

Overview

What: Improving Access and Success for US Military Veterans; the first convening of the American Talent Initiative Veterans Community of Practice

When: October 29, 2019; 8:00am-4:00pm

Who: Representatives from the 40 ATI colleges and universities that have joined the ATI community of practice, external experts, and external organizations that focus on improving opportunity for veteran students.

Where: [Dupont Circle Hotel](#)

Why: The goals of the convening are three-fold:

- Build community amongst institutions focused on student veteran access and success
- Share best practices and learn from experts
- Establish concrete next steps for individual institutions and the community as a whole

HIGH LEVEL AGENDA

Monday, October 28, 2019: Evening Reception

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: Foxhall Ballroom at the Dupont Circle Hotel

Tuesday, October 29, 2019: Full Day Meeting

8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Glover Park Ballroom, Georgetown Room, and Kalorama room at the Dupont Circle Hotel

Schedule:	8:00-8:45 AM	Registration and breakfast
	8:45-9:15 AM	Welcome and Level setting
	9:15-9:20 AM	Transition Time
	9:20-10:35 AM	Morning Concurrent Sessions
	10:35-10:50 AM	Morning break
	10:50-12:05 PM	Plenary Session: Understanding Veterans' Benefits
	12:05-1:05 PM	Lunch
	1:05 PM -2:20 PM	Afternoon Concurrent Sessions
	2:20-2:25 PM	Transition Time
	2:25-4:00 PM	Table Talks and Action Planning



Veterans Community Meeting

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DETAILED SESSION AGENDA OCTOBER 29, 2019

8:00-8:45 AM **Registration and Breakfast Buffet** Glover Park Ballroom

8:45-9:15 AM **Welcome and Level setting** Glover Park Ballroom

ATI staff will welcome attendees and provide a brief overview of the American Talent Initiative and the veterans community of practice, followed by sharing data on the demographics of the veteran student population. Mike Haynie, from Syracuse's Institute for Veterans and Military Families, will provide some welcome remarks, sharing a few words to inspire members to leverage their collective voice to promote veterans' access and success.

9:15-9:20 AM **Transition time** Glover Park Ballroom

9:20-10:35 AM **Morning Concurrent Session**

Session 1A: Addressing Challenges in Veteran Outreach (Outreach and enrollment)

Georgetown Room

The session will provide concrete examples of best practices to conduct outreach to veterans, including identification of potential applicants, targeted communications strategies, and other needed supports.

Speakers: Christine Schwartz (Service2School)
 Beth Morgan (Columbia)
 Takesha McMiller (Northern Virginia Community College)
 Tanya Ang (Veterans Education Success)

Session 1B: Building Institutional Capacity for Student Veterans: Student Life (Student belonging and success)

Kalorama Room

The session will address the factors necessary to support successful veteran student life on campus, including health supports, student culture, and more.

Speakers: Phil Larson (University of Michigan)
 LeNaya Hezel (Georgetown University)
 Ken O'Connell (St. Michael's College)
 David Reese (University of Maryland)
 Jared Lyon (Student Veterans of America)

10:35-10:50 AM **Morning break** Glover Park Ballroom

10:50-12:05 PM **Plenary: Understanding Veterans' Benefits** Glover Park Ballroom

This session will explore veterans' benefits, focusing on demystifying the complexity of veterans' benefits and sharing tips and tricks, understanding the student perspective and student confusion, and outlining the key decisions that institutions need to make to determine use of veterans' benefits.

Speakers: Martin Kurzweil (Ithaca S+R)
 Mike Carrell (The Ohio State University)
 Colleen Mallet (Vassar College)

12:05-1:05 PM

Lunch

Glover Park Ballroom

1:05-2:20 PM

Afternoon Concurrent Session

Session 2A: Evaluating Veterans in the Application Process (Outreach and enrollment)

Georgetown Room

This session will provide insight into how to evaluate veterans in the application process given many veterans do not have traditional markers of achievement.

Speakers: Bruce Shahbaz (College Board)
Marcus Felder (POSSE)
Patricia Wei (Yale University)
Larry Gonzalez (Indiana University)
Catharine Bond Hill (Ithaca S+R)

Session 2B: Building Institutional Capacity for Student Veterans: Academic Affairs (Student belonging and success)

Kalorama Room

This session will address the institutional policies in place that may inhibit veterans' academic success, such as transfer credit policies, course registration and enrollment, and faculty buy-in.

Speakers: Eugene McFeely (Penn State University)
Ann Treadaway (Rutgers University)
Jane Hudak (Muhlenberg College)

2:20-2:25 PM

Transition time

Glover Park Ballroom

2:25-4:00 PM

Table Talks and Action Planning

Glover Park Ballroom

This session will facilitate opportunities for members to learn from one another and from external organizations, as appropriate, and provide institutional teams the time to discuss appropriate next steps upon returning to their campus. In addition, ATI staff will source ideas for ways in which ATI can support institutional and collective efforts.