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GWU Adds Accolade to Growing List of Honors Recognizing Commitment to Troops

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Gardner-Webb University’s strong support of military members has been evidenced in the past few years by multiple honors that recognize the institution’s exceptional educational services for troops and their families. Yet another accolade further affirms GWU’s commitment to providing post-military education while also spotlighting the University’s role in connecting veterans with career opportunities.

Gardner-Webb has been designated a 2017 Military Friendly School by Victory Media, an organization owned by military veterans that provides service members and their families with information about the educational and professional programs that best meet their needs.

GWU enrolls about 100 active duty, veteran or military dependent students in graduate and undergraduate programs, shared David Hawsey, vice president for enrollment management at Gardner-Webb. “This number is growing every semester,” Hawsey added. “And our military-related students tell us they feel the personalized support here that they need for themselves—and their families.”

The military-friendly rating is annually determined through voluntary surveys that measure the campus military support, graduation and employment outcomes, military spouse policies and other criteria of various colleges, universities, community colleges and trade schools across the country. This is the eighth year that Victory Media has offered the list as a tool for former military members and their dependents.

“Our ability to apply a clear, consistent standard to the majority of colleges gives veterans a comprehensive view of which schools are striving to provide the best opportunities and conditions for our nation’s student veterans,” offered Daniel Nichols, chief product officer of Victory Media and a Navy Reserve veteran. “The ‘Military Friendly’ designation helps military families make the best use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other federal benefits while allowing us to further our goal of assisting them in finding success in their chosen career fields.”

In recent years, Gardner-Webb has received consistent recognition for its service to military members and dependents working on their degrees to reach the next successful steps in their lives. Hawsey offered, “This designation by Victory Media, together with recent recognitions by Military Advanced Education, U.S. News & World Report and our status as North Carolina’s first Purple Heart University, affirms our track record of honoring and serving our troops, veterans and their families.”

Based in Pittsburgh, Pa., Victory Media is a veteran-owned small business that connects classrooms to careers for the nation’s next generation of professionals. The Military Friendly Schools designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities. For more information, visit militaryfriendly.com.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University’s purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).