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To Whom It May Concern:

Cerro Coso Community College is thrilled to be a collaborator with the future National Wounded Warrior Center in Mammoth Lakes, California. The NWWC, to be built by Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra (DSES), will be adjacent to the fully-accessible Eastern Sierra College Center (ESCC), enabling Wounded Warriors to take classes, earn certificates, and benefit from career counseling already offered on campus.

Our Access Programs and Services offer students equity and excellence in education, maximizing each student's educational potential while helping him or her develop and maintain independence. Our philosophy is one that encourages self-awareness, self-determination, self-advocacy and independence in a comprehensively accessible environment.

The Career Planning and Placement Services will also be available to the Wounded Warriors to assist individuals in making career decisions. These services include computerized career information and search programs, a career information library, occupational interest inventories, individual counseling and classes in career planning. Job placement and advisory services are provided to students, graduates and former students for off-campus part-time, full-time, temporary, permanent or summer employment opportunities. Materials relating to job seeking skills, interview and resume writing techniques, and current employment opportunities are also available.

State wide, the community college system is prioritizing an educational environment and system that helps students gain skills and accreditation in order to achieve degree or transfer completion with the aim of helping students succeed in entering the work force. All degrees, courses, and certificates will be available to the Wounded Warriors at the NWWC including POST Peace Officer Academy, Kinesiology, Clinical Medical Assistant Certificate, Emergency Medical Technician and Home Health Aide Certificate, a three-week clinical course to become a home health aide. Several two-

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year Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degrees are also available. Further, we offer a full range of courses to meet transfer requirements to the University of California, California State University and other colleges.

These courses are intended to guide Cerro Coso students toward four-year universities, jobs, and careers

Moving forward, Cerro Coso will collaborate with DSES in their Wounded Warrior events, providing access to educational and career advising to all participants. We will provide information about the GI Bill, ESCC-Mammoth program offerings to be provided as a regular part of Disabled Sports information for clients, presentations by ESCC faculty and staff at events and access to educational counselors and student services advisors.

Cerro Coso believes the NWWC is essential as our returning heroes heal and transition into civilian life. We are looking forward to this worthy population of Wounded Warriors to be on our campus and we can't wait to welcome them with open arms into our community!

Regards,

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