

Mission Accomplished: Supporting Veteran Student Success

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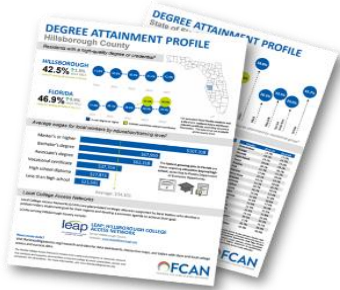


Florida College
Access Network is
the heart of a
movement to ensure
today's students
are prepared for
tomorrow's jobs.

Our mission: To create and strengthen a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to improve college and career preparation, access, and completion for all students

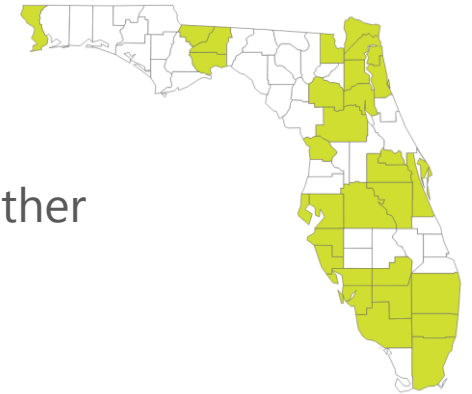
Our vision: At least 60% of working-age Floridians will hold a high-quality postsecondary degree or credential by the year 2025

FCAN's Work



Research and Data FCAN publishes research and data on evidence-based practices and policy opportunities to strengthen Florida's talent pool.

Local college access networks (LCANs) LCANs represent 82% of the state's population. These organizations are made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and partnerships to support local talent development.



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Statewide Initiatives FCAN coordinates 4 College Ready Florida initiatives that support students in continuing their education after high school.

Introduction: Veterans in Florida

9% of Floridians are veterans

- **Population:** 1.5M Floridians age 18 and older are veterans (2017)
- **Military separations:** Florida inbound military separations trailed only Texas and California, with 15,409 service members moving to Florida last year(2018)
- **VA education expenditures:** Nearly \$1B of VA expenditures for education & vocational rehab/employment were spent in Florida, 7.5% of national expenditures (2017)

Data source:

- US Census Bureau American Community Survey – 5-year estimates 2013-2017
- DOD military separations data, