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# VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

Providing information and resources for the student veterans and dependents  
of California Baptist University



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## CBU LANCERS!

Hello Lancers! We hope that you got a good start to kick off Fall semester and a warming welcome to our new Lancers. Also an exciting congratulations to the Spring and Summer class of 2020, 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 this semester. Don't forget to add us on social media for the latest news and updates.



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# DIRECTOR OF VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

Hello. I am overjoyed to see our new and current student veterans and dependents as we begin the 2020-2021 academic year here at California Baptist University. This fall term will begin with the same instruction modality format last late spring. There are some limited face-to-face instructions such as labs, practicums, and clinicals. CBU is committed to focus on the crucial need to maintain a safe and supportive learning environment. The health, safety and welfare of all students, as well as faculty and staff will remain the number one priority.

As we all welcome our new students, we also have to bid farewell to our spring and summer graduates. Sixty-one student veterans/dependents received their Bachelors and Masters degrees this past spring and summer. Names and their respective disciplines are featured in this month's newsletter. One hundred thirty-nine student veterans/dependents utilizing VA educational benefits graduated during the 2019-2020 academic year. Great work to all!



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The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is part of the Office of Student Success. Our department provides academic support for Student Success. Our mission is to empower Students from the classroom to commencement through the services our department provides. These services are the Tutoring Center, Writing Center, Disability Services, and Alpha Chi Honor Society, as well as academic appeals and mentoring. I would highly recommend using these services if desired.

At the present time, I can only allow two students at a time to come into the VRC to print homework or get a cup of hot beverage. If there is need to talk to me personally about some concerns or issues about your VA benefits, please call my office and make an appointment.

Priority registration is scheduled to start next month. All Undergraduate Traditional VA recipients have priority registration.

13 October 2020 – VA Recipients Senior/Junior

15 October 2020 – VA Recipients Sophomore/Freshman

If you need to see your academic adviser (highly recommended), go to this link: Find My Advisor link: <https://calbaptist.edu/academic-advising/find-my-advisor>

If you are scheduled to graduate after the fall term and you are a Chapter 33 recipient, send me a copy of your graduation fee. This should post in your student account course and fee statement. Graduation fee can be paid for by the VA.

This is all for now. Thanks!

# MEET YOUR STAFF



**Katie Meacham** is your Graduate Assistant. She is 23 years old and currently pursuing her Masters in Social Work. Her dad just retired from the Navy after 25 years. In her free time, she enjoys motocross and going to Disneyland.



**Amber Wilson** is a work study student currently pursuing her Masters degree in Business Administration. When she has free time she enjoys traveling and relaxing. After her MBA she plans to pursue her Doctoral degree in physical therapy.



**Jennifer Ramirez** is a work study student currently pursuing her Masters degree in Public Health. She served 4 years of Active Duty in the Army and currently 3 in the Reserves. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her daughter and trying new foods.



**Susana Murillo** is a work study. She is 29 years old and currently pursuing her Bachelors in Business Administration. In her free time she enjoys spending time with family, traveling the world, and working on her Eyelash business.



**Bethany Diaz** is a work study. Bethany is a freshman currently majoring in theater. Her dad is a disabled navy veteran. She enjoys arts and loves to draw in her free time.



**Destineah Jasareno-Myers** is a work study. She is 18 years old and currently pursuing her Bachelor in Pre-Nursing. She is an aspiring registered nurse and 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 Bachelors in Business Administration. She is from the island of Ohau, Hawaii. She is also part of the CBU Stunt Team. Whenever Danae gets free time, she loves to sleep.



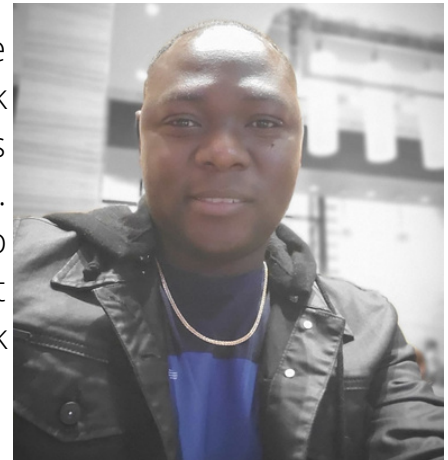
# MEET YOUR LANCERS



**Dr. Paul Wendee** is an adjunct professor here at California Baptist University and California State University Los Angeles. Dr. Wendee previously served in the United States Army, completing four years active duty and two years in the reserves. During his service, he pursued Airborne school and traveled overseas to Germany. Having enjoyed serving with others he was "able to do things he wouldn't be able to have done anywhere else". He has three degrees, and 27 years of teaching experience at twenty different schools throughout the years.

Dr. Wendee got his start at CBU when a previous colleague mentioned that the university was seeking an economics professor. Courses that Dr. Wendee teaches includes economics, finance, and strategic management. One interesting fact about Dr. Wendee is that he is a third degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do.

**Lateef Akesode** served in the Marine Corps for nine years before getting out. He is currently in his first year of the Masters of Social Work program. He chose CBU because of it is faith based but also it ranks as one of the best universities as well as participates in the yellow ribbon. One of his favorites things while serving was being able to travel to different parts of the world and getting to know and build a great camaraderie with people he met. He loves to ride his motorcycle, cook and eat.



