

Mission Possible: Ball State's Student Veteran Newsletter

Ball State University

Upcoming Events

- **March 19th:** Course withdrawal deadline for Spring
- **April 4th:** Annual Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Prep Workshop. [Click Here to Register](#)
- **April 18th:** Hire-A-Hoosier Vet Career Fair at South Field in Indianapolis

5 Questions With...

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1. **Military Affiliation?** U.S. Army Reserves
2. **Major?** History
3. **Favorite Hobby?** Shooting
4. **Favorite Military Memory?** Deploying to Afghanistan
5. **Advice to other student veterans?** School may be different, but if you need help, ask for it.

Budgeting for College

It's important to plan for college expenses. Creating and following a budget will play a large role in ensuring the financial stability necessary to complete a degree.

At its core, a budget is simply a prediction of two things:

1. The amount of money you will have to spend.
2. What you will spend your money on.

To begin, list every source of income you will have available each month after taxes (financial aid, support from parents, part-time job, etc.) and immediately de-

duct 10% for savings to cover unexpected emergencies like car repairs. The amount left over is what you will have to spend each month.

Next, list every monthly mandatory cost (tuition, books, groceries, etc.) and deduct that from what you have to spend. What is left over will be your disposable income.

As a final step, list the areas where you choose to spend your money. Entertainment, new clothing and eating out are all areas where most people choose to spend. Make sure these expenses

are less than your disposable income and you will be all set for a financially stable future.

In addition to the steps listed above, [FinAid](#) offers a calculator that you can utilize. The Student Budget Calculator calculates the difference between your expenses and income, identifying when you are spending beyond your means. [Click here](#) to be transferred to the FinAid Student Budget Calculator.

Information retrieved from learnmoreindiana.org.

The "Basics": A Call Out

Staff members from the Veterans Affairs office and the Learning Center want to hear from you! We are conducting research on best practices for student veterans. We would like to know specific techniques and strategies that help you learn. What techniques can faculty members build into their classes to facilitate

learning? What type of classroom atmosphere is conducive for learning?

Previously this year, surveys were sent to student veterans but we would like to know more than the survey results. We would like to interview students about their classroom experiences and preferences.

Would you be interested in meeting with someone to discuss these topics? If so, please contact Jenny Haley, jhaley@bsu.edu. Your opinions count so please share them with us and know that you will be referred to anonymously.