reserves. In his free time, Artem likes to take photos and learn new things.



**Mark Santos** is a work study. He is 24 years old and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Flight. He was a former Marine and was stationed on Hawaii. Mark loves aviation and travelling.



**Aumia Auwal** is a work study. She is an Air Force Veteran and current Army Reserve soldier. She is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree. She hopes to enter the medical social work field upon graduation. She loves baking and gardening in her spare time.



**Grant Agabon** is a work study. He is 24 years old and is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Flight. He was a former Marine and stationed on Hawaii. Grant loves hiking, music and aviation.



# MEET YOUR LANCERS

**Amanda Jimenez** has been serving as a Patient Administrative Specialist at a Combat Support Hospital in the US Army Reserves since 2017. Due to her expertise in planning international flights, communication with coalition forces, and organization of global patient transfers, Amanda was essential to her hospital's success during their last mission in the Middle East. As a student, Amanda chose CBU because of the school's emphasis on mentoring – the kind she intends to absorb fully in her pursuits of a Bachelor's degree in Health Administration. Outside of school and work, Amanda likes to travel and collects Starbucks "Where You Are" mugs at every destination. She admits that COVID-19 has been quite a speed bump in her fast-paced lifestyle. She has, however, adapted to the change by allowing herself to slow down, finding new hobbies, putting her spiritual well-being first, and, most importantly, focusing on living out her purpose.

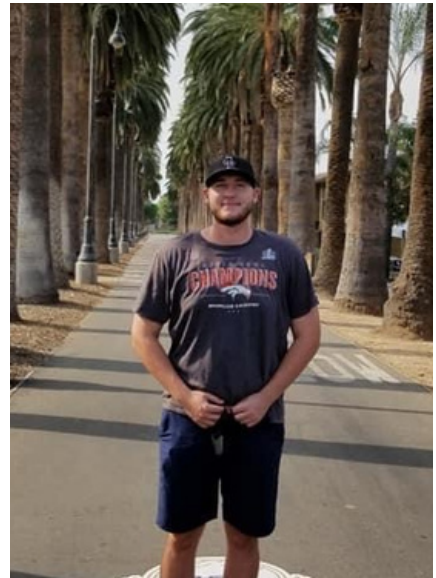


**Summer Rober** served in the United States Marine Corps. She served from July 2013 to July 2017. She was originally a "Field Wireman," but within a year of being at her unit her MOS title changed to "Tactical Switchboard Operator." She worked in communications, and her duties varied exponentially such as ensuring that switchboards were properly configured for various operations. Summer chose CBU because of a "calling from God". She states that, "CBU has not let me down and I'm always thankful to be a part of such an amazing university". An interesting fact about her is that she is an Alabama native who loves to fish. Fishing helps strengthen the relationship she has with God. COVID-19 has impacted Summer in both a positive and negative way. She has been given the opportunity to spend quality time with her son, but also misses being able to go places without putting her son's life at risk of contracting the virus.



# MEET YOUR LANCERS

**Jason Kurkowski** is a dependent of a United States Air Force Veteran. His father served from June 1991 up until September 2011. Jason chose to attend CBU because his major was provided (Architecture) and he wanted to study at a Christian-based education. A fun fact about him is that he has been to 20 Major League Baseball stadiums. COVID-19 changed a lot in Jason's life. With the switch to remote learning he said it "felt a lot like high school". COVID-19 has impacted the trips he planned to go on; Jason had planned a trip to London, Paris, and the East coast and had a summer class he was expected to attend in Italy. The biggest setback that COVID-19 had upon Jason was the inability to go out and participate in sports/ activities, but it did help him appreciate the little things in life such as enjoying community life at school and hanging out with peers.



**Tania Kinney** has served in the United States Army for a total of seven years. In which she spent four years on active duty and three in reserve. Kinney chose to attend CBU because of its strong faith-based curriculum. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Art in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. During her free time, Kinney plays the piano and loves to paint

**Marquita L. Clay** is a Veteran of the United States Navy and served in 2005 during the Iraqi Freedom Era. She is a Master of Social Work student. Marquita chose to attend CBU for several reasons; one was that she attended the ceremony during which CBU announced the launch of the MSW program and another was due to the religious integration of Christianity in the program. An interesting fact about Marquita is that she involves her 13 year old and 5 year old in volunteer work. COVID-19 has affected Marquita's life through family loss, mental health stress from quarantining, and her overall emotional well-being.



# DECEMBER GRADUATES 2020

**Suvoh Inji**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

**Latham Lawton**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

**Jacob Martinez**

Bachelor of Arts in History

**Brian Morgan**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Hannah Rolf**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Kailey Sniffin**

Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design & Visual Experience

**Austin Vang**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**James Verlander**

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies

**Richie Weddle**

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

**Antonio Villalobos**

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences

**Ebony Williams-Kim**

Bachelor of Science in Global Community Science

**Brianna Cortez**

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

**Breanna Horner**

Bachelor Of Science in Aviation Flight

**Dana Brink**

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

**Joshua Graham**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Brandon Fairfax**

Bachelor of Art in Communication Studies

**Carolina Ellerbrock**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**Stefanee Fontanilla**

Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders

**Arriane Freeman**

Bachelor of Science in Health Science

**Alondi Gittens**

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

**Ivan Castro**

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

**Bennie Allen**

Master of Science in Kinesiology

**Ebony Jones**

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

**Malcolm Harris**

Master of Arts in Social Work

**Melissa Hertz**

Master of Science in Kinesiology

**Kristen Telon**

Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

**Octivo Ramirez**

Master of Public Administration

**Kelsie Bischoff**

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership

**Amber Wilson**

Master of Business Administration

**George Foreman III**

Master of Science in Kinesiology

**Johnny Chau**

Master of Science in Information Technology Management

**Donnovan Rogers**

Bachelor of Science in Accounting

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Log in to Handshake, navigate to Events, and click register on the event webpage for the following:

**March 3, 2021: Career Center Education Career Fair**

Virtual Event: 3:00pm-6:00pm

**March 4, 2021: Career Center Architecture Career Day**

Virtual Event: 3:00pm-5:00pm

**March 10, 2021: Amazon Operations Leadership Info Session**

Virtual Event: 12:00pm-1:00pm

**March 15, 2021: Spring LinkedIn Headshot at Harden Sq**

In-Person Event: 10:00am-1:00pm

**March 30, 2021: Career Center LinkedIn Seminar**

Virtual Event: 4:30pm-5:50pm and 7:00pm-8:00pm



"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10