Universal Technical Institute® Named to 2016 Military Friendly® Schools List for Fifth Straight Year

UTI recognized for world-class student support, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other accommodations to those who served

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Nov. 9, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>Universal Technical Institute</u> (NYSE: UTI), the leading provider of post-secondary education for students seeking careers as professional automotive, diesel, collision repair, motorcycle and marine technicians, announced today that it has been designated a <u>2016 Military Friendly® School</u> by Victory Media, the leader in successfully connecting the military and civilian worlds, and publisher of *G.I. Jobs®*, *STEM Jobs* and *Military Spouse*.

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This designation includes Universal Technical Institute, <u>Motorcycle Mechanics Institute</u> [®] and <u>Marine Mechanics Institute</u> [®] and <u>NASCAR Technical Institute</u>.

Now in its seventh year, the original, premier Military Friendly® Schools designation provides service members and their families with transparent, data-driven ratings about post-military education and career opportunities.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation is awarded to the top colleges, universities, community colleges and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace military students, and to dedicate resources to ensure their success both in the classroom and after graduation. The methodology used for making the Military Friendly® Schools list has changed the student veteran landscape to one much more transparent, and has played a significant role over the past seven years in capturing and advancing best practices to support military students across the country.

"Earning this award for the fifth consecutive year is a reflection of our long-standing commitment to help those who have served our country find opportunities to translate their skills to successful, stable post-military careers," said John Decoteau III, Vice President of Military Admissions, UTI. "We are proud of the successful outcomes we deliver for our veteran students and the support services we offer to help them transition from a military setting to a successful civilian career."*

"Post-secondary institutions earning the 2016 Military Friendly® School award have exceptionally strong programs for transitioning service members and spouses," said Daniel Nichols, Chief Product Officer of Victory Media and Navy Reserve veteran. "Our Military Friendly® Schools are truly aligning their military programs and services with employers to help students translate military experience, skills and training into successful careers after graduation."

UTI will be showcased along with other 2016 Military Friendly® Schools in the annual *Guide to Military Friendly® Schools*, and special education issues of *G.I. Jobs*® and *Military Spouse* Magazine; and on MilitaryFriendly.com.

*UTI cannot guarantee employment or salary. For information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program and other important information, visit our website at www.uti.edu/disclosure.

Institutions competed for the elite Military Friendly® School title by completing a survey of over 100 questions covering 10 categories, including military support on campus, graduation and employment outcomes, and military spouse policies. Survey responses were scored against benchmarks across these key indicators of success. In addition, data was independently tested by EY (Ernst & Young) based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media with guidance from an independent Advisory Board of higher education and recruiting professionals. A full list of board members can be found at MilitaryFriendly.com/advisory-board.

For more information about UTI's commitment to attracting and supporting military students, visit uti.edu/student-services/military.

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 190,000 graduates in its 50-year history, UTI offers diploma and undergraduate degree programs at 12 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).

For more information, visit <u>www.uti.edu</u>. Like UTI on <u>Facebook</u> or follow UTI on Twitter <u>@UTITweet</u>, <u>@MMITweet</u> and <u>@NASCARTechUTI</u>.

About Military Friendly® Schools

The Military Friendly® Schools designation process includes extensive research and a data-driven survey of thousands of schools nationwide approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. The school survey, methodology, criteria and weightings are developed with the assistance of an independent Advisory Board comprised of educators and HR, diversity and recruitment professionals from schools across the country. The survey is administered for free and open to all post-secondary schools who wish to participate. Criteria for consideration can be found on the website https://www.militaryfriendly.com.

About Victory Media:

Based in Pittsburgh, Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that connects classrooms to careers for the nation's next generation of professionals. Its data-driven ratings are published in G.I. Jobs®, Military Spouse, Vetrepreneur® and STEM JobsSM media, and featured in national media, including USA Today, The Wall Street Journal, FORTUNE, Bloomberg, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, CNBC, Fox News and others. Learn more about the company's Media, Training and Ratings solutions at victorymedia.com, and follow it on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

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