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UMSL stands tall among nation’s military-friendly, ‘Best for Vets’ schools on 2016 lists

The University of Missouri–St. Louis’ commitment to its many student veterans is in the spotlight as Veterans Day approaches.

In early November, for the second year in a row, UMSL was named to both Victory Media’s 2016 Military Friendly® Schools list and Military Times’ Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 list.

The Victory Media [title](#) places UMSL among the veteran-owned media company’s selection of the top 15 percent of American colleges, universities and trade schools when it comes to supporting student veterans. Military Times’ [ranking](#) recognizes just 125 four-year schools total – with UMSL listed 39th in the nation this year.

“Just being on these lists puts UMSL in good company: among the best colleges in the country for veterans,” said retired Army Lt. Col. James Craig, associate teaching professor and chair of the Department of Military and Veterans Studies at UMSL. “But more important than lists, UMSL follows through on its veteran-friendly rhetoric. We have been attracting, supporting, retaining and graduating veterans at an increasing rate for nearly three years. And our best years for veteran success are still ahead.”

Nearly 400 student veterans are currently enrolled at UMSL, which recently hired its first [full-time manager for the Veterans Center](#), established on campus in 2012. In 2014, UMSL was selected as a [lead partner for the Pat Tillman Foundation](#) scholarship program.

Learn more about the university’s support for the growing student veteran presence [here](#).

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