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**OC COMMUNITY SERVICES, 2-1-1 ORANGE COUNTY,
SADDLEBACK COLLEGE & OC VETERAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

PROUDLY PRESENT THE

South County Veterans Summit

“Connect & Succeed!”

**Saddleback College
November 6, 2015**



OC Veteran Advisory Council



Agenda

8:00	Registration / Breakfast	McKinney Theater
9:00	Welcome	Dr. Tod Burnett <i>President, Saddleback College</i>
	Opening Remarks	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
	Invocation	Frank Cook <i>Chaplain, American Legion District 29</i>
	Color Guard	Marine Aircraft Group 39
	Pledge of Allegiance	Greg Rath <i>Mayor Pro Tem, City of Mission Viejo</i>
	National Anthem	Veronica Moreno <i>Clerk-Recorder Department</i>
9:20	South Orange County Veterans Report	Dr. Wallace Walrod <i>Chief Economic Adviser, OC Business Council</i>
9:35	Study Q&A	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
9:50	Spotlight on Veteran Resources in Orange County	Marco Martinez, Bobby McDonald Karen Williams, Terence Nelson
10:05	Panel Q&A	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
10:20	Closing Remarks / Opportunity Drawing	Supervisor Lisa Bartlett
10:30	Theater Presentation Concludes	
10:30 - 2:00	Resource Fair	Saddleback College Quad
11:00 - 12:30	Breakout Sessions (repeating every 30 minutes)	
	Topic 1: "Connect with Your Higher Education Opportunities"	<i>Career Center Lab SSC 140</i>
	Topic 2: "Connect with Companies that Care About You"	<i>Career Center Library SSC 140</i>
	Topic 3: "Connect with Your VA Benefits"	<i>Business/General Studies Center</i>
2:00	Veterans Summit Concludes	

Speaker Biographies

Wallace Walrod, Ph.D. is Chief Economic Adviser to the OC Business Council (OCBC). OCBC's Research Department has been led by Dr. Walrod for the last 15 years. His work includes designing innovative programs, strategies, and policy solutions for private industries, government and private foundations, including the Orange County Community Indicators Report, Workforce Assessment Indicators Report, Workforce Housing Scorecard, and Orange County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Dr. Walrod graduated with a Ph.D. from UC Irvine and serves as Technical Advisor to the State of California's Economic Strategy Panel.

Spotlight on Veteran Resources - Orange County Panel

Marco Martinez - Veterans Service Officer and Orange County Veterans Remains Officer, County of Orange

Bobby McDonald - Chair, Orange County Veterans Advisory Council

Karen Williams - President and Chief Executive Officer, 2-1-1 Orange County

Terence Nelson - Dean of Transfer, Career, and Special Programs; VETS Director, Saddleback College



