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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY NAMED TO 140 BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES 2015

Fifth annual rankings factor in veteran and military students' success rates

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 10, 2014 – Military Times today announced the Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 rankings including Davenport University. In its fifth year, the rankings factor in the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military students' success rates.

“We are honored to be listed as one of the best colleges for veterans,” said Davenport University President Dr. Richard Pappas. “We have made a conscious effort to create a ‘Military Friendly’ designated campus by offering specialized services to all of our student veterans and service members. Our goal is to provide exemplary services to our military service members, veterans, and their families.”

The survey-based Best for Vets: Colleges doesn't manipulate mainstream research to skew more “veteran.” The detailed survey requires schools to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to military and veteran students and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus.

“We factor in what is, to our knowledge, the most detailed school-by-school data on veteran students' academic success anywhere, including graduation, retention, persistence and course completion rates,” says Amanda Miller, editor of Best for Vets. Two years ago, only 11 percent of the hundreds of schools surveyed could provide that level of detail. This year, that figure is up to 45 percent. “By recognizing only the schools that do the most, we believe we're helping to raise the bar in veteran student services.”

For the full Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 rankings, go to: www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015.

The rankings are published in full in the issues of *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* and *Marine Corps Times* on newsstands the week of Nov. 10; in the November issue of *Military Times EDGE* magazine; and online at MilitaryTimes.com, as well as ArmyTimes.com, NavyTimes.com, AirForceTimes.com and MarineCorpsTimes.com.

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