

16th Annual Texas A&M University System Military-Affiliated Student Symposium

Monday, October 21

8:00-8:30 **Registration, Check-In, and Breakfast**

8:30-9:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9:00-10:00 **Keynote Engagement – Michele Spires**

“Catalysts for Change: Empowering Military-Affiliated Students Through Innovation and Collaboration”

10:00-10:15 **Break**

10:15-11:15 **Plenary Session** – Wounded Warrior Project

Eric Ellenberger, Alumni Manager

Jake Norotsky, Warriors Speak Team

11:15-12:15 **Plenary Session** – Texas Veterans Commission

TVC Update

VEERA Presentations

12:15-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-2:30 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Valor Partners: A Collaborative Model for More Effective Scholarship Programs – Kelli Campbell-Goodnow
- Operation IE: Using Institutional Research, Assessment, and Strategic Planning to Help Build Veteran-Serving Programs – Dr. Glenn Phillips
- It is Your Circus: On Managing Multiple Objectives in a Small Office – Dr. Seth Gordon
- Texas Veterans Commission - TBD

2:45-3:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

- The Bass Military Scholars Program: Assisting in Transition Through Service – Vanderbilt – Scott Brower
- Veterans, Suicide, and Firearms: The Unique Relationship and What You Need to Know – Dr. Ted Bonar
- Using the Science of Cognitive Bias to Help Students Succeed – R.J. Jenkins
- VA/VR&E – Kelly Shupak

3:45-4:00 **Break**

4:00-5:00 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Beneath the Redwood Canopy: Storytelling as a Path to Veteran Success – Kristin Van Diest and Dr. Heriberto “Eddie” Arambula
- More Than a Feeling: How SVA Chapters Contribute to Student Success on Campus – Dr. Abby Kinch
- Leveraging Technology and Creativity to Enhance Military-Affiliated Student Success – John Smith
- Reflecting on Your Higher Ed Career Path – Andy Hibel and Montaigne Long
- Military-Affiliated Student Policy – Dr. Janine Wert

5:00-7:00 **Networking Reception**

Tuesday, October 22

8:00-8:30 **Registration, Check-In, and Breakfast**

8:30-9:30 **Day 2 Keynote Address – Dr. Amy Morys**

9:45-10:45 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Building a Resilient Future: Stress Management for Providers and Student Veterans – Rachel Brauner and Dr. Lakshmi Mahadevan
- Collaborating for Financial Solutions – Nora Cargo and Jeremy Tanner
- Assessing and Advocating: Empowering Student Veterans to Critically Consider Their Lived Experiences – Dr. Glenn Phillips
- California Community College System MAP – Terence Nelson and Calvin Gloria

11:00-12:00 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Biomanufacturing Career Opportunities for Military Veterans* – Dr. Baley Reeves
- THRIVE: A Course to Promote Mental Health & Well-Being – Dr. Camille Minor & Chris Vidaurre
- Beyond “Veteran Friendly” – Keys for Building a “Veteran Empowering” Campus Culture – R.J. Jenkins
- The Importance of Comprehensive Interaction Data for the Security and Longevity of Military and Veteran Services Offices – Jeremiah Gunderson

12:00-1:15 **Lunch**

1:15-2:15 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Build a Better World: Veterans in the College of Architecture – Dr. Patrick Suermann
- Best Practices for Mental Health Support and Student Veterans – Dr. Sarah Skelton
- Two Weeks to Two Hours – Chris Giles and EJ Goodroe
- VA Updates – Andy Hernandez and Jennifer Linnell

2:30-3:30 **Concurrent Sessions**

- Nurture, Not Network – Dr. Shari Bowen
- Using Storytelling as a Means of Healing from Trauma – Stesha Colby-Lynch
- Best Practices for Communicating with Executive Level Leadership – Dr. Monika Sziron
- Texas Veterans Commission – TBD

3:30-4:00 **Closing Remarks**

*3:45 – Tour of National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing at Texas A&M University