

**For Immediate Release**

## **A "Veteran Point of View"** **Quincy College recognized for exemplary Veteran Student Services** **for nearly a decade**

*For eighth consecutive year, Quincy College receives Military Friendly Designation and receives 2019-2020 national award from Victory Media*

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### **Quincy and Plymouth, MA (2/12/2019):**

Quincy College, with over 175 veterans enrolled, has been designated a Military Friendly School for 2019-2020. This marks the eighth consecutive year that Quincy College has been ranked a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds.

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.

"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 ninth 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 year round 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.

The Military and Veteran Services Office at Quincy College was established in 2011 to support the unique needs of the veteran population looking to return to college. Quincy College remains committed to

continually improving the education experience provided to those students who have sacrificed in service to their country.

Mark Herrington, Army Veteran and Lakeville resident received a recommendation to attend Quincy College from the VA. During the Summer of 2018, Mark chose to attend Quincy College for its ease of access to the MBTA. What he found at Quincy College Military and Veteran Services Department was a support system for veteran students of all ages.

" Navigating the process of VA Benefits on top of pursuing an education can be complex and frustrating. The Quincy College Veterans and Military Services Office, lead by Karen Connick, a retired Colonel, makes the process seamless. She is the go-to for a wealth of information; no question is too large or too small. She is my liaison to the VA. Karen can get answers when I can't. The Veteran and Military Services Office keeps a pulse on what is happening on campus, translates this experience, and allows me (and others) to focus on our education. Karen exhibits all the best traits found in an officer: disciplined, problem solver, taking the initiative, and making things happen," Herrington stated.

Speaking toward the Veteran community found at Quincy College, Herrington elaborated: " This office (Military and Veteran Services) is the veteran community on campus. If you need to take a break from the day-to-day, want to mingle with other veterans, this is the place. Simply, there are things that only veterans can understand and this office has a veteran point of view. "

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.

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.

Military Friendly ratings are determined by combining an institution's Military Friendly Schools survey score with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet minimum thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement and Loan Repayment rates for all students and specifically for student veterans based on public data. Quincy College exceeded ALL standards in which it was measured for the 2019-2020 survey.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from Victory Media's proprietary survey. The Military Friendly Schools list is created each year based on extensive research using public data sources for more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans, and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly Schools survey from participating institutions. 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.

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 4,000 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 as well as 121 countries around the world. For additional information, visit [www.quincycollege.edu](http://www.quincycollege.edu)

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