

# Welcome Bulldog Veterans!

July 29, 2021



# Welcome Message

President Saúl Jiménez-Sandoval

FRESNO STATE

# Agenda

- Meet the staff serving our military and veteran students
- Meet the VA work study students serving our vets
- Familiarize yourself with the offices & programs serving our vets
- Learn how to certify your VA GI Bill benefits - quick & simple

# Staff Serving Our Vets



## Laura Yager

University Registrar and Director of Veterans Services

“One of the best things I like about Fresno State is the beautiful campus, especially the vineyards!”



## **Robyn Gutierrez**

Veterans Services Program Coordinator

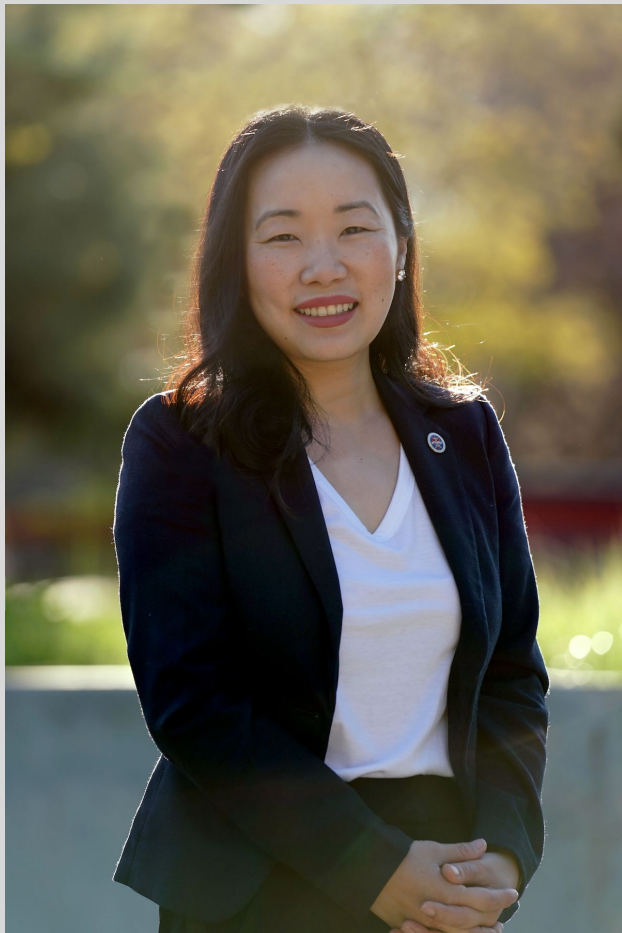
“One of the best things I like about Fresno State is our commitment to the Central Valley, our Bulldog Spirit!”



## Christy Gorden

Veterans Resource Center Advisor/ Certifying official

“One of the best things I like about Fresno State is the positive “vibe” on campus



## Ger Xiong

TRIO Student Support Services Veterans/  
TRIO Student Support Services Program  
Director

“One of the best things I like about Fresno State is the strong bulldog spirit!”





## Russell Gross

TRIO Student Support Services Veterans/  
Veterans Counselor

“One of the best things I like about Fresno State is the great tasting corn grown by our students!”

# Meet our VA work-study students!

# Veterans Resource Center (VRC) Work Study Students



**Eliza Hernandez**

**U.S. Army Reserve**

**Criminology**

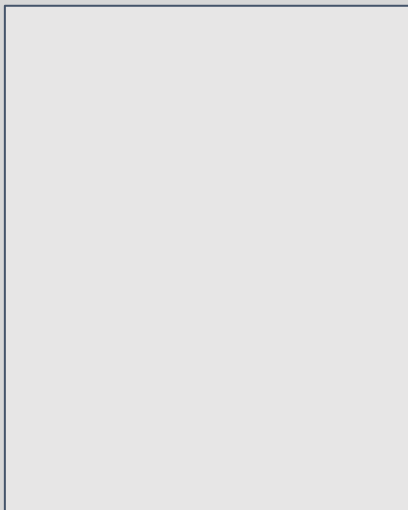


**Jeremiah Robles**

**U.S. Army Reserve**

**Biology**

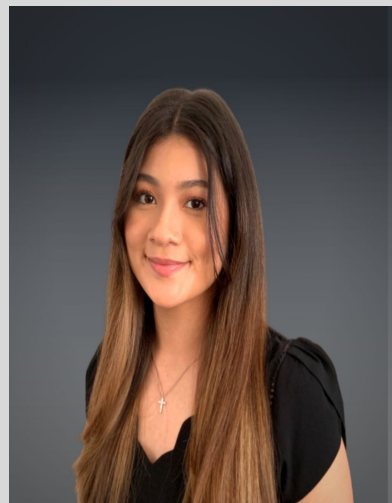
# TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV) Staff



