

Naming of The John Acuña Veterans Resource Center Student Lounge

The proposed name recognizes a longstanding philanthropic partnership benefiting Santa Ana College's student veteran community. The Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation has shown a significant, sustained commitment to the John Acuña Veterans Resource Center, with documented contributions totaling \$198,500 over eight consecutive years, from 2019 through 2026.

The Stanley W. Ekstrom Foundation contributed \$23,500 in 2019, followed by \$25,000 annually from 2020 through 2026. This consistent support represents an enduring investment in the Veterans Resource Center and its mission to support the educational success, transition, connection, and belonging of student veterans.

The Student Veterans Lounge is an especially appropriate space for this recognition. Located within the John Acuña Veterans Resource Center, the lounge serves as a dedicated gathering place where student veterans can connect with peers, build community, access support, and develop a sense of belonging as they transition from military service to higher education.

Naming this space the "Tony DiLisa Student Veterans Lounge" would provide a permanent, visible acknowledgment of this legacy of support while connecting the recognition directly to the student veterans and community served by the Center.

The Santa Ana College Foundation will fund the costs associated with the naming recognition, including approved signage and related elements. No general operating funds are anticipated. Following approval, the College and District will coordinate final signage design, fabrication, and installation.

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