

Dear PPCC Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Today as we recognize and celebrate our veterans for their service, I want to remind you all of their sacrifice. When I think of our veterans who fought in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam, Korea, and around the world in the World Wars, I am filled with awe and gratitude for their bravery, sacrifice, and commitment. Many gave their lives in ultimate sacrifice for causes of freedom, liberty, and democracy. Our military service members fought and defeated despotism and tyrants who threatened and destroyed their own citizens as well as peaceful people across the globe. We owe these people our deepest gratitude for protecting our nation, our freedoms and our people.

A special thank you to all of our students, faculty, and staff who are veterans. We are thankful for your service to our nation, and we are grateful to have you all as part of our college. You strengthen our college community with the tremendous experience and training you bring to our college. We also acknowledge today the sacrifice and contribution of military family members. Wives, husbands, and children of our honored service members also make tremendous sacrifices for the cause of our great nation. We thank you all for your commitment, sacrifice, and service to our nation as well.

Please take a few moments today to consider the bravery and sacrifice of our nation's incredible armed forces and their families. They protect our nation and protect our ability to pursue life, liberty and happiness as our forefathers envisioned in the Declaration of Independence. Our veterans deserve your recognition and gratitude. Although today is Veteran's Day; every day in our free nation is a day of gratitude to our veterans. I encourage you to acknowledge and express your gratitude to them.

Sincerely,  
Lance Bolton



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