

BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## BARSTOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORED IN *MILITARY ADVANCED EDUCATION & TRANSITION'S* 2018 GUIDE TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

**Barstow, CA** – *Military Advanced Education & Transition (MAE&T)* has awarded Barstow Community College (BCC) the designation of a Top School in its **2018 Guide to Colleges & Universities**, measuring best practices in military and veteran education.

"It is an honor for Barstow Community College to serve our active duty military personnel and their dependents for the past 30 plus years and we look forward to continuing our relationship with NTC Fort Irwin and the service branches for many more years to come." Jerry E. Peters, Director of Military Programs at BCC.

The Guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at hundreds of institutions including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year, and two-year colleges. From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, *MAE&T*'s 2018 Guide to Colleges & Universities arms students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to our men and women in uniform.

Schools are not ranked in the Guide. Rather, the schools must obtain a minimum score in the survey to be named a Top School. This means that Top Schools must meet a certain threshold of military-supportive actions, as identified by MAE&T staff. This could include a veterans center, a dedicated veterans counselor, and financial incentives for military-affiliated students, to name just a few examples.

Now in its eleventh year of publishing the Guide, *MAE&T* was the first publication to launch a reference tool of this type. This year, institutes were evaluated on their **military culture**, **financial aid**, **flexibility**, **general support**, **on-campus support and online support services**.

"There are many different variables by which you could evaluate an institution, but we focus on the best practices that have been asserted by various higher education groups and reinforced by veteran groups. These best practices assure students that they have a high chance of success and support at their school of choice," said Kelly Fodel, Editor-in-Chief of Military Advanced Education & Transition Magazine. "That's we consider our survey to be the most detailed and informative in the industry."

Visit <u>www.mae-kmi.com</u> for *MAE*&*T*'s 2018 Guide to Colleges and Universities, or pick up a copy of the December issue of *Military Advanced Education* & *Transition*.

## About Military Advanced Education & Transition:

*Military Advanced Education & Transition* (www.mae-kmi.com) is the journal of higher education for servicemembers and veterans making the transition from military to the civilian sector. MAE&T focuses on news and resources that will empower a military student to pursue a quality education and rewarding career. MAE&T serves education services officers (ESOs) and transition officers (TOs) at every U.S. military installation, along with the servicemembers they counsel. Published 10 times yearly, MAE&T's editorial coverage includes exclusive interviews with military executive leadership, educators, and members of Congress; best practices; career and transition spotlights, servicemember, school, and program profiles, and periodic special reports.