

## Honor a Veteran

Memorialize or honor a veteran from your life with a gift of \$500 or more to the Boots to Books and Beyond Campaign. We'll add his or her photo to our veterans photo mural display.



*"I fought in the name of our great country's freedom, and the VA Center of Grayson College fought to ensure I received my college benefits. It is truly rewarding to have such assistance on this great climb upward, ascending to the top of the academic mountain, and watching each aspiration become reality. I have the Veterans Affairs Office of Grayson College to thank for squaring me away."*

**- Callahn Talcott, U.S. Army Infantry Veteran, Grayson College Student**

## We all benefit by investing in the success of veterans

At Grayson College, education will provide veterans with skills for a lifetime. It will also create a stabilizing force for individual veterans, their families, and the broader community. Veterans who successfully transition into the workforce will add millions of dollars to our regional economy. We'll all see the long-term benefits from having these leaders as employees, citizens, and neighbors.



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# BOOTS TO BOOKS & BEYOND CAMPAIGN



## Boots to Books & Beyond Campaign

During the next decade, more than one million veterans will be returning from military service in Afghanistan and Iraq. Many of those returning will live in Grayson County, due to its proximity to veteran resources and regional employment opportunities as well as its lower cost of living compared to the neighboring DFW Metroplex.

Veterans come home and face a whole new set of challenges, including restoring their physical and mental health; finding employment; and navigating the complex network of benefits, services, and support (including educational) that is available to veterans. Increasingly, they are turning to community colleges to prepare for new careers and learn how to transfer military skills to the workplace. This growing student population has unique needs for which many colleges are underprepared.

The Grayson College Foundation has launched a campaign to support student veterans at Grayson College. The Boots to Books and Beyond Campaign funds will support critical on-campus resources, services, and activities during the next five years of troop draw downs — and beyond.

## Better Serving Those Who Have Served

The Boots to Books and Beyond Campaign will raise funds to provide and maintain on-campus support services to meet the distinct needs of student veterans including:

- A centralized veterans center for access to specialized services, where veterans can connect with each other, study and relax
- Counseling and disability services to assist those with both physical and emotional injuries
- Emergency, "gap," and scholarship funding to ensure student veterans are not forced to drop out due to a lack of veteran benefits or unexpected expenses
- Veterans benefits advisers with expertise in military transcripts and translating credit for prior learning,
- Coordination of services for veterans and their families, and
- Peer mentoring and case management services that provide emotional and academic support from those with similar experiences.

## Join Us!

You can help make the difference for student veterans at Grayson College. To ensure an unbroken path from military service to college and then on to a fulfilling career and life, the college is partnering with donors like you to invest in a comprehensive, veteran-friendly educational experience.

Visit our website at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu) (select Alumni-Foundation) to make an online gift or mail a gift today. You can also make a pledge over a period of time by filling out a pledge card and mailing it to us today.

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