The Veterans Hub and why it matters

- David Hamrick, Veteran Services Project Coordinator

Many colleges and universities have created a special place on campus for student veterans. Here at Grayson College we refer to ours as The Veteran’s Hub, also referred to as “The Hub.” The Hub is located on the bridge between the Library and the Student Life Center. Sleekly designed with full-contemporary, grey-sided Teaching Distillery is perched high on a hill, next to the Regional Airport area, the contemporary, grey-sided Teaching Distillery is perched high on a hill, next to the U.S. flag, the Texas flag, flags from each branch of the military service, and the Prisoner Of War (POW) flag are proudly displayed in front of The Veteran’s Hub. The Hub is located on the bridge between the Library and the Student Life Center. Sleekly designed with full-view commercial overhead doors, the Veteran’s Hub is different from other hubs/labs on campus because it is not accommodated on campus is a great relief.

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We got spirits! A tour of the new GC Teaching Distillery

- Andrea Goowans, Viking Contributor

We all know that Grayson College has “School Spirit,” but did you also know that GC can now distill its own alcoholic spirits? (A liquor, or distilled spirit, is an alcoholic beverage that is distilled rather than fermented like beer and wine. Distilled spirits include brandy, gin, rum, tequila, whiskey, and vodka.)

Welcome to the brand-new Grayson College Teaching Distillery, the latest addition to GC’s Viticulture and Enology program, opened just this past October 2019. Located in the West Campus extension of Grayson College, co-located in the North Texas Regional Airport area, the contemporary, grey-sided Teaching Distillery is perched high on a hill, new to the GC Viticulture and Enology Center. Sleekly designed with full-view commercial overhead doors, the $1.4 million building invites visitors a peek inside the distillery for a cursory glimpse of the $350,000 worth of distilling equipment housed inside this impressive teaching facility. Greyson College Teaching Distillery.

Perhaps the most striking piece of distillery equipment is the 500 Liter, copper German brewing still, which is used to make the “cuts” of the distillate during the liquor production. “The Heads will make you blind, the Hearts are the meat of the production, and the Tails just don’t taste good,” quipped Snyder.

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Black Print Honors Living Legends

Dr. Charles Leslie, Recruiter and Viking Staff

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Racey Guess (left) is presented his award by Dr. Charles Leslie (right). (Photos provided by Dr. Charles Leslie)

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LOCALS AND LEGENDS

Library celebrates
Locals and Legends

I, too, sing America
I am the darker brother
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.
These lines from the poem "I, Too," by Langston Hughes, were among those featured in Grayson College Library's main exhibit throughout February. In honor of Black History Month, the library featured great African American poets like Hughes: Harlem Renaissance leader, Guggenheim Fellow, and winner of the Langston Hughes Award, multiple Grammy awards, and an African descent. The exhibit also featured the talents of local poets as well, such as Deborah Angelou. The exhibit features a downloadable playlist of poetry selections, most performed by the authors themselves, so their work can be heard in the way they intended. Following a simple scan of the QR code, the library patron can access the YouTube playlist at a future time and location of their choosing.

Harvard’s highest honor in the field of African and African-American studies is the W.E.B. DuBois Medal, named for the titan of civil rights, sociology, and history. Below is a stanza from DuBois’ featured poem, “The Song of the Smoke”:

I am the Smoke King,
I am black!
I am darkening with song,
I am hearkening to wrong!
I will be black as blackness can---
The blacker the mantle, the mighter the man!
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most veterans from a school kid to a family member and their desires are worlds apart from the typical student.

The Hub provides camaraderie, the ability for veterans or their family members to interact, and for them to socialize with others of like background. Having a safe and welcoming environment for veterans on campus acknowledges their "story" and honors a special place in our society. It also recognizes them as a group and encourages fellow veterans to talk with others outside the campus veterans as a culture and providing for the needs of that population. At Western Michigan University, the Grayson College a veteran-friendly institution.

"The Hub is for members of veteran and family members of veterans. Have a calm place to go in their free time. I use the Hub twice a week when I am at Grayson College," said Maj. Dunn. "I use the Hub as a place to either wait until class time or wait for tutoring time. The Hub has a calming atmosphere and the chairs are not bad compared to the chairs at Grayson," states Lance Green, student and son of an Army veteran.

