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BAKER COLLEGE SELECTED 'TOP SCHOOL' IN MILITARY GUIDE TO HIGHER EDUCATION

CADILLAC, Mich. – Baker College has been designated a Top School by Military Advanced Education & Transition (MAE&T) in its <u>2016 Guide to Colleges & Universities</u>. MAE&T is a journal of higher education for service members and veterans making the transition from military to the civilian sector.

The guide provides the foundational information a prospective student would use to frame his or her educational needs. Rankings are the result of a questionnaire completed by more than 600 institutions of higher learning that measures best practices in military and veteran education. The schools are ranked on six measures:

- military culture
- financial aid
- flexibility
- general support
- on-campus support
- online support services

Assisting MAE&T in developing the measures and questionnaire was an advisory board of educational and government experts along with criteria based on recommendations from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other military services.

"This is another significant designation by veteran-focused media that identifies Baker College as a top choice for active and veteran members of the military," said Christy Brasfield, MBA, Baker College advisor and military education officer and U.S. Air Force veteran. "Our military services team is focused on helping military-connected students obtain quality higher education degrees. Some of the benefits offered to those with military experience include comprehensive educational counseling, waived fees, reduced tuition and lifetime career services."

The Baker College military services team assists military-connected students in identifying educational benefits and other needed services, such medical claims and emergency needs. This assistance is provided at on-ground campuses and virtually for those enrolled in online programs. Outside agency representatives also visit campus monthly as additional resources.

In addition to individual services, Baker College has a student veteran organization and quarterly events for military-connected students.

MAE&T Editor Kelly Fodel said, "Our goal is to be a dynamic resource for active service members and those who have moved from the military to their civilian careers, helping them find the school that best fits their plans for the future. This year's guide is our most comprehensive to date, thanks to our newly established advisory board. The board evaluated the drafts of the questionnaire, made pages of notes and suggestions and helped to redefine questions for clarity."

The guide is available at www.mae-kmi.com.

For more information about Baker College military services, contact Brasfield at 810.766.2212 or military@baker.edu, or visit www.baker.edu.

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