



**Harper College
awarded
Military Friendly
Institution
Gold Status
*2024-2025***

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HARPER COLLEGE

**Serving Those Who Have Served:
Student Veterans And Military Connected Students**





WHY THIS MATTERS:

- **2,700 Institutions**
- **170 questions**
- **Ranked against other institutions**
- **Gold Status = Top 10 %**



Team Recognition Luncheon

Thank You to the Team

VA Work Study Students

Michael Neiland
Ricky Song
Gabriela Rushing
Jovani Flores

Student Financial Assistance

Maria Dikranian
Lauren Walker

Institutional Research

Ron Serio
Matt McLaughlin
Dr. Katherine Coy

Accounting Services

David Tassione
Bob Grapenthien

Harper College Foundation

Brenda Escutia

Student Engagement

Melanie Duchaj
Sue Borchek Smith
Gabi Sanchez
Tatyana Polocki

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Jesus Molina
Krystal Gilewski

Harper College Leadership

Dr. Ruth Williams
Mary Kay Harton
Christopher Maxwell



**Coordinator,
Veteran & Military
Connected Students**

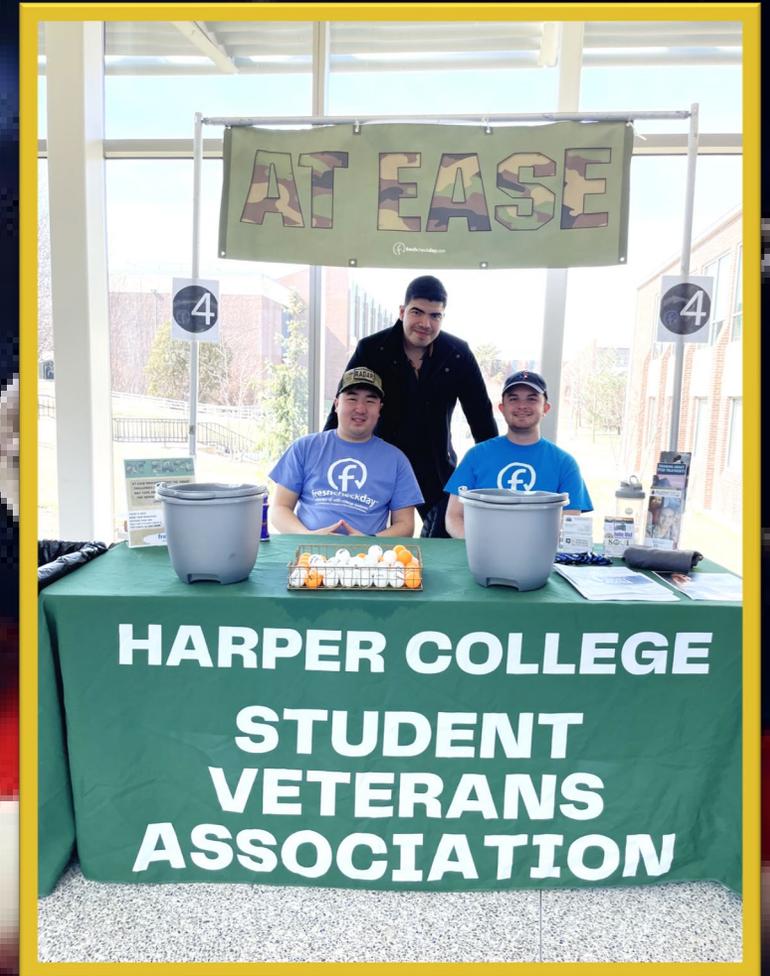
Current Student Success Initiatives

- \$100,000 Rivers Casino Scholarships
- Improved internal processes
- Veterans Integration To Academic Leadership
- Wheels of Gratitude
- Checkpoint Day
- Military Orders Academic Protections
- Extended Duty Care Packages
- VA Horticulture Therapy



Continued Student Success Initiatives:

- Second \$100,000 Rivers Casino Scholarships
- Streamlining casework between departments
- Women's Luncheon
- Men's Mental Health Fall Fest Table
- The Color of Freedom: Traveling Exhibit
 - * *Spring 2025*
- Challenge Coins





