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**Veteran and
Military Affairs**

Florida International University is a **Top 50 public university** that drives real talent and innovation in Miami and globally. High research (R1) activity and high social mobility come together at FIU to uplift and accelerate learner success in a global city by focusing in the areas of environment, health, innovation, and justice. FIU serves a diverse student body of more than 58,000 and 260,000 Panther alumni. U.S. News and World Report places dozens of FIU programs among the best in the nation, including international business at No. 2. Washington Monthly Magazine ranks FIU among the top 20 public universities contributing to the public good.



“ENSURING SUCCESS FOR ALL VETERAN AND MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS”



MISSION

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs is committed to delivering and facilitating comprehensive “military-friendly” services and programs for Florida International University veteran and military-affiliated learners.

VISION

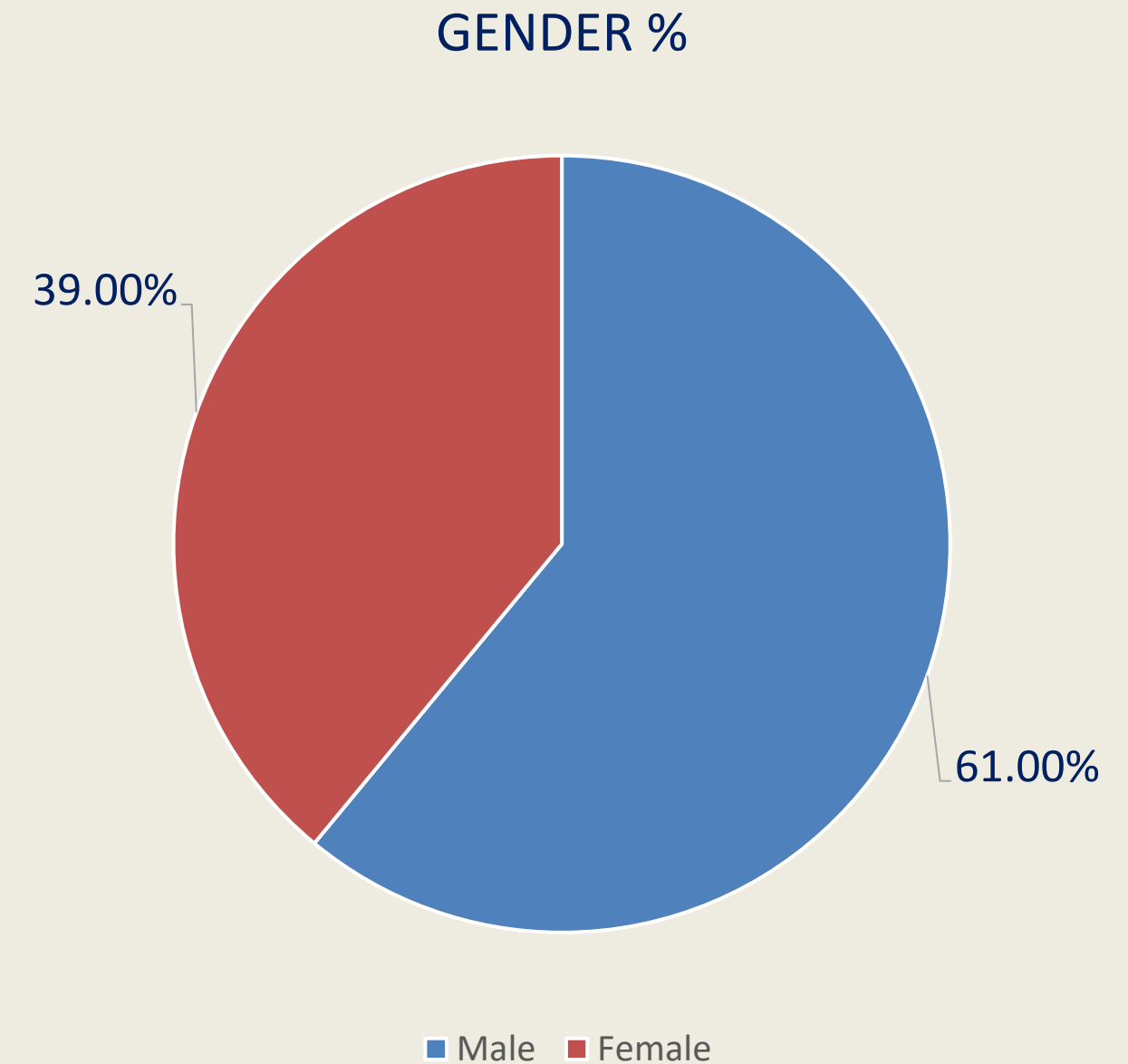
The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs at Florida International University will ensure each veteran and military-affiliated learner successfully transitions to college life and fulfills their professional goals.