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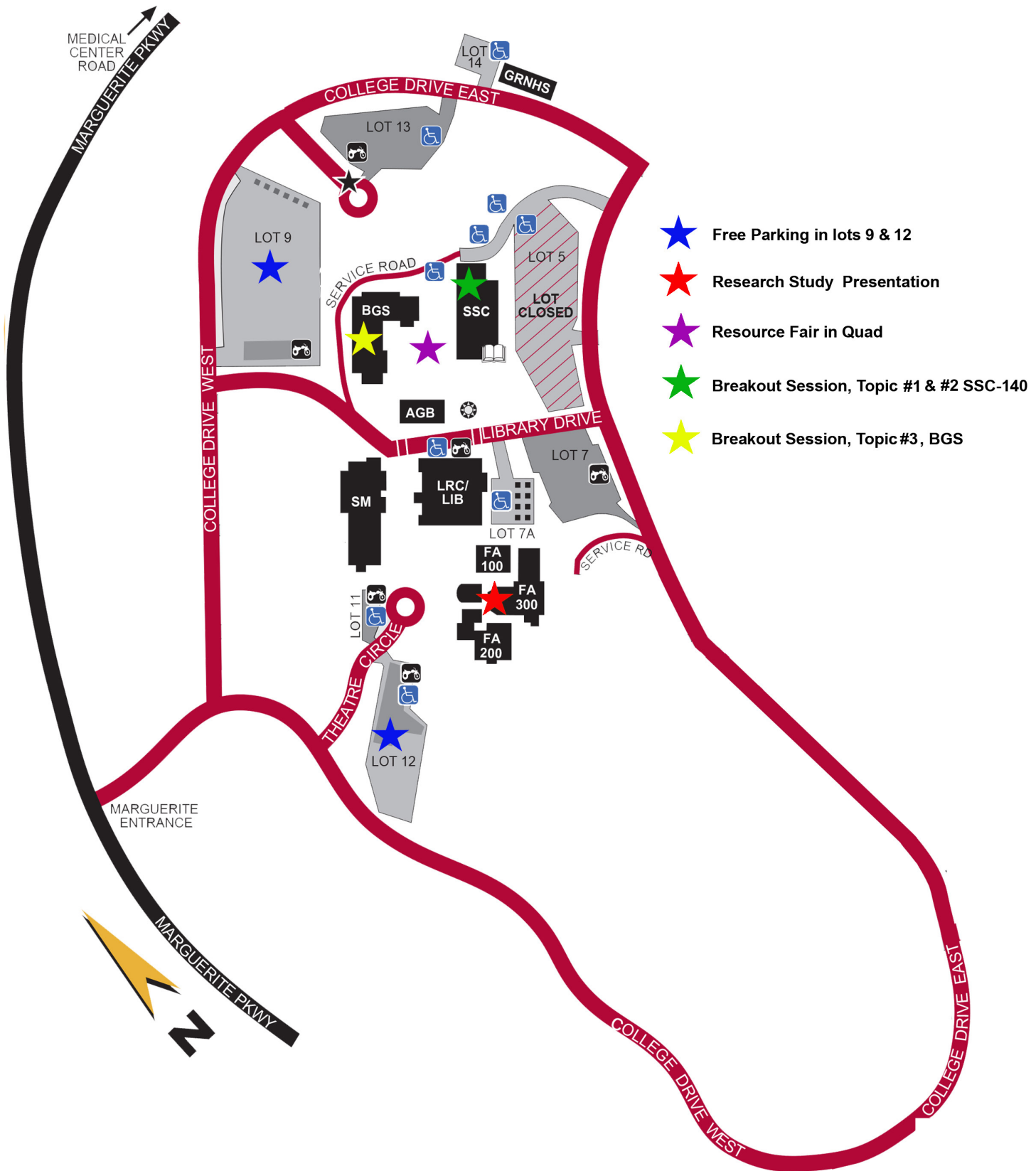


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Campus Map



Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session Details
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
(Repeated every 30 minutes)

“Connect with Your Higher Education Opportunities”
Career Center Lab SSC 140

This presentation will brief you on the opportunities offered in higher education in south Orange County as well as the myriad of resources and supports available to our Veterans and their family members. Access to college and university learning is a mystery to many prior military. Saddleback College works with thousands of active duty Marines, Sailors, and Veterans to dispel the myths and open up pathways to a college degree and/or certificate. Join this session to gain knowledge on higher education opportunities.

Presenter: Kolin Williams, M.S., Saddleback College Veterans Counselor and US Army Veteran

“Connect with Companies that Care About You”
Career Center Library SSC 140

Orange County employers are becoming increasingly aware of the unique strengths Veterans bring to the civilian workforce. Come meet and talk to employers with real commitments to make the hiring of qualified Veterans a priority. Company representatives will include: United Parcel Service (UPS), Canon U.S.A., Inc., Solo Termite & Pest Control, Kaiser Permanente, Parker Aerospace, VA Long Beach Healthcare System, and Farmers Insurance.

Note: This is not a traditional job fair. It is a unique opportunity to speak directly with company representatives that truly care about Veterans. The environment will provide for small group discussions and one-on-one conversations. This session is a “facilitated personal connection” with hiring companies.

“Connect with Your VA Benefits”
Business/General Studies Center (BGS)

This presentation will provide an overview of the benefits and services provided by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Also included will be general eligibility, eBenefits, Service Connected Disabilities, Education and Training, VA Pensions, and Home Loan Guaranty. These benefits are codified in Title 38 of the United States Code.

Presenter: Kadell Felton, Military Services Coordinator and Homeless Veteran Outreach Coordinator (HVOC) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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