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## Military Opportunities Day - 2016

Dear Public School Leader:

- *The U.S. Military is the largest provider of post-secondary scholarships in the world.*
- *The U.S. Military offers young people vital education and career opportunities in the growing STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) fields.*
- *Just one branch of service, the U.S. Army, offers opportunities in 150 career fields and, like all branches of the military, has a strategic interest in improving student academic achievement.*

Unfortunately, too many New Jersey students and parents are unaware of what military service entails today and the opportunities it offers for post-secondary education and career training. Often, the lack of awareness results from widespread misconceptions about military service and limited information available through schools.

Leadership for Educational Excellence, which consists of New Jersey's major education organizations, has joined with the New Jersey Department of Education, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the U.S. Army, America's Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the U.S. Air Force, and the Army National Guard in encouraging public schools to institute a Military Opportunities Day between September and November, starting this year.

Military Opportunities Day can be an integral part of a school's annual effort to help juniors and seniors prepare for a post-secondary pathway: work, college, or the military. Activities can include presentations to students by each branch of service, evening seminars geared toward parents on the education and career opportunities available to their children through military service, the scheduling of career exploration workshops, and information on "March2Success," a preparation course for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test, the SAT, the ACT and other standardized tests.

You can find a list of military recruiting agencies at [www.njsba.org/military-agencies](http://www.njsba.org/military-agencies). These agencies can help you develop a Military Opportunities Day program to inform students, parents and educators about the education and career options available through the armed services.

We encourage you to give your students and their parents information about the post-secondary opportunities available through the U.S. Military.



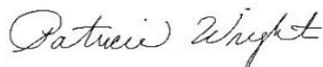
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