The Hub also provides the meeting area for the Grayson College Student Veterans Organization (SVO). Twice monthly (1st, and last Thursdays at 12:15) the SVO holds a lunch meeting to discuss veteran issues and listen to presentations on their specific needs. The meetings are open to all students and faculty. For more information stop by the Veteran Services Office on the 3rd floor, email us at veterans@grayson.edu or call 903-451-2615.

[Image: The Hub is a place for veterans and their family members to interact.]

**Relevant Knowledge:**
- The military's role in volunteering for service is a necessary part of defense. In case of large-scale shortages in times of deployment of troops into combat positions in war, the draft is used. The draft is a last-resort idea, with or without women. In the article, "The Hub is a place for veterans and their family members to interact."
- The military is the only piece of data utilized to make executive decisions; however, we as a society should easily see how this manipulation may be unethical. Morality is a large part of increasing military manpower.
- In 1965, at the peak of the Vietnam War draft, almost all of the military equipment was in "Orientation Kits" dispersed among local draft boards to be utilized as a guide for the Selective Service System. In 1986, the Selective Service Act was drafted with the Selective Service Act of 1917. However, the act is no stranger to change, and it has been adapted many times. For example, the 1948 Selective Service Act was updated to include changes in the terms of the draft. Subsequently, the act has been adjusting the age limits from 18-31 years of age one time.

**Moral and Just?**
- Is requiring women to register for Selective Service moral and just? One of the largest arguments against the draft, not only for women but men as well, is the morality and fairness of the selective service. Disney's Mary Poppins, and the New York Times, this was most prominent amongst the Vietnam War era. The Viet Nam draft was a large role in increasing military manpower.
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**Combat Effective?**
- Regardless of the branch of service, the military or merely the perception of equality? Are we chasing the betterment of our nation's combat roles? One source of initial data found that approximately 35,000 women had been sexually assaulted, and 13,000 of those assaulted were women. To put this perspective, in 2016 there were only 14,900 sexual assault cases. These are alarming numbers that we should absolutely consider when discussing whether or not women should register for Selective Service for war.
- What's perhaps more alarming are the results of data produced by Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), which are the governing body of the Army's basic training. That data showed that between 2000 and 2008 approximately 107 drill sergeants were charged with sexual misconduct under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, according to Kim and Carl Prine of Military Times. Of the five basic training sites, Carl Prine observed that all but one training stets had co-ed basic training. Those two training sites accounted for 62 of those drill sergeant charges.

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Although technology is a benefit, it has negative influences as well. We take pictures instead of notes to make it easier to recall information. We email instead of writing letters. We gossip being relayed on social media.

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Best friends make big impact at local high school
Brooke Blackerby, Student

From sponsoring student government to organizing the senior prom, Leonard High School has two standout employees who seem to do it all. Librarian Pam McCarley and assistant librarian Coylene Moreland do everything in their power to provide an outstanding experience for students attending Leonard schools.

Moreland and McCarley have been a part of the Leonard community for more than 56 years. Both women attended high school themselves in Leonard and participated in cheerleading, drill team, basketball, track, Beta Club, and community service activities. “Anything that was offered we did it,” explained Moreland.

But LHS has changed since McCarley and Moreland attended high school. They went to school in a three-story building, which burned down in 1980. “We loved our building. It was old and falling apart but it had character,” said Littrell. “Everyone remembers where they were the night it burned down. [We all] had attachments to our building.”

The two women have been friends for over 45 years. “While we went to school together, [Moreland] was a little bit younger than me. She was a sissy sophomore when I graduated,” McCarley said with a smile. “We did everything together in high school!”

McCarley and Moreland like to have fun with their jobs, and they enjoy poking fun at each other from time to time. “It’s so funny that Pam is the one that calls me ‘Coylene’ and all the first thing in the morning,” Moreland explained. “She was always late [when we were in school], and you could hear her coming when she pulled into the parking lot literally on two wheels!”

Some of their LHS coworkers attribute these women’s success in their jobs to the friendship that they share. Kacie Littrell, Leonard High School’s activities, career planning, and counseling coordinator for LISD and organizes graduation, end-of-year awards and promotions, banquets, records the students’ attendance and grades, and most thorough people I know.”

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