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GWU Named a Top School in Military Advanced Education's Guide to Colleges & Universities

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University is committed to helping members of the military and their dependents achieve their educational goals. Those efforts were recently recognized by *Military Advanced Education (MAE)* as the University was designated as a “Top School” in the 2015 *MAE* Guide to Colleges & Universities. The guide measures the best practices in military and veteran education.

David Hawsey, GWU Vice President for Enrollment Management, said there are typically around 100 students with ties to the military who attend the University. “We offer personalized services, including admission, academic credit and military experience credit evaluation, financial planning, personal counseling, and many other services geared to active duty, veterans and their families,” Hawsey shared. “Our offices are staffed with VE certified officials and include veterans who have ‘been there’ and understand the needs of transitioning service members and their families.”

The *MAE* Guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year, and two-year colleges. From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers for higher education, *MAE*’s 2015 Guide to Colleges & Universities offers information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to our men and women in uniform.

“We believe the Guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service members about their educational opportunities,” said Kelly Fodel, *MAE*’s editor. “We used strict criteria to individually evaluate the submissions of respondents, and we had a record number of schools participating this year.”

Hawsey believes the recognition offers an important reminder about ways institutions can serve those who first served our country. “Gardner-Webb is also recognized by G.I. Jobs for policies, practices and customer service that keep in mind the special needs and situations of active duty military personnel, veterans and their families,” he reflected. “In addition,

we are also a member of ConApp, a concurrent admission and military enlistment program that guarantees a spot in our student body for active duty personnel once they serve their obligation to our country.”

These factors are a key reason for the University’s inclusion in the 2015 MAE Guide. “We want to help military members make informed choices,” Fodel shared. “So we are giving them access to all of the survey questions and answers provided by the schools, as well as explanations about critical issues like activation and deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information, and other data as needed.”

For online access to MAE’s Guide to Colleges and Universities, visit www.mae-kmi.com.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University blends a liberal arts core curriculum with more than 55 major and minor professional programs of study, a comprehensive academic experience that flows from our Christian commitment to intellectual freedom, service and leadership.