

*We continue our efforts to further develop a local and global reputation as a university that facilitates democratic partnerships and builds solidarity to foster greater inclusion, prosperity, and social justice.*



USD ranks 37<sup>th</sup> among 140 “**2018 Best Colleges**” for veterans by The Military Times. This ranking is an improvement from the 2017 ranking of 45<sup>th</sup> among 130 institutions, moving USD from the 65<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 74<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Military Times invited institutions of higher education across the U.S. to fill out a rigorous survey of 150 questions about their operations involving current and former service members and their families. To create the 2018 rankings, Military Times evaluated colleges’ survey responses based on what veterans have shared as important to them and using their editorial judgment. Data were factored in from the Veterans Affairs and Defense departments, as well as three Education Department sources: the IPEDS Data Center, College Scorecard data and the Cohort Default Rate Database. Broadly speaking, institutions were evaluated in five categories: university culture, academic outcomes/quality, student support, academic policies, and cost and financial aid. While the value of each section was comparable, university culture was worth the most in the survey.