

Featured Campus

University of Colorado Colorado Springs is this month's Featured Campus! The UCCS team is led by Timothy Little (Team Leader), Ava Murphy (Veterans Services Coordinator), and University Champions Philip Morris and Brad Bayer. UCCS has consistently performed well since coming on board in 2016. In addition to doing a great job implementing the program, they've maintained continued energy and enthusiasm throughout the course of the program. When faced with challenges and growth opportunities, the team has come together and adjusted as necessary to make the program even better!



Like many partner campus teams, the UCCS team finds that it can take a while for student veterans to respond to their attempts to reach them, but Timothy says he's noticed this has progressively gotten better. The team has regularly sent out a wealth of information about services and resources available to their student veterans, and have had a positive response to that. Ava says, "I'm very proud that we're getting our name out there, and that more students know about us," adding that they've enjoyed being able to help solve problems and feel like they're making a difference once those students connect with their Peer Advisors for assistance.

"We've been able to remain persistent... I'm proud that it's still going strong," Timothy says. Ava and Timothy attribute their team's success to the diversity in background and personality of their Peer Advisors, and how "each one brings their own zest to the program," as Timothy describes it. While the team is strengthened by its diversity, one thing they say all of their Peer Advisors have in common is that they have good communication skills, which helps them create connections with new student veterans on campus as they provide outreach and support. *Keep up the great momentum, UCCS PAVE Team!*