**Joshua Riley** served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. Joshua is currently a junior majoring in Radiological Sciences. The main reason he chose to attend CBU is because CBU has "one of the top radiology related programs in Southern California". An interesting fact about Joshua is that their course of life experiences with living in Nowhere Arizona (one of the names places in Arizona where *nothing* is found) has created the essential characteristic of being an adventurous person. Dealing with the global Covid-19 pandemic has influenced Joshua to establish safe habits such as using hand sanitizer every chance he could get (especially when going to public places).



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**Arturo Rodriguez** served in the United States Army for 7 years, 4 years Active Duty and 3 years in the Reserves. He is currently pursuing a B.S. in Health Science with a concentration in Pre-PA . In the future, he hopes to become a Physician Assistant and help the underserved community. During his free time, he enjoys riding his 07 Harley Davidson Lowrider, work on his car because it's always breaking down, eating bacon, pet dogs, lift weights, pretend to surf, hike dangerous trails, and spend time with his family.

**Jalen Wilson**, originally joined to build his resume in law enforcement, but he continue to serve his country. He currently has 6 years of service as a wheel vehicle mechanic. His first four years he served on active duty, and now serves in the Army Reserve. He is a sophomore in pursuit of an English degree and plans to work for the government as an FBI agent or a US Marshal. When he isn't busy studying or protecting our country, you will find this young and talented entrepreneur running and operating his car detailing business. Jalen enjoys researching reviews on cars to stay up to date with the lates and greatest to ensure he offers the best service.



**Sherlene Daquiaoag** served in the United States Air Force. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Social Work. Sherlene's husband is a Medical Corps Officer in the United States Air Force. Together, they have 3 children, one of whom is also serving in the Air Force. Sherlene Daquiaoag chose to attend CBU because "it is a faith-centered institution. I truly believe God led me to CBU. I joined a coworker who encouraged me to attend an informational meeting and the next thing led to another". An interesting fact about her is that she expereinced four natural disasters before the age of twelve. After completing her Bachelors degree at San Diego State University, Daquiaoag believed that she would never go back to school, and is now working on her second Masters degree. Mark 10:27 "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'"



# SPRING AND SUMMER

## UNDERGRADUATE CLASS OF 2020

Matthew Rubright  
Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science

Jennifer Ramirez  
Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Ashley Dominguez  
Bachelor of Arts Psychology

Brittany Harris  
Bachelor of Science Kinesiology

Kenneth Tribble  
Bachelor of Arts Business Administration

Marco De Santiago  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Benjamin Gonzalez  
Bachelor of Science Kinesiology

Michael Sanchez  
Bachelor of Science Healthcare  
Administration

Travis Simpson  
Bachelor of Science Electrical and Computer  
Engineering

Brittany Baskin  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration

Joey Belizario  
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Trisha Butler  
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Carlos Cardona  
Bachelor of Science in Health Science

Taylor Villaluz  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kenneth Spicer  
Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations

Jay Taylor  
Bachelor of Science Kinesiology

Kent Yannayon  
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Flight

Tyler Muckenthaler  
Bachelor of Science in Business  
Administration

James Parvin  
Bachelor of Science in Chemical  
Engineering

Ivan Pedraza  
Bachelor of Science in Biology

Robert Perez  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Luis Reyes  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Catherien Mecham  
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Derek Schultze  
Bachelor of Arts in Business  
Administration

Rachael Wiederkehr  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Anthony Penaflor  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical &  
Computer Engineering

Shawn Morris  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

Anthony Camargo  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Daisy Fernandez  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Sergio Flandes Carreto  
Bachelor of Arts in Business  
Administration

Anieszka Nishino  
Bachelor of Arts in Business  
Administration

Daniel Sweeney  
Bachelor of Science in Marketing

Ryan Crider  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Oscar Deleon  
Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management

Michael Diaz  
Bachelor of Arts in History

Ron Diwa  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kenneth Gable  
Bachelor of Arts in History

Cristian Garcia  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical  
Engineering

Saul Guemez  
Bachelor of Science in Accounting

Nicholas Hershey  
Bachelor of Applied Theology

Donald Jalving  
Bachelor of Science in Electrical & Computer  
Engineering

Isaac Holbrook  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Evan Illsey  
Bachelor of Science in Construction  
Management

Christina Konick  
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Andrew Kotlewski  
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical  
Engineering

Marrisa Seeforth  
Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Kathryn Spangenberg  
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Studies

Gunhyung Noh  
Bachelor of Science in Health Science



# SPRING AND SUMMER GRADUATES CLASS OF 2020

Daniel Fragoso  
Master of Science Counseling Psychology

Vincent Baum  
Master of Science in Kinesiology

Felicia Figueroa  
Master of Science Education

Adam Woodley  
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Stephen Hale  
Master of Arts in Communication

Antonia Carlton  
Master of Science in Sport & Performance Psychology

Jessica Jackson  
Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology

Chanel Davis  
Master of Science in Education

Curtis Jefferson  
Master of Science in Counseling Psychology

Justin Kent  
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

Alfredo Solis  
Master of Business Administration

Carla Sittniewski  
Master of Science Kinesiology

Quala Wells-McGhee  
Master of Science in Nursing

Shay Spencer  
Master of Business Administration



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## October 6: Engineering Fair

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

## October 13: Priority Registration For Juniors and Seniors

## October 14: Financial Aid Info Session

Virtual Event: 6:30 pm- 7:45 pm

## October 15: Priority Registration for Freshman and Sophomores

## October 20th: FAFSA Workshop

Virtual Event: 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm

## November 11: Veterans Day

TBD



"...Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9