



ABOUT THE OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fast Facts

- As of fall 2019, more than 400 military-aligned students are enrolled at Berkeley College in New York and New Jersey, and through Berkeley College Online®.
- Berkeley College has five on-site Veterans Resource Centers – at the New York locations in Midtown Manhattan and White Plains, and at the New Jersey locations in Newark, Woodbridge and Woodland Park. The College also has an Online Veterans Resource Center that serves online students as well as those who are active service members stationed overseas.
- Berkeley College participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program under the G.I. Bill, and supports service members and their families across all branches of the military and overseas.
- Berkeley College students and staff participate in the Veterans History Project sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress. In 2000, the U.S. Congress established the Veterans History Project in order to collect, preserve and archive personal accounts of American service members so that future generations will be able to hear directly from the veterans and better understand the realities of war.
- The Berkeley College OMVA staff have created the Veterans and Goldstar Reflections projects with student-veterans and families of veterans. These projects create a gallery of photos that contrast their lives before and after their respective service.
- Berkeley College is home to the Spartans Student Veterans of America (SVA) national chapter.
- Each year, the College hosts a Salute to Veterans Gala, which honors graduating student-veterans and presents them with a cord that will be worn during Commencement.
- In 2018, Berkeley College established a chapter of SALUTE, a military-aligned honor society that recognizes the achievements of veterans, with support from the American Council on Education.

Community Involvement

- Berkeley College student veterans march annually in the New York City Veterans Day Parade in November.
- Berkeley College supports the community with donations of toys to local hospitals, shelters, and through the U.S. Marine Toys for Tots initiative. Students also volunteer at food pantries and community shelters, and offer direct outreach to homeless veterans through donations of food, backpacks and socks.

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- Each May, Berkeley College students, faculty, staff and alumni place American flags at the graves of veterans prior to Memorial Day.
- Berkeley College supports service members stationed overseas by sending cards and care packages from its faculty, staff and students.

Awards and Honors

- For seven consecutive years, 2014-2020, Berkeley College was ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* among the Best Online Programs for Veterans. Berkeley College was also named a Best College in the Online Bachelor Degree category, 2014-2020.
- Berkeley College is ranked as a best college for military and veteran students by several organizations, including *U.S. News & World Report*, *Military Times*, *U.S. Veterans Magazine*, and *Military Advanced Education and Transition*.

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