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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 year by multiple honors that recognize the institution’s exceptional educational services for troops and their families. A new 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 2016 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 and marketing 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 seventh year that Victory Media has offered the list as a tool for former military members and their dependents.

“Post-secondary institutions earning the 2016 Military Friendly School award have exceptionally strong programs for transitioning service members and spouses,” offered Daniel Nichols, chief product officer of Victory Media and a Navy Reserve veteran. “Our Military Friendly Schools are truly aligning their military programs and services with employers to help students translate military experience, skills and training into successful careers after graduation.”

In recent months, 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).