

Empowerment and Leadership through Education

THE THEORY

We at Warrior-Scholar Project believe that empowering our veterans to succeed in higher education is not just a moral imperative but also part of an essential strategy to make our nation stronger. Military service provides men and women with the skills, experience, and resulting potential to become invaluable and unique assets within the civilian community. We, as a nation, cannot neglect to utilize this valuable resource, and we believe that our enlisted veterans should aspire to leadership roles on both the local and national levels. At WSP we see the enlisted MILVETs surest path toward civic leadership is best realized via a rigorous education at a high quality university or four-year college and the obtaining of a baccalaureate degree.

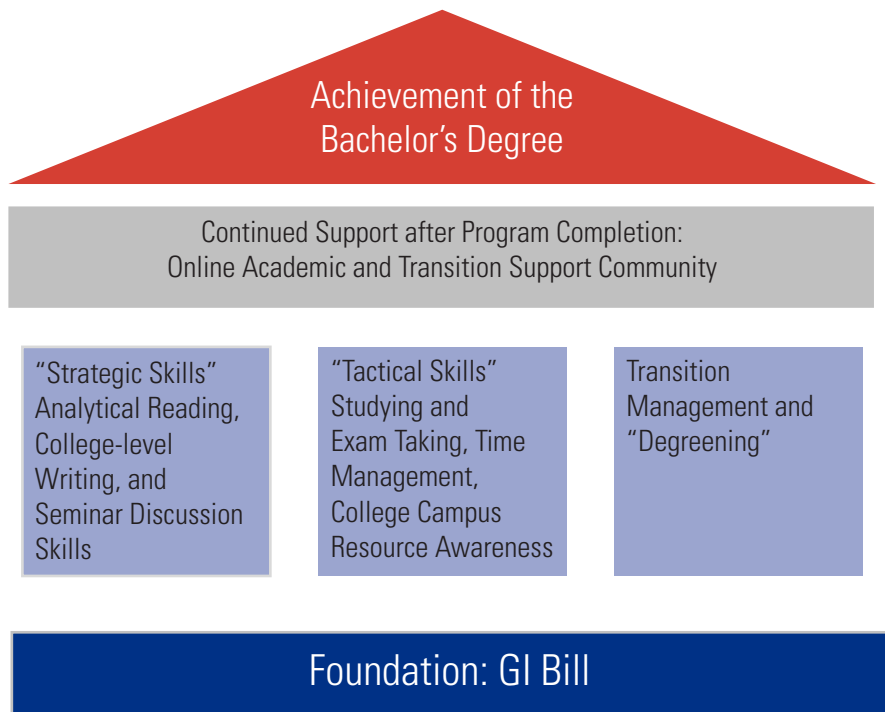
THE MISSION

At Warrior-Scholar Project we believe that the first step to empowering these veterans to become civic assets and leaders on both the local and national level is to facilitate their success in the classroom. Although the Post 9-11 GI Bill provides the means to pursue higher education, military veterans face a wide range of challenges as they transition from the service and head back to school that can impede their success. To help ease the transition, the Warrior-Scholar Project provides free intensive academic boot camps at top tier Universities for current and former service members pursuing higher education. Warrior-Scholar Project empowers enlisted military veterans by helping them develop and rediscover the skills and confidence necessary to achieve success in the classroom, and leadership on campuses nationwide.

Warrior-Scholar Project College Preparation: Academic Boot Camp

Warrior-Scholar Project (WSP) runs free, immersive, one and two week academic boot camps hosted at America's top universities for current and former service members pursuing higher education. Under the guidance of both student-veterans who've already successfully transitioned from the military to college, and outstanding and dedicated professors, students on the Warrior-Scholar Project develop the analytical reading, writing, and discussion skills crucial to academic success, and learn about what challenges to expect during this transition.

- 99% of survey respondents said they would recommend the Warrior-Scholar Project to a fellow veteran;
- 99% of respondents felt that they WSP has been helpful in their preparation for college; and,
- 100% of respondents felt that the WSP helped them learn to write more clearly and effectively.



SUMMER 2015 IN REVIEW

This summer was one of considerable expansion for Warrior-Scholar Project. We guided 182 enlisted veterans through our programs, which took place at eleven universities across the United States. We were thrilled and extremely grateful to be able to run programs at the following schools: Yale, Harvard, Cornell, UNC Chapel Hill, Syracuse University, University of Oklahoma, University of Chicago, University of Southern California, University of Michigan, Vassar, and Georgetown University.

Additionally, many students have found community and essential academic resources within the Warrior-Scholar Project's support efforts via social media, which keeps them engaged and in discussion with one another. This past summer several WSP alumni joined the various programs as tutors and Program Directors, providing peer mentorship to new Warrior-Scholars. As a consequence of the skills that they learn on the program and the support that they receive following, the Warrior-Scholar Project continues to help student veterans not only to adapt to an unfamiliar and challenging new social environment but also to excel academically with their newly acquired set of college-level reading, writing, and study skills.



Announcements

WSP has moved! Our new office headquarters is 1101 30th Street NW, Washington, DC 20007. You can reach us by phone now at (202) 625-4313.

Applications for our Summer 2016 Programs are now open. Official locations and dates for 2016 programs will be announced mid-December. Stay tuned to also hear about our expansion of our pilot STEM program!

- ★ Applications for Admission will close on [Friday, April 15th](#)
- ★ All applications will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis
- ★ All application inquiries can be directed to Elizabeth Butlin (ebutlin@warrior-scholar.org; 1 (202) 905-0856)

In the News

Christian Science Monitor, "Veterans Day: For many vets, college is scarier than Afghanistan"
<http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Military/2015/1111/Veterans-Day-For-many-vets-college-is-scarier-than-Afghanistan>
(November 11, 2015)

ESPN, "Reising helping those who serve their country"
<http://espn.go.com/video/clip?id=14178468>
(November 20, 2015)

Washington Post, "Shifting the mindset for veterans moving from the battlefield to the classroom"
https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/shifting-the-mind-set-for-veterans-moving-from-battlefield-to-classroom/2015/07/31/320b9c32-379e-11e5-9739-170df8af8eb9_story.html
(July 31, 2015)