

## Universal Technical Institute's 11 Campuses Awarded 2014 Military Friendly Schools® Designation

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Sept. 10, 2013 [/PRNewswire/](#) --Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI collectively) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech) to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® shows Universal Technical Institute's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, Vice President at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. "The need for education is growing and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools." Complete survey methodology is available at [militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit](http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/methodology-press-kit).

The Military Friendly Schools® media and website, found at [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com), feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services to those who served.

"The training and support services we provide have a huge bearing on how well a veteran student makes the transition from a military setting to the classroom," said John Decoteau, director of military admissions, UTI. "We are bridging the gap between our veteran students and employment, and are proud to be recognized for our commitment to these individuals who have served our country."

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools® was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for VA tuition funding. The survey results that comprise the 2014 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. 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. A full list of board members can be found at <http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/board>.

A full story and detailed list of 2014 Military Friendly Schools® will be highlighted in the annual *Guide to Military Friendly Schools®*, distributed in print and digital format to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

### **ABOUT Victory Media Inc.:**

Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that has been serving the military community since 2001. Our data-driven Military Friendly® lists are published in G.I. Jobs, Military Spouse, Vetpreneur media channels, republished in periodicals like USA Today, Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Bloomberg BW and are frequently cited on national TV by NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others. <http://www.facebook.com/studentvets>.

### **About Universal Technical Institute, Inc.:**

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Arizona, Universal Technical Institute, Inc. (NYSE: UTI) is the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians. With more than 170,000 graduates in its 48-year history, UTI offers undergraduate degree, diploma and certificate programs at 11 campuses across the United States, as well as manufacturer-specific training programs at dedicated training centers. Through its campus-based school system, UTI provides specialized post-secondary education programs under the banner of several well-known brands, including Universal Technical Institute (UTI), Motorcycle Mechanics Institute and Marine Mechanics Institute (MMI) and NASCAR Technical Institute (NASCAR Tech).

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