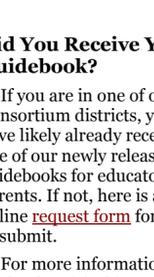


Building Capacity in Military-Connected Schools

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Did You Receive Your Guidebook?

If you are in one of our Consortium districts, you have likely already received one of our newly released guidebooks for educators or parents. If not, here is an online [request form](#) for you to submit.

For more information on the books, visit this [page](#) from Teachers College Press.

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Looking for Past Issues?

All of our past issues are archived on our [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

The CalVet Secretary's Conference will be held April 26th at the California Emergency Management Agency in Sacramento, beginning at 8 a.m.

The conference provides a forum for leaders in the veteran community to meet with the CalVet Executive Management Team to discuss matters important to veterans and their families in California.

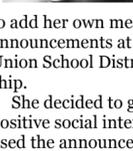
An online registration link will be available soon. For more information or to propose an agenda item, email jp.tremblay@calvet.ca.gov

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Daily Announcements Can Raise Awareness of Military Students in School



Sometimes all it takes to create a more military-friendly school is an addition or an adjustment to the practices that schools are already using.

That's what USC MSW student Annabeth Adler learned when she decided to add her own message to students during the morning announcements at Sullivan Middle School in the Bonsall Union School District, where she is completing her internship.

She decided to greet students with uplifting words about positive social interaction and respect for others, but also used the announcement as an opportunity to share facts and information about the military and military families.

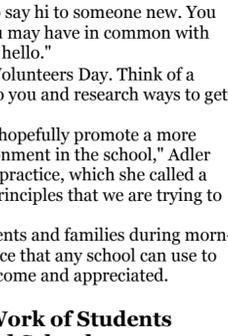
Adler (below) began communicating information about military students during the week leading up to Veterans Day. She used *The Pupil Personnel Guide for Supporting Students from Military Families*, one of our four guidebooks, as a resource. Assistant Principal Frank English thought it was such a great idea that he asked her to continue writing messages to share with the students.

Here are some samples of Adler's announcements:

- "As most of you are aware, this Friday is Veteran's Day. As a way of showing support for the military, we will be wearing yellow. Anyone who wears yellow will receive a Character Counts card."
- "Take a moment today to say hi to someone new. You will never know what you may have in common with that person until you say hello."
- "Today is International Volunteers Day. Think of a cause that is important to you and research ways to get involved." (Dec. 5)

"The announcements will hopefully promote a more positive and accepting environment in the school," Adler wrote in her summary of the practice, which she called a "daily reinforcement of the principles that we are trying to reinforce in these schools."

Recognizing military students and families during morning announcement is a practice that any school can use to make these students feel welcome and appreciated.



SDSU To Highlight Work of Students in Military-Connected Schools

San Diego State University (SDSU), one of *Building Capacity's* higher education partners, will showcase the work of master's students working in Consortium schools at a special event on April 24. The event, which will include an opening ceremony and poster presentations, will involve social work, school counseling and school psychology students. See the details below or click on this [evite](#) to RSVP.

What: Showcasing Work with Military-Connected Students

Host: SDSU *Building Capacity* Partnership

When: Wednesday, April 24, 4-6 p.m.

Where: SDSU Scripps Cottage (near West Commons) 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, Calif., 92182

Spotlight On: Barbara Gauthier and Sharon von Maier

The *Building Capacity* project would not be successful without dedicated partners in the Consortium school districts. This month, we highlight Barbara Gauthier (left in photo) and Sharon von Maier, who work with us in the Escondido Union High School District (EUHSD).

The director of assessment and special programs, von Maier has been with the district for nine years. Previously, she worked as an assistant principal in the San Dieguito Union High School District and as a science teacher and site administrator in the Jurupa Unified School District in Riverside County. She holds a B.S. degree in biology and a M.A. in educational administration, both from the University of California, Riverside.

Recently, von Maier has worked to connect schools with USC researchers and instructors for presentations to staff and parents.

"USC staff have also graciously given of their time and expertise to support [financial aid] workshops at each high school, especially assisting military-connected families through this complicated process," she says.

Gauthier, the director of interventions for EUHSD, also previously worked in the San Dieguito Union High School District as a middle and high school assistant principal and then as a high school principal.

She holds a Master's in Education from San Diego State University and a Doctorate in organizational leadership from The University of La Verne.

She has been with EUHSD for five years, in which she works with administrators, counselors and school staff to identify and then serve high risk students such as foster and homeless students, those who are expelled or on probation and students with substance abuse issues. She sees the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) as an important component to serving students.

"The USC staff has been very helpful by supporting the administration of the CHKS to our students," she says. "Once the results of the survey are tallied, they help our staff identify areas of need amongst our students and then offer trainings to address those needs."

Featured Resource: Alexander Kreiglowa Navy and Marine Corps Dependents Education Scholarship

Deadline: March 29!

Navy and Marine families in California can now apply for the Alexander Kreiglowa Navy and Marine Corps Dependents Education Scholarship, which provides \$15,000 a year for four years.

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be a dependent child of an active duty, retired, or deceased Naval Service (USN or USMC) resident of the State of California
- Be a graduating senior in the top 10 percent of his or her class
- Have evidence of acceptance for Fall 2013 by an accredited college or university in the U.S.
- Show proof of financial need (this can vary case by case)

For more information, click on this [link](#).



Headlines and Resources

We regularly feature stories, reports and resources related to military children on our [website](#). Follow our news updates on [Tumblr](#) for additions, such as these:

- An [article](#) by *Building Capacity* writer Linda Jacobson appeared in the March/April issue of the Harvard Education Letter. The article looks at how practices used to smooth school transitions for military children can benefit any student who frequently changes schools.
- Click [here](#) for the March/April issue of the Academic Anchor, the newsletter of the Navy Region Southwest's school liaison officers. Scroll down to find the newsletter.