



## **Stockton Named 'Best for Vets: Colleges 2015' by *Military Times***

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**Galloway Township, NJ** -The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey today was named to the "Best for Vets: Colleges 2015" listing by *MilitaryTimes*, an organization comprised of the *Army Times*, *Navy Times*, *Air Force Times* and *Marine Corps Times*.

"Stockton is proud to be recognized for its Veterans Affairs program, which serves over 400 veterans and active-duty service members," said President Herman Saatkamp. "Our student veterans lead the region with veteran graduation rates at over 94 percent, and they excel academically as well."

The Stockton Veterans Program, ranked at #22 among 100 four-year schools, began in 2008. It includes a full-time veteran counselor, a faculty resource team, and a separate orientation for veteran students, as well as a veterans' lounge. Through the Office of Veteran Affairs, veterans and service members can explore eligibility for G.I. education benefits, receive referrals to a wide range of support services and connect with their fellow veterans by becoming a part of Stockton's Student Veterans Organization.

"Best for Vets: Colleges 2015" is an editorially independent news project that evaluates the many factors that make an organization a good fit for service members, military veterans and their families, *Military Times* said in a statement. In their fifth year, the rankings factor in the most comprehensive school-by-school assessment of veteran and military students' success rates.

The detailed survey requires schools to meticulously document a tremendous array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to military and veteran students and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus, *Military Times* said.

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“We factor in what is, to our knowledge, the most detailed school-by-school data on veteran students’ academic success anywhere, including graduation, retention, persistence and course completion rates,” says Amanda Miller, editor of ‘Best for Vets.’ “Two years ago, only 11 percent of the hundreds of schools surveyed could provide that level of detail. This year, that figure is up to 45 percent.

“By recognizing only the schools that do the most, we believe we’re helping to raise the bar in veteran student services,” Miller said.

For the full “Best for Vets: Colleges 2015” rankings, go to: [www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015](http://www.militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2015) *Military Times* is published by Gannett Government Media.

To learn more about Stockton’s programs for veterans and students who are currently serving, visit the [Office of Veteran Affairs](#).

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