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SUBJECT: Veterans Resource Center Funding from ASI: December Report

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) team and its military-connected students appreciate and are humbled by the \$4,500 in funding provided by ASI for the fall semester of 2022. As we continue to recover from this unprecedented pandemic and experience the repopulation of students throughout our campus. I am happy to report that the ASI funds of \$4500 were successfully used during one of the VRC's most important and popular events this fall. In conjunction with our Veterans Day ceremony, on Thursday, November 10, the VRC hosted a Veterans Day reception for our university community. All student body was invited to attend and mingle with our military-connected students. Despite the outrageous food costs from the University Auxiliary Services, which in some cases are now charging over 300% compared to 2019 prices. The event was a success. Smiles and laughter filled the university-student union plaza. It brought recognition to our student veterans on campus and highlighted our dependents and their families.

Without these funds, the VRC would not be able to host such a great event for our military-connected students and the university community. The VRC is already hard at work in planning for our spring programming and events. In addition, we will continue to offer virtual and in-person programming that will help military-connected students recognize the importance of career development, connect with on and off-campus resources related to veterans and their families, and provide educational information. We will also build upon the success of the fall semester programming that focused on community building by repeating wellness events and other social opportunities for military-connected students with assistance from the ASI military-connected representative. Thank you for your continuous support in elevating our military-connected student's experience and success. .

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you require additional information.

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