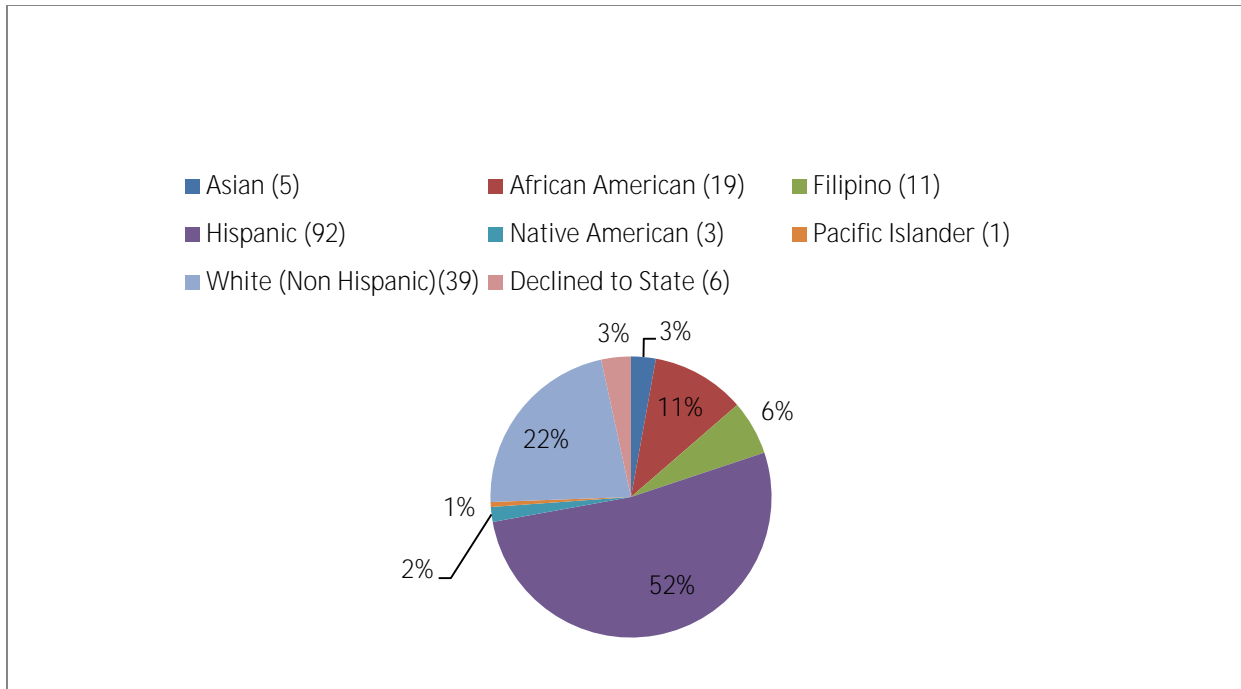

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The number of students served by the Hartnell Veterans Department has grown increasingly from the last 6 years. In 2014-2015 we experience a decline due to the loss of the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP) program. The () GI Bill offered up to 12 months of Montgomery GI Bill benefits for older unemployed veterans between the ages of 35 and 60. All VRAP students failed to return for the new academic year once funding was discontinued. There was a loss of 29 VRAP students.

The most challenging aspect that the department faces is the lack of full time staff in its organizational structure. The Certifying Official is the main person who works directly with the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure that the educational requirements are met and that educational benefits are accurately awarded based on the data that we certify. This position is only 25 hours a week, so students only have access to limited hours. While the department has added an adjunct Veterans Counselor for 20 hours, there is a need for full time access for students.

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The next assessment period will be in Fall
2016.

6a. Veteran Speaker Series for Student Veterans	1A 2B 5A	Department Goal	Student Veterans would learn about the resources that are available to them as a Veteran.	\$1000	Maria Schlotthauer	Fall 2016	Such Resources could be: Operation Freedom Paws, Compensation, Housing
6b. Veteran Speaker Series for Staff and Faculty	3A 6A	Department Goal	Staff and faculty would have a greater awareness of the needs of student veterans.	\$1000	Maria Schlotthauer	Fall 2016	

**** Please complete items 2a-e immediately below for EACH new activity. ****

New Activities

Activity 1:

Activity 2:

By offering a Student speaker series

