NATCON names Rosalynn Johnson as Chapter Advisor of the Year

If you’ve stepped foot inside the Veteran and Military Resource Center, chances are very good that you may have met Rosalynn Johnson. Rosalynn served in the U.S. Army as an Ordnance Officer for six years before transitioning into the world of education. She started her UW Tacoma adventure in 2015 as a Community Engagement Program Assistant and became the Associate Director for Veteran and Military Resource Center in 2016. She currently oversees our Peer Advisor for Veteran Education (PAVE) program which is a transitioning program for the military-connected population on campus.

Rosalynn was selected at NATCON 2018 as Chapter Advisor of the Year out of five finalists. This unprecedented fete of personal accomplishment denotes her relentless work ethic to make UW Tacoma one of the best military-connected institutions in the nation.

Pictured (L-R): Amber Guo, Ian Johnson, Event MC: Jamie Gray Hyder, SVA President Jared Lyon, Rosalynn Johnson, Tommy Johnson (son), Chris Burd, Eric Ballentine, Kegan Ross
Meet Your Peer Advisor for Veteran Education Team!

UW Tacoma’s PAVE Peer Advisors assist transferring and transitioning student veterans with all of their educational needs while on campus. Each Peer Advisor provides useful campus information to the student veteran population to ensure a successful first year on campus. UW Tacoma PAVE will recruit new student veterans as Peer Advisors during Spring Quarter 2018. If you wish to join the PAVE program or have questions, please email uwtpave@uw.edu.

From left to right:
Andrea Coker-Anderson, Registrar, PAVE UC
James Stevens, Army
Shannon Sigmon, Army
Megan Walker, Navy
Timothy Scheckler, Army
Kelby Faulk, Army
Argenis Manguel Velazquez, Navy
Ian Johnson, Army
Eric Ballentine, AmeriCorps, Army
Kyle Williams, Marine Corps
Kris Mason, PAVE Team Leader, Air Force
Rosalynn Johnson, Assoc. Director VMRC, PAVE VSC

The VIBE Brown Bag Series are workshops that provides practical knowledge, as well as provide hands-on training and networking opportunities with professionals in various branches of business.

All are welcome to attend!

When: Wednesdays
12:30 – 1:30pm in TLB 307A

The Guest List:
Jan 24: Rob Coons, CEO, Scout Military Discounts
Feb 7: Collin Coulridge, Owner & CEO of Blue Snow
Feb 14: Heidi Grace, Owner & CEO of Heidi Grace
Feb 21: Jared Williamson, Founder & CEO of Unbroken
Feb 28: Suzanne Boyd, Founder and CEO, Anthrotech
The Student Veteran Organization (SVO) is a registered student organization geared towards veterans and active duty military, their families, and other supportive members of the community. The group also welcomes military spouses and dependents, who themselves, have had distinct experiences that aren’t necessarily common to the rest of the UW Tacoma student population. For meeting times, visit: dawgden.tacoma.uw.edu/organization/svo.

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Chris Burd, SVO President

The Tillman Military Scholarship supports outstanding active-duty service members, veterans, and military spouses who have great talent, significant leadership experience, and a desire to enact positive change. In addition to the financial award, the scholarship offers leadership training, access to the Tillman network, and professional networking opportunities.

Contact: Cindy Schaarschmidt | 253-692-4358 | www.tacoma.uw.edu/scholar

Upcoming SVO Meetings:

Feb 7, Mar 7 from 5:15 – 6:15pm
Location: TLB 307A

Upcoming SVO Events:

1st Annual Dodgeball Invitational
Sat, Feb 17 from 10am – 4pm
UW Tacoma YMCA

SVO/VMRC Mod Pizza Fundraiser
Mon, Feb 27 from 6 – 8pm
Mod Pizza in Lakewood Towne Center

Save the Date!

UWT SVO and VMRC will host the SVA Regional Conference here at UW Tacoma from April 19-21, 2018! More info to come!

Pizza Breaks

Come join the VMRC for Winter Quarter pizza breaks on Feb 9 and Mar 7 in TLB 307A!
Four Block Veteran Career Readiness cohorts in Tacoma – Spring 2018

FOUR BLOCK aims to teach, manage and mentor transitioning student-veterans throughout the cohort system. Four Block is a program designed to equip high potential veterans to achieve great careers at our nation’s top companies. FOUR BLOCK will recruit for the spring cohort from April 3 – May 22, 2018. Cohorts will meet on Tuesdays 5:30 – 7:30pm. Register today at: fourblock.org/register.

National partners include:

Amazon  |  The Walt Disney Company  |  Microsoft  |  Google  |  Facebook

Contact: Monica McNeal | mmcneal@fourblock.org | M: 206-852-4559

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Hours: M–F 10-8pm, Sat 9-6pm, Sun 11-5pm

Do you need a VA ID card? Possessing a veteran ID card proves you served without the need to carry a DD214. You can apply online at: https://www.vets.gov/veteran-id-card/