Red, White and Blue Ceremony Celebrating Our Service Member Graduates

- Graduation Stoles
- Graduation Challenge Coin



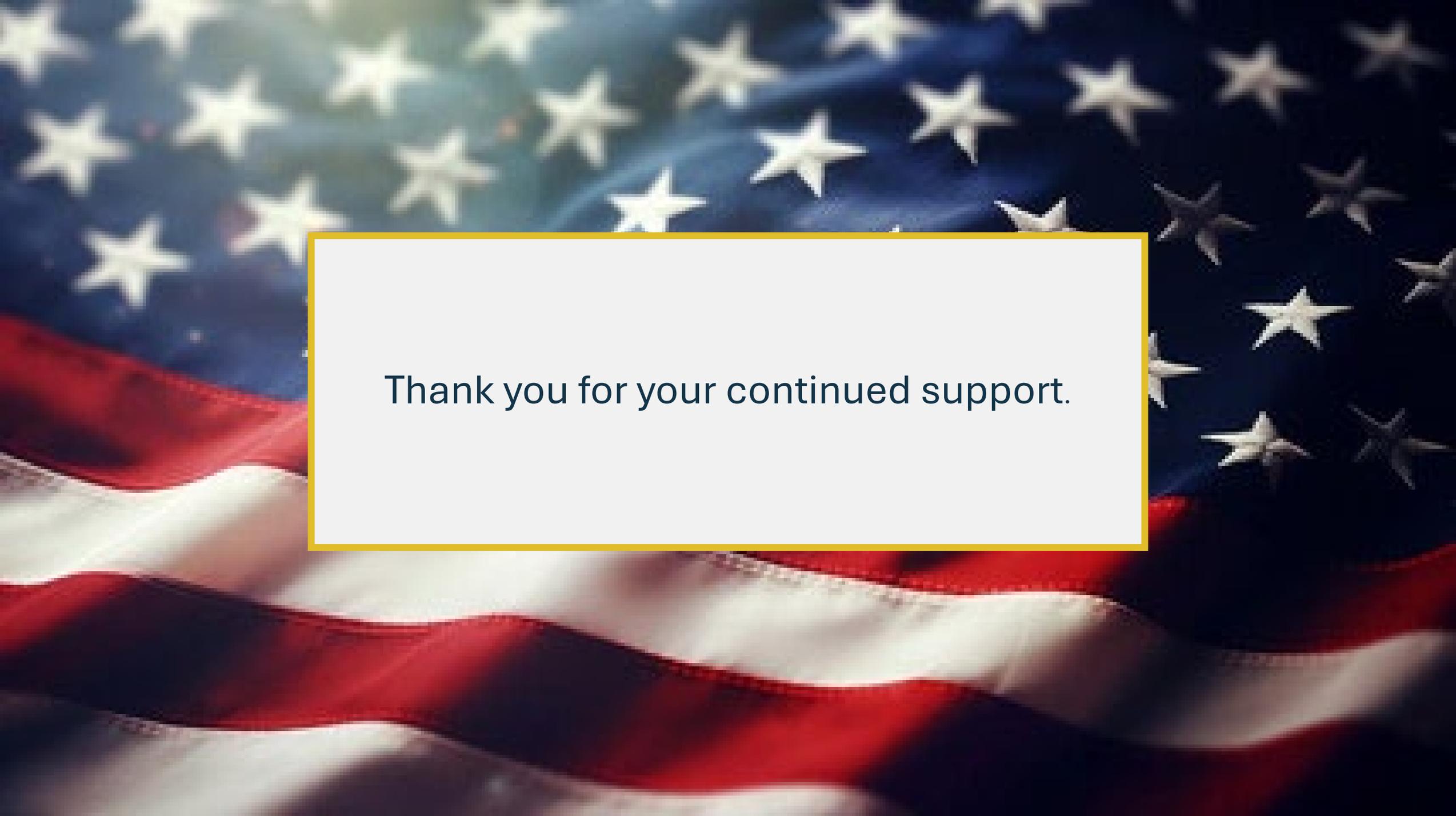


2024 Fall Provost / Faculty Meeting

“Every single person that I met during my 2-year journey at Harper has been wonderful. I learned from everyone and gained confidence”

“Harper prepared me for many things. Harper gave me insight on how to learn better and with all the skills I learned here I passed my basic leaders course for my promotion to Sergeant.”

Ricky Song

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