May 2016

It’s nearly over! Another semester has come and gone.

We would just like to congratulate each and every one of you on making it through another semester of papers, tests, group projects, and lectures.

For those of you that are graduating we do have cords for you to wear during Commencement! If you would like one please stop by our office when it’s open (at Anschutz; P28- 3202 Education 2 North) and we would be glad to give you one! We’re excited to see everyone achieving their goals, but we’re also a little sad to see some will only be in our office a few more times.

For those of you that are continuing in your program over Summer or the Fall semesters, we look forward to continuing to see you’re bright faces in our office. I would also like to remind everyone that is continuing with their educational goals that we do have a list of military related scholarships on our website. www.ucdenver.edu/ovss at the top of the page there is a tab for resources, hover and click on the free off campus resources option. Scroll down a little and you will find the section for scholarships. For application deadlines, requirements, and scholarship amounts please visit the scholarship’s website.

In order for a scholarship refund while using the Post 9/11 GI Bill, apply for those that state it can be used for educational expenses. If the scholarship states that it’s for tuition and fee purposes only it will be a discount to the amount we bill the VA!

Boots to Suits: Professional Development Program

The Boots to Suits Salute Anniversary Event is this month, May 18th at the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. This event, not only is to thank our mentors and recognize all our participants, but it also is a networking event. Students are welcome to attend this event, be on the lookout for the event flier to RSVP.

We will also be accepting applications for our Fall 2016 cohort towards the end of the summer so that we can get a jump start on pairing our mentors/mentees. The Professional Development Program pairs experienced professionals from an industry that our students plan on working in. This is an amazing mentorship experience, giving networking, resume building skills to those students who participate. It is open to Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate Students. There is a fair time commitment to participate in the program; 6 meetings with your mentor, 6 meetings with the Career Center through “Launch!” (a group lead meet-up designed to hone and refine skills needed to be successful in interviews and beyond).

If you have specific questions about the program, please contact us at bootstosuits@ucdenver.edu

Certifying Announcements

As we approach the end of the Spring semester we just want to remind everyone that we will be performing an end of the semester audit. Changes may be made to your certification if we find that we billed the VA incorrectly or if there was an unreported change to your schedule. We will contact you via your CU Denver email about the change when the change is being made. So make sure to check your email!

Summer and Fall registration has been open for a while now, if you plan on taking courses during the Summer or Fall semesters and you would like to be certified please make sure you fill out a Certification Request! This form must be completed for every semester you are enrolled and wish to receive GI Bill benefits. If you don’t complete this form we will have no idea you’re taking courses and therefore won’t report anything to the VA.

This Spring 2016 semester when we’ve found that a student using benefits has withdrawn from a course we’ve emailed the CU Denver email for mitigating circumstances. We did this because of the change the VA made during the Fall 2015 semester. We will NOT continue emailing for future semesters. If you have mitigating circumstances and you do not report the change with the circumstances to our office, we will automatically report the change without mitigating circumstances. You are responsible for reporting any schedule changes to our office.