

RIVIER COLLEGE NAMED A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL BY G.I. JOBS MAGAZINE

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In recognition of its work to serve veteran students, Rivier College has once again been designated a 2012 Military Friendly School by *G.I. Jobs*, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members and veterans as students.

"We are very pleased to once again be recognized for our efforts to meet the educational needs of our veteran students," said Vice President of Enrollment Management David Boisvert. "At Rivier, we have worked very hard to address the needs of this population in recent years, and this recognition is a testament to all the hard work by our faculty and staff to serve this segment of our campus community."

Veteran students have access to a Veterans Coordinator available on campus full-time to help them with their G.I. Bill benefits, and this year, the College added a Veterans Representative to help support veterans in attaining their educational goals. A Veterans Committee also meets regularly to help the College assess its efforts to serve this population and identify ways that Rivier can improve its services in this area.

The College also works to educate faculty and staff about issues veterans may be facing. This year, Rivier hosted a panel discussion featuring remarks from civilian professionals who serve veterans and firsthand experiences from some of Rivier's veteran students.

For additional information about Rivier College's services for veteran students, visit www.rivier.edu/veterans.

"Our veteran students are important to us, and we will continue to build upon our recent efforts to work with veterans to help them take full advantage of the benefits they have earned," Boisvert added.

In its effort to help student veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs incorporated a survey of student veterans for the first time. This feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students. Student veteran survey feedback can be viewed at [www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/2012 list](http://www.militaryfriendlyschoools.com/2012_list).

Service members and veterans can also meet individual student veterans from the various schools virtually on the site to learn more about personal school decisions and the transition from the military to an academic environment.

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. These schools are making the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans' clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who served. The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

A full list of board members can be found at

<http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/advisory-board/>.

“A full story and detailed list of Military Friendly Schools® will be highlighted in the annual *Guide to Military Friendly Schools* and on a poster, both of which will be distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October. The newly redesigned website, found at www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, features the list, interactive tools and search functionality to assist military veterans with their school decisions.

Rivier was named a 2010 Military Friendly School. In addition, the College was named a Yellow Ribbon School by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for providing reduced tuition to veterans in accordance with the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill.

ABOUT G.I. Jobs

G.I. Jobs (www.gijobs.com) is published by Victory Media, a veteran-owned business which also publishes *The Guide to Military Friendly Schools*, *Military Spouse* and *Vetpreneur* magazines and annually rates the nation’s “Military Friendly Employers,” “Military Spouse Friendly Employers” and “Best Corporations for Veteran-Owned Businesses. ■

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