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## West Marked 9/11 With Opening of New Veterans Services Center

Thanks to a donation from the Senev Family Trust and in partnership with Serene Haven, West Los Angeles College Student Services Division will house a new veterans services center. Serene Haven is an organization that provides permanent support services to returning veterans.

A small reception was held across from the office that will house the center on the fourth floor of the Student Services Building on Friday, September 11, 2015.

“The new Veterans Services Support Center will be a great complement to the services the college currently provides to our student veterans. Now, in addition to academic and financial aid counseling, they can receive guidance on the whole range of resources available to help them thrive in and outside of school,” said Robert Sprague, Interim President of West Los Angeles College.

The Center will open September 21, 2015. For more information, contact Paul Hanley, President of Serene Haven (562) 382-3257 [paulhanley@saveveteranhousing.com](mailto:paulhanley@saveveteranhousing.com).

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Robert Sprague, Interim President of West Los Angeles College; and Paul Hanley, President of Safe Haven cut a ribbon in front of the WLAC Student Services Building which will house the Veterans Services Support Center. Safe Haven will provide staffing for the Center. Also pictured are Sam Senev, donor; student veterans; West staff who regularly work with veterans; Betty Wilson, Commission on Disabilities Commissioner; and Richard Pope, ADA Coordinator Veteran's Affairs Specialist at City of Los Angeles among others.



Veterans attending West Los Angeles College are pictured with Sam Senev, donor, and West's student services staff who regularly work with student veterans.



Robert Sprague, Interim President of West Los Angeles College and Paul Hanley, President of Safe Haven cut a ribbon in front of the new Veterans Services Support Center at West. Safe Haven will provide staffing for the Center. Also present were Sam Senev, donor; student veterans; West staff who regularly work with veterans; Betty Wilson, Commission on Disabilities Commissioner; and Richard Pope, ADA Coordinator Veteran's Affairs Specialist at City of Los Angeles among others.



The new Veterans Services Support Center at West.



Interim President of West Los Angeles College Robert Sprague at the ribbon cutting of new Veterans Support Services Center at West said in closing, "West is a place that many students and staff refer to as a family and I'm so glad today that we can find room for that member of our family, the veteran."



Sam Senev representing the Senev Family Trust called West a "jewel" and hopes his support will increase access and support for local veterans.