Military Times Announces the Best for Vets: Colleges 2016

Sixth annual rankings factor in veteran and military students’ success rates

SPRINGFIELD, VA – Military Times today announced its Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 rankings. In their sixth year, the rankings factor in the results of Military Times’ annual survey, the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement.

As with all Best for Vets rankings, Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that help make colleges and universities a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families. More than 600 colleges took part in this year’s detailed survey.

“It’s been amazing to witness how colleges all across higher education have embraced service members and their families,” said Amanda Miller, editor of Military Times’ Best for Vets rankings and special editions. “Over the past six years of our surveys, we’ve seen so many schools first begin to foster – through new policies, services and dedicated facilities – and then nurture these wonderful communities.”

Military Times’ annual Best for Vets: Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus. Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense Departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

“We award the Best for Vets designation to the very best – the colleges that really are setting the example,” Miller said.

For the full Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 rankings, go to: www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2016.

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. 9; and online at MilitaryTimes.com, as well as ArmyTimes.com, NavyTimes.com, AirForceTimes.com and MarineCorpsTimes.com.


The 2016 Best for Vets: Colleges are:
4-year

1. University of Nebraska at Omaha
2. University of South Florida
3. Eastern Kentucky University
4. D'Youville College
5. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
6. Stockton University
7. Armstrong State University
8. California State University, San Bernardino
9. South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (SDSM&T)
10. The University of Kansas
11. San Diego State University
12. South Dakota State University
13. Colorado State University
14. Lewis University
15. Western Illinois University
16. University of Texas at Arlington
17. Western Kentucky University
18. CUNY John Jay College
19. St. Petersburg College
20. University of Texas at El Paso
21. University of the Incarnate Word
22. Old Dominion University
23. Texas A&M University
24. Florida State University
25. Bowling Green State University
26. Quinnipiac University
27. University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus
28. East Carolina University
29. Texas State University
30. Webster University
31. The George Washington University
32. Texas Tech University
33. Arizona State University
34. Fayetteville State University
35. Syracuse University
36. Northern Kentucky University
37. University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire
38. Saginaw Valley State University
39. University of Missouri-St. Louis
40. Southern Illinois University Carbondale
41. University of Arkansas
42. Angelo State University
43. University of Central Oklahoma
44. Mississippi State University
45. Niagara University
46. Stratford University
47. Pace University
48. Fordham University
49. Metropolitan State University of Denver
50. University of Michigan
51. University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
52. Iowa State University
53. The University of Iowa
54. University of Georgia
55. University of California, Los Angeles
56. Troy University
57. Drexel University
58. University of Massachusetts Lowell
59. Texas A&M University-San Antonio
60. The Ohio State University
61. California State University San Marcos
62. College of Coastal Georgia
63. University of Kentucky
64. Hawaii Pacific University
65. Middle Tennessee State University
66. Northern Arizona University
67. John Carroll University
68. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
69. University of Southern California
70. West Virginia University
71. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
72. University of North Carolina at Pembroke
73. SUNY Oswego
74. University of San Diego
75. University of Wisconsin-Stout
76. Western Michigan University
77. University of Wyoming
78. St. Joseph's College, New York
79. Azusa Pacific University
80. University of South Carolina Aiken
81. University of California, Berkeley
82. Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
83. Edgewood College
84. University of Connecticut
85. Morehead State University
86. University of North Carolina at Charlotte
87. Methodist University
88. University of Pittsburgh
89. University of Northern Iowa
90. University of Colorado Colorado Springs
91. SUNY College at Plattsburgh
92. University at Buffalo
93. University of Louisville
94. Creighton University
95. Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis
96. Florida Atlantic University
97. Dallas Baptist University
98. Youngstown State University
99. The University of Toledo
100. Arkansas State University
101. University of South Dakota
102. University of Nebraska-Lincoln
103. Murray State University
104. University of New Haven
105. Long Island University
106. Austin Peay State University
107. Black Hills State University
108. Hodges University
109. Pensacola State College
110. University of Evansville
111. Grand Valley State University
112. Mercy College
113. Washington State University
114. UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON
115. Saint Joseph's University
116. University of North Georgia
117. The University of Texas at San Antonio
118. Wayne State University
119. Western Carolina University
120. Cleveland State University
121. State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
122. University of Wisconsin - River Falls
123. Salem State University
124. Marymount University, Arlington, VA
125. University of St. Thomas

**Online and nontraditional**

1. ECPI University
2. Park University
3. Central Texas College
4. University of Maryland University College
5. Liberty University
6. Bellevue University
7. Arizona State University at Skysong/Online
8. Penn State
9. Southern New Hampshire University
10. Regent University
11. University of Maine at Augusta
12. Southwestern College
13. Coastline Community College
14. Columbia College
15. American Public University System
16. Ashford University
17. Colorado Technical University
18. SUNY Empire State College
19. Trident University International
20. Northwood University
21. Excelsior College
22. Brandman University
23. Upper Iowa University
24. Eastern Oregon University
25. Davenport University

2-year

1. Central Community College- Nebraska
2. Georgia Perimeter College
3. Inver Hills Community College
4. Clackamas Community College
5. Northwestern Michigan College
6. Mount Wachusett Community College
7. Pasadena City College
8. Middlesex County College
9. Tidewater Community College
10. Monroe Community College
11. Hopkinsville Community College
12. Collin College
13. Pierce College District
14. Southwestern Illinois College
15. Shoreline Community College
16. Montgomery College
17. Pikes Peak Community College
18. Salt Lake Community College
19. Olympic College
20. Massachusetts Bay Community College
21. North Lake Community College (NLC)
22. San Jacinto Community College District
23. Northern Essex Community College
24. Western Nebraska Community College
25. Southwest Virginia Community College

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