

QUINCY COLLEGE



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Setting the Gold Standard for Veteran Student Services Quincy College recognized with Military Friendly Gold 2018-2019 national award

*Quincy College Military and Veteran Services Ranked best in Massachusetts
and in the Top-Ten nationally by Victory Media.*

SOCIAL MEDIA RELEASE: @QuincyCollege sets gold standard for veteran student services, awarded Gold @Mil_Friendly campus for exemplary #veteran #student support; ranked best in Mass. and in Top 10 Nationally.

Quincy and Plymouth, MA (11/7/2018):

Quincy College, with 200 veterans enrolled, is ranked #1 in Massachusetts and #9 nationally in [Military Friendly Top 10 list, earning the Gold Award designation](#) for 2018-2019. This marks the eighth consecutive year that Quincy College has been ranked a Military Friend School by [Victory Media](#), the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds. For the 2018 rankings, Quincy College reached an additional pinnacle of achievement in serving veterans and their dependents - [the Gold Award](#) for being ranked in the top-ten in the nation among peer institutions.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from Victory Media's proprietary survey. More than 1,700 schools participated in the 2017 survey; 1,273 were awarded with the designation. Ratings methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by Victory Media with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment, Persistence (Degree Advancement or Transfer) and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans.

Above and beyond the Gold Award, Military Friendly designation, Quincy College remains committed to continually improving the education experience provided to those students who have sacrificed in service to their country.

"The Military and Veteran's Services Office is honored to support our veterans and we are honored to be recognized by Victory Media for a eighth year in a row. We continually evaluate our programs and assess the needs of our students, providing one-on-one support. We look forward to continuing to serve the Quincy College community of veterans in 2019 with honor and commitment they deserve," stated Karen Connick, Military and Veteran's Services Specialist for Quincy College Military and Veteran's Services Department in Quincy and Plymouth.

Connick, a retired Colonel in the United State Army Reserve who served at Naval Station Newport in Rhode Island is uniquely positioned to address veteran students who have recently returned to civilian life or who are veterans who are in the community.

Quincy College offers veteran support on both the Quincy and Plymouth campuses.

Connick reflects on her position at Quincy College: "It's been a pleasure to work at Quincy College and work with the Quincy and Plymouth student populations to not only continue to recognize and support their pursuit of higher education but continue to support and honor their service. One such way we continue to honor our veteran students and the community of veteran faculty and staff is to host Veteran Day luncheon's, post Veteran student names in the hall way in the weeks leading up to Veteran's Day, and also honor the community of South Shore veterans by hosting a Memorial Day event each year. We are committed to supporting the veteran community on campus. The Victory Media designation reflects what how we conduct ourselves on a daily basis."

Through the Quincy College Veterans Discount Program, veterans may enroll in either Liberal Arts or Professional Programs classes at a discounted rate. Veterans are eligible for this reduced rate regardless of the number of courses they take in a semester. The veteran discount program is not funded by the state or federal government; therefore veterans who are eligible for education benefits through the VA may also receive the Quincy College discounted rate.

Quincy College advisors are uniquely adept at addressing the needs of veteran students and their dependents by reviewing both military and college transcripts, as well as CLEP and DANTES exam scores, for transfer credit according to American Council of Education (ACE) recommendations.

Veterans, veteran dependents, and active duty service members are able to use their federal education benefits at Quincy College including: Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation, My CAA, VA Work Study and Tuition Assistance at Quincy College.

For more information about Quincy College's commitment to welcoming and supporting military students and their dependents, visit Quincy College's website at <http://www.quincycollege.edu/departments/military-veteran-affairs>.

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ABOUT QUINCY COLLEGE

Founded in 1958, Quincy College is a two-year, municipally affiliated community college serving approximately 4,500 students at campuses located in Quincy and Plymouth, Massachusetts. Quincy College is an open access institution that encourages academic achievement and excellence, diversity, economic opportunity, community involvement, and lifelong learning. The College facilitates valuable learning relationships that inspire students to realize their educational and professional futures. The college offers 34 associate degree programs and 24 certificate programs in a variety of disciplines, including those within Professional Programs, Liberal Arts, and Natural & Health Sciences. The college is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and is licensed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant the degrees of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science. The college draws a diversity of students from the greater Boston area, South Shore, and Cape Cod, as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit www.quincycollege.edu