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FIU VETERAN FACTS

| Military Status | Spring 2022 |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Active-Duty Personnel | 95 |
| Eligible Dependent | 289 |
| National Guard | 51 |
| Reservist | 96 |
| Veteran – Post 9/11 | 542 |
| Veteran – Pre 9/11 | 35 |
| Grand Total | 1,108 |



MEET OUR TEAM



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#99 in Best Colleges for Veterans



**We made
the list!**



CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR VETERANS STUDENT SUCCESS

The Office of Veteran and Military Affairs was the recipient of a \$450,000 Office of Post-Secondary Education grant over the next three years to establish a Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. This funding was provided to increase persistence, retention, and graduation rates of student Veterans at FIU. It will also develop processes and procedures to track employment rates of student Veterans at FIU in partnership with the Office of Career & Talent Development. With this funding, the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs will be able to hire a Program Manager and Academic Coordinator to oversee the outcomes of the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success. Additionally, this project will develop a model program to support veteran student success in postsecondary education by coordinating services to address the academic, financial, physical, and social needs of Veteran students.

GRADUATION AND RETENTION RATES



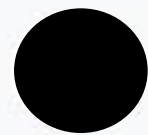
Overall Focus

Retention Methods

Graduation Attainment

Panther Success Network

Your Success Team



Academic Advisor



Krause, Alessandra

VMA Support Services Coordinator



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VETERANS STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM

PERSONALIZED SUPPORT FROM PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE

Anthony DeSantis, **Assistant Vice President**

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VET WORK AT FIU

Office of Career and Talent Development

Career and Talent Development's Veteran Career Success (VCS) is a professional development program that aims to assist all FIU veteran students and alumni achieve career success; through resume and cover letter writing, job search help, financial planning, career readiness and professional development.

Being in the military is an exceptional experience which brings a lot of exposure to different skills and competences that might be different from the traditional student.

Therefore, translating these experiences to civilian language is imperative on each Veterans career journey as employers value these skills. The VCS program not only aims to educate and guide Veterans on their career path but also provide campus wide resources to ease their transition and therefore, educational life at FIU.

Academy of Leaders - Veterans Track

Join FIU's premiere structured leadership development program. You will develop leadership skills and participate in intensive training sessions, educational seminars, and experiential exercises. Topics covered include the Myers Briggs Type Indicator and the Student Leadership Challenge. The program will be 5 sessions. The AOL Veterans track is open to all student Veterans. FIU student Veterans. The program is FREE to FIU student Veterans and sponsored by the Center of Excellence for Veteran Student Success in the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs.

AOL will be held virtually on Zoom and Canvas.

Register at:

go.fiu.edu/veteranaol

Program Dates:

October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 from 2-4PM

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Center for Leadership and Service



**TRACKING OUR VETERAN AND
MILITARY-AFFILIATED STUDENTS
THROUGH BI DASHBOARDS**

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GREEN ZONE
TRAINED ADVOCATE



GREEN ZONE TRAINING

There are over 1,100 students at Florida International University (FIU) who identify as active duty, veteran, reservist, or National Guard members. These students are in every program and bring significant life experiences and diversity to the FIU community. Green Zone Training provides faculty and staff with an understanding of student veterans as they transition from the military to campus life.

