Perkins V: Special Populations
Homeless Veterans
&
Youth with parents on active duty in the armed forces.

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Perkins V

Purposes of Perkins V

Increase the employment opportunities for populations who are chronically unemployed or underemployed, including individuals with disabilities, individuals from economically disadvantaged families; out-of-workforce individuals; and homeless individuals.
My Personal Experiences & Biases

- Attended one year of college; 6 months USAR; doubled my GPA
- 23 years of military service
- Family Support Group Advisor
- 2013 Veteran Advocate of the Year
My Primary Goals at SPC

► Increase SMVF Enrollment
► Support our ARTI Mission
► Collaborate with Key Organizations
► Help Students Fit In & Stand Out
► Serve with Utmost Honor & Respect
Targeted SMVF Populations

► Disabled Veterans
► Non-traditional Fields
► Out of Workforce Members
► Homeless Veterans
► Youth of SMV Families
Strategic Partners

► Helmets to Hardhats (Ribfest)
► Ramsey County CVSO
► Homeless Organizations: MACV, Haven 4 Heroes, Eagle’s Healing Nest
► MN Soldier & Family Support Org.
Relationship-Building

► Invite to our Campus
► Trades Building Support
► Veteran Advocacy
► Attend Key Events (BTYR, Ribfest, Veteran Career Fairs)
What we Offer SMVF Population

► Peer mentorship program with 113 other SMVF students
► Mental Health with Support Dog
► Active, supportive Veterans Center
► Help SMVF Fit In & Stand Out
► Recognize their value to the college!
Next Steps in 2024

► Identify Key Communication Partners
► Bring our Message to SMVF
► Support Transportation Needs
► Create a Special Open House
8 Keys to Veterans’ Success

1. Culture of Trust & Connection on campus
2. Ensure Sustained leadership support
3. Ensure all veterans receive Academic, Career, and financial advice early
4. Provide a friendly, vibrant veteran center
5. Collaborate with local organizations
6. Collect and track veteran student data/successes
7. Provide comprehensive PD for faculty & staff on unique challenges with veterans
8. Develop systems that ensure the sustainability of effective practices

Source: U.S. Department of Education
Gap areas

Identified about 50 gap areas:

• Active Veterans Committee (members from all bargaining units including students)

• Seamless transition of SMVFs from first point of contact to appropriate resources

• Staff Training and Professional Development

• Active Veterans Center

• Create a sustainable SMVF database

• Revise the SPC website

• Collaboration across departments
Campus Collaborations

- Executive Leadership
- Human Resources
- Office of Student Life
- Registrar’s Office
- Pathway Advising/Counseling
- Admissions and Recruitment
Campus Collaborations

- Marketing and Communications
- Saint Paul College Foundation
- Faculty and Deans
- Career Services
- Public Safety
- Perkins
Fall 2023 SMVF enrollment

• Saint Paul College offer over 36 CTE credentials in CTE, STEM, Business and Services programs
• 113 SMVFs registered in multiple programs
• 83 registered for CTE programs
Path Ahead

- Need to increase awareness about Saint Paul College’s CTE programming and their value to the diverse SMVF population
- Increase funding for marketing and recruitment events
- Apply for the CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR EQUITY IN CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION grant
Alan – recruitment
High School Partnerships

3M/SPPS/MinnState Partnership:
• PSEO by Contract classes (faculty teach high school students)
  • Business
  • Medical Terminology
  • Engineering

Academy of Finance at Como:
• Business Certificate – 5 classes
  • PSEO by Contract
  • Articulated credit
  • Concurrent Enrollment

Gateway to College:
• EMC/ALC PSEO
• Concurrent enrollment classes
• Developmental education agreements: English and Math

Traditional PSEO:
• Healthcare and CTE Programs
  Current Numbers:
  • 2 PSEO students declared Welding Diploma (+1 more?)
  • 1 Interested in Truck Technician (working on an event w/ instructor)
  • 5 PSEO students declared Electromechanical Automations Systems AAS (+1 more?)
High School Partnerships

Schulze Grant:
- June 26-29: Manufacturing Camp
  - Welding & CNC
- July 17-20: Manufacturing Camp
  - Welding & CNC
- July 24-27: Scrubs Camp
  - Hands-on healthcare activities
- Sept 29-20: Creator’s Wanted Tours
  - Tours of our trades floor to various local middle & high schools
- Sept 27: Open World Learning Academy Visit
  - Tours of our Trades floors
- Oct 13: CREF Event at 3M
  - Collision Repair Education Foundation
  - Hands-on activities and panel
- Dec 11, 18-January 26: CNA Class
  - Orientation, Career workshop, 80 hours of class time, state exam, clinicals

Upcoming (In the Works)
- Career Exploration Day with John Glenn Middle School
  - Focusing on 3 high-wage, high-demand areas with hands-on activities
- Career Exploration Day with local High School(s)
  - Potentially bringing in Big Ideas, Inc
  - Another focus with hands-on activities
Perkins V : Special Populations

• Individual Veteran with disabilities
• Individual Veteran from economically disadvantaged families - including low-income youth and adults
• Individuals Veteran preparing for non-traditional fields
• Veteran single parents, including single pregnant women
• Out of workforce Veteran individuals
• Homeless individuals Veteran described in section 725 of the McKinner-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

• Youth with a parent who is a member of the armed forces and is on active duty

• English learners
• Youth who are in, or have, aged out of the foster care system
Questions?

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