

D'Youville College Named to "Military Friendly Schools" List

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named D'Youville to the coveted Military Friendly Schools list. The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, [veterans](#), and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

D'Youville established a chiropractic program [in 2004](#) that compliments its other health care majors including occupational and physical therapy, physician assistant, pharmacy and nursing. It is only the second college in the U.S. to have a chiropractic program at a four-year multidisciplinary college. Its director, Kathleen L. Linaker, was recently elected to the Council on Chiropractic Education.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows D'Youville's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Director for *G.I. Jobs* and vice president at Victory Media. "As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

The Military Friendly Schools media and Web site feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience.

"Over the past four years, D'Youville College has experienced a remarkable growth in the student-veteran population," said Sister Denise A. Roche, president. "It has grown from 35 students in 2009 to more than 380 for this semester, a 10-fold growth in this population."

Veteran-students do well in college also. "We have a 94.6 percent retention/graduation rate and a four year average of nearly 40 percent of these students on the Dean's List," Roche said. "We are proud to welcome these men and women into our community."

Now in its fourth year, the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 VA-approved schools nationwide. Ernst and Young LLP independently verified the survey tabulation process, methodology and weightings that comprise the 2013 list.

Each year, schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.

Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business founded in 2001.

Source: D'Youville College