During this Green Zone Training, participants will learn about:

1. A basic understanding of what it means to be a student veteran at FIU;
2. Military cultural competencies;
3. Services and resources provided by the Office of Veteran and Military Affairs;
4. Common myths/stigmas surrounding student veterans;
5. Off-campus resources and support services;
6. Issues and concerns faced by student veterans and military affiliated students; and
7. Lending an empathetic ear and help our student veterans and military-affiliated students connect with the appropriate resources.

RETENTION AND COMPLETION SCHOLARSHIP

The **George & Bernice Cooke Scholarship** is available to all Veterans, active duty, reservists, and National Guard members enrolled at FIU. This scholarship will be awarded to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in or accepted for admission to the University.

Eligibility Requirements

- Recipients must be degree-seeking Veterans, active duty, reservists, and National Guard members enrolled at FIU enrolled for a minimum of three credit hours per semester.
- Recipients must demonstrate financial need by completing the national Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Recipients must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA.
- Recipients must be US citizens or permanent residents.
- Recipients may renew the award contingent upon eligibility and submission of applications in Spring and Fall semester

RESOURCES



FIU has partnered with Kognito in order to offer this free veteran training module to all FIU students, faculty and staff. Kognito's offers role-play simulations will enable you to rapidly build the capacity to lead real-life conversations that change lives. In this simulation you will learn to support student veterans by building military cultural competency. In this virtual practice environment, you'll engage in simulated conversations with three virtual student veterans, helping each one resolve a challenge they are facing due to their transition.

RESOURCES

FIU ADMISSIONS

- \$200 Deposit requirement waived
- Email confirmation with checklist

FIU VETERAN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

- Certify VA student enrollment
- Vet Success on Campus
- Veteran lounge
- VA Work Study Program
- Ensuring DOD & VA Compliance

STUDENT FINANCIALS (3RD PARTY BILLING)

- Processing TA and EDD voucher

REGISTRARS

- Non-Resident Tuition Deposit Waiver
- Congressman C.W. “Bill” Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program
- Ensuring Priority Registration Compliance
- Transcript Waiver
- Purple Heart Waiver

RESOURCES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **Veteran and Military Affiliated Scholarships**
- **Financial Literacy Program**
- **Emergency Aid**
- **Micro-Credentials**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- **Counseling and Psychological Services**
- **Healthy Living Program**
- **College Life Coaching**
- **Disability Resource Center**

RESOURCES



PROGRAMMING

- Graduation Recognition Ceremony
- Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony
- Military Birthday Celebration(s)
- We've Got Your Six
- U.S. Southern Command Speaker Series



NOVEMBER IS VETERAN APPRECIATION MONTH

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 30

American Flag Display for FIU Veterans
Graham Center North Lawn

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30

Virtual 1-mile, 5K, & 10K

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Applying for USA Jobs Workshop
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

FIU's Annual Veterans Day
Appreciation Breakfast
8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Veteran and Military Affairs
Resource Fair
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Wreath Ceremony
10:00 AM
Watch on @FIUVMA & @FIUInstagram IG LIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Warrior-Scholar Project Workshop
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Saluting Those Who Served Tailgate and
Football Game
Game starts at 4:30 PM
Tailgates starts at 7:00 PM

For a list of events, visit
go.fiu.edu/VAM2021

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Office of Engagement

STUDENT VETERANS OF AMERICA @ FIU

Student Veterans of America provides resources, support, and advocacy for Veterans, Military-Affiliated, and friendly students.

Join the SVA on Panther Connect

<https://fiu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/sva>

Follow the SVA on Instagram

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Like the SVA on Facebook

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Ways to connect with our office or support our veteran and military-affiliated students:

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