**Vacant**  
Reading & Writing Specialist



**Brenda Gurrola**  
Program Assistant



**Jocelyn Ramirez**  
Student Program Assistant

# TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)

## Work Study Students: Veteran University Community Builders



**Raveena Navani**  
Navy Veteran  
Business Entrepreneurship



**Stephen Cano**  
Navy Veteran  
Theatre Arts



**James Patton**  
Army National Guard  
Theatre Arts

# TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV) Work Study Students: Veteran University Community Builders



**Theodoro Vicencio**  
Army National Guard  
Major: Criminology



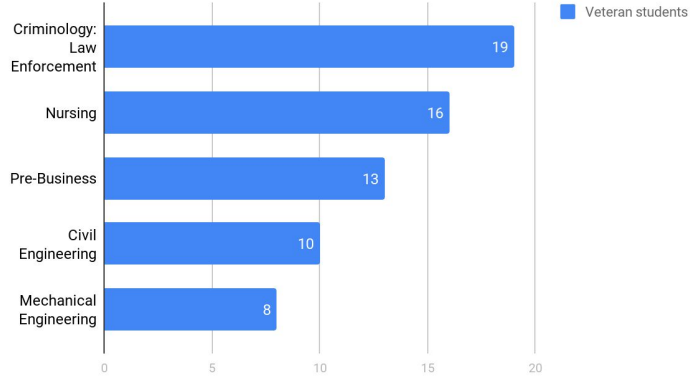
**Mary Nambo-Ramirez**  
Army Veteran  
Major: Forensic Behavioral



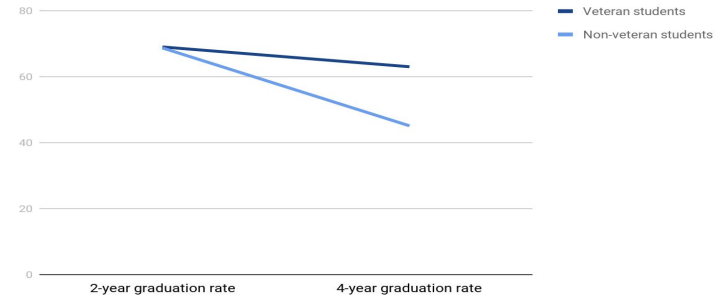
**Briant Toon**  
Army Veteran  
Major: Business Administration

# Did You Know?

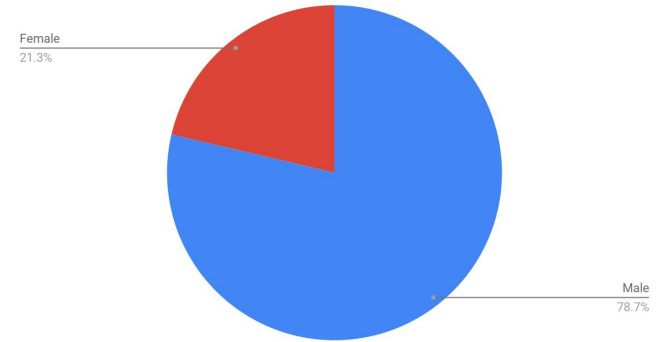
## Top 5 Popular Majors



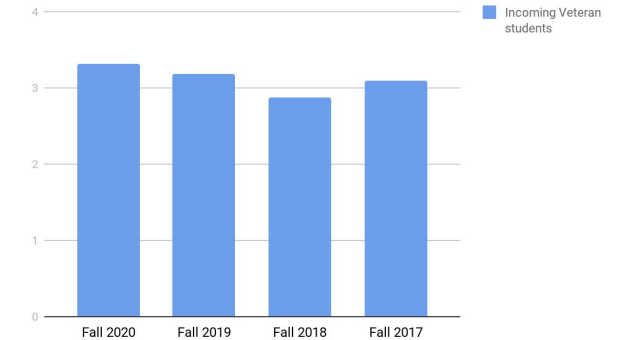
## Graduation Rates by Percent % (Cohort 2015-2020)



## Student Veterans Gender Breakdown (Fall 2020 data)



## Average First Term GPA for Veteran students



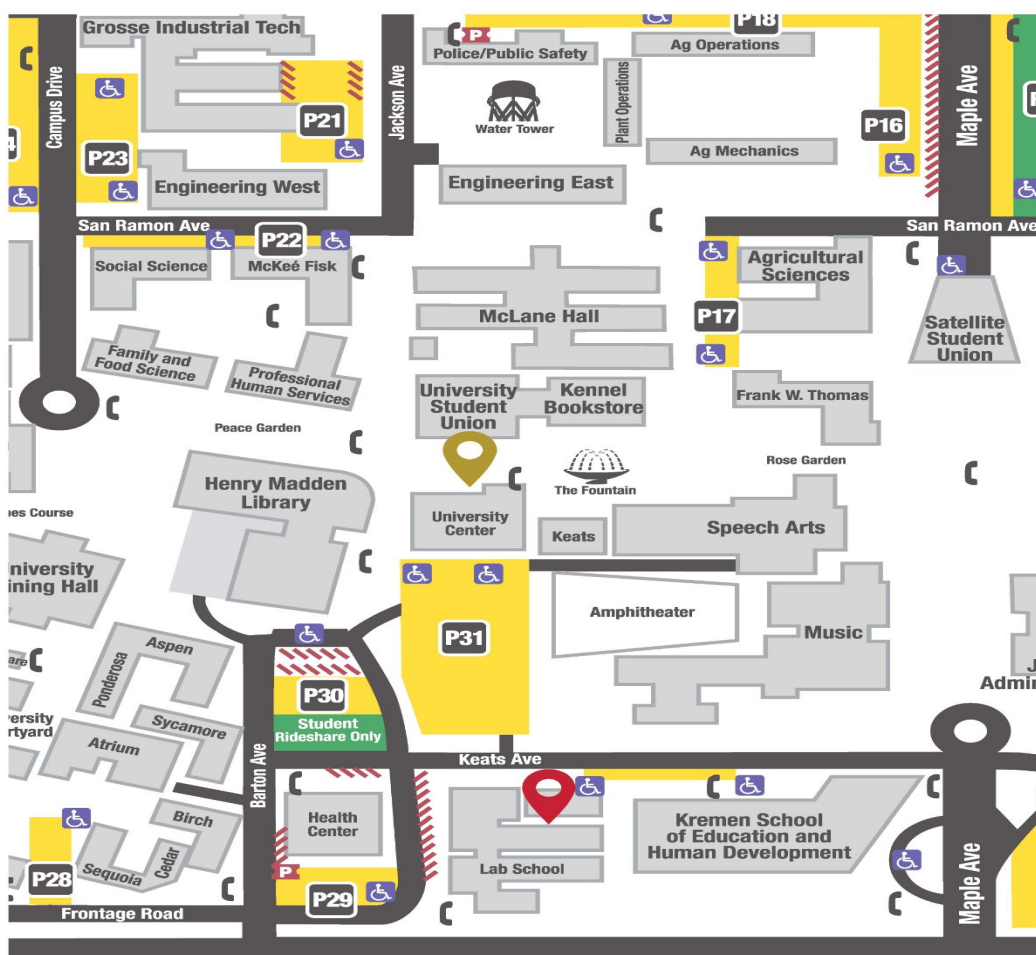
# Veterans Resource Center (VRC) Services

- Serving Veterans, Active duty, Reserve, Guard, and Dependents
- VA GI Bill Benefits Certification and Cal Vet Fee Waiver Processing
- Student Advising
- Computer lab, printing, study area, social space, and conference room
- Veteran-related events on campus
- *Note: All services must follow current Covid protocols/guidelines*



# Tutorial: Benefit Certification

By Eliza Hernandez, Work Study Student



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Veterans Resource Center



## Veterans Resource Center

UC 101  
559-278-6036  
fsveterans@mail.fresnostate.edu

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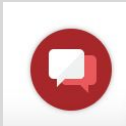
TRIO Student Support Services Veterans



## Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)

Lab School, Room 9  
559-278-572a5

# Veterans Resource Center Contact Information

- Location: University Center 101
- Staff: Robyn Gutierrez and Christy Gorden
- Office Contact: (559) 278-6036
- <https://fresnostate.edu/veterans>
- Email: [fsveterans@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:fsveterans@mail.fresnostate.edu)
- Live Chat! 
- Schedule an appointment

# myVRC app

- Available for free in the App Store
- Quick access to staff and resources
- Helps you stay connected!
- “My Buddies” chat feature
- Download and create your account today!



# TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV)

*TRIO SSSV is a voluntary retention program providing supportive services to low income and/or first generation and/or disabled Veteran, Reservist and National Guard students. SSSV is a federally funded TRIO program under the U.S. Department of Education.*

## **Services/Resources include:**

- Personal, academic, and career counseling by a Veteran counselor
- 1:1 academic tutoring (Math/Science and Reading/Writing)
- Academic success & veteran specific workshops
- University 8(03) - taught by SSSV & VA
- Supplemental grant aid (\$650.00 - \$900.00) for those who qualify

*Note: All services must follow current Covid protocols/guidelines*

# TRIO Student Support Services Veterans (SSSV) Continued

## Services/Resources:

- Laptop & Scientific Calculator loan program
- Free printing and study workstations
- Textbook Reference Library
- Community building events (eg. Women Veterans Connection, SSSV Graduation Celebration, Monthly Branch of Service Celebration, etc.)
- Cultural Arts/Educational Conferences/Group Excursions (e.g. law conference attendance, group hiking trips, tailgating/game attendance)

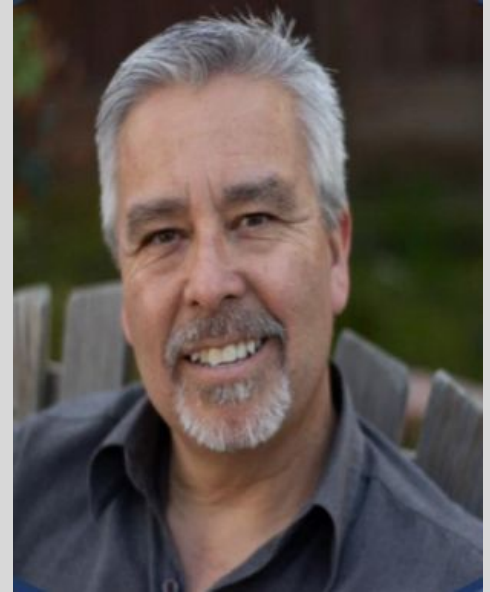
*Note: A Veteran student does not need to have an active GI Bill to join SSSV*

# Student Support Services Veterans Contact Information

- Location: Lab School Room 10
- Staff: Ger Xiong and Russell Gross
- Office Contact: (559) 278-5725
- Summer Virtual Hours: 7 AM - 3:30 PM (Monday - Friday)
- Website: <https://fresnostate.edu/studentaffairs/sssv/index.html>
- Email: [ssspv@mail.fresnostate.edu](mailto:ssspv@mail.fresnostate.edu)
- Schedule a Zoom virtual meeting or phone appointment

# On-campus VA Counselor

- Paul Pasion-Gonzales, PhD  
VA “VITAL” Program  
(Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership)
- Tel: 559-225-6100 ext. 6249
- [V21FREVital@va.gov](mailto:V21FREVital@va.gov)
- In collaboration with Fresno State Health and Counseling Center





# Words of Advice



Luisana Martinez, Class of 2020

Army Veteran, Health Science-Health Administration Major

# Vet Net Ally

Purpose: To educate staff and faculty regarding veterans/military needs to better serve them.

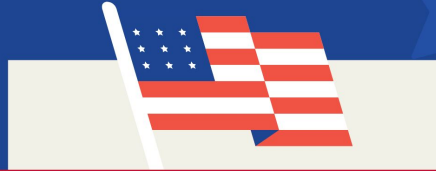
Mission: To foster a veteran-friendly campus

Meaning of the Decal: The person displaying this sign is someone who is supportive of our mission and can assist you.



Welcome

BULLDOG VETERANS



IN PERSON EVENT



THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH

VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

UC101

9:00- 10:30 AM

EVENT OPEN TO VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVISTS, AND  
NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

STOP BY AND MEET OTHER BULLDOGS AND VRC STAFF

SPECIAL SPEAKER - PRESIDENT SAUL JIMENEZ-SANDOVAL

TAKE PHOTO WITH VICTOR E BULLDOG / GIVEAWAYS /  
REFRESHMENTS AND MORE!



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