



## D'Youville Veterans Advantage

- Since 2009 D'Youville College has consistently ranked in the top five nationally as a *Military Friendly College* and *Best for Vets School*. Ranked #1 in NYS.
- D'Youville is a *Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC)* and participates without restrictions or limitations in the *Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program*. D'Youville offers a 50% tuition waiver to veterans and a 20% tuition waiver to spouses & dependents of veterans.
- D'Youville serves the largest number, 35% of all the military aligned students enrolled in postsecondary institutions in Buffalo and WNY.
  - (UB-20%; ECC 13%; Buff State 10%; Canisius- 5%; NU-4%; Daemen & Trocaire- 3%...)
- “Veteran” (active duty, reservists, guard service members, and veterans) & “Military Aligned Students” (spouses and dependents) make up nearly 20% of D'Youville's total student population. Veteran and Military Aligned Students are enrolled in all but two of the academic programs at the college.
- The D'Youville SVA (Student Veteran Association) is an award winning top ranked Chapter of the National Student Veterans of America (SVA). The D'Youville SVA manages the Veteran & Military Aligned Students Ambassador, Peer Mentoring and Tutoring Programs.
- The D'Youville Veterans Outreach & Support Services (VOSS) Center, located on the second floor of the Koessler Administration Building (KAB) was established through The Home Depot Foundation's 2015 SVA Vet Center Initiative Grant Award. The VOSS Center houses:
  - The Student Veterans of America (SVA) & VA Work-Study Office (KAB, Room 214)
  - The Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander Memorial Veterans Lounge (KAB, Room 215)
  - The Ann Wood Kelly Memorial Veterans Learning Center (KAB, Room 216)
  - The Veterans Affairs Office (KAB, Room 217)
- The VOSS Center is staffed with a Full-Time Veterans Affairs Director (Ben Randle), Assistant Director (Trey Randle), Support Services Coordinator (Don Willson), Part-Time Veteran Counselor (Terry Herring), and Part-Time SVA members serving in various VOSS Center Coordinator positions.
- **MISSION:** The D'Youville VOSS Center, Student Veteran Association (SVA) & Office of Veterans Affairs are committed to supporting those who have so selflessly served our nation as members of the armed forces and their family members. We recruit, prepare and support active, reserve, guard and veteran students, and their families, and help to navigate the collegiate journey. While recruitment and retention of veteran & military aligned students are important goals, our primary focus is to ensure the success of all our students academically, professionally and personally.