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DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY NAMED TO MILITARY TIMES BEST FOR VETS: COLLEGES 2016

Sixth annual rankings factor in veteran and military students' success rates

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., November 9, 2015 – *Military Times* today announced the Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 rankings, which includes Davenport University. In their sixth year, the rankings factor in the results of *Military Times'* annual survey, the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military student services and rates of academic achievement.

"We are very proud to be listed as one of the best colleges for veterans," said Dr. Richard Pappas, President of Davenport University. "We have made a conscious effort to create a 'Military Friendly' university by offering specialized services to all of our student veterans and service members. Our continued goal is to provide exemplary services to our military service members, veterans, and their families."

Military Times' annual Best for Vets: Colleges survey asks colleges and universities to meticulously document an array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus. *Military Times* also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense Departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database.

In addition to tuition discounts for all active service members, veterans and their family members, Davenport University provides specialized admissions and advising support and a veterans' lounge at its W.A. Lettinga Campus in Grand Rapids.

"It's been amazing to witness how colleges all across higher education have embraced service members and their families," said Amanda Miller, editor of *Military Times'* Best for Vets rankings and special editions. "Over the past six years of our surveys, we've seen so many schools first begin to foster – through new policies, services and dedicated facilities – and then nurture these wonderful communities."

For the full Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 rankings, go to: www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2016.

The rankings are published in full in the issues of *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* and *Marine Corps Times* on newsstands the week of Nov. 9; and online at MilitaryTimes.com, as well as ArmyTimes.com, NavyTimes.com, AirForceTimes.com and MarineCorpsTimes.com.

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About Davenport University

Founded in 1866, Davenport is a private, non-profit university serving nearly 9,000 students at campuses across Michigan and online. With tuition among the lowest of all private universities in the state, Davenport provides high academic quality, small class sizes, conveniently located campuses, faculty with real-world experience and more than 50 dynamic undergraduate and graduate programs addressing in-demand careers in business, technology, health professions and urban education. More information is available at www.davenport.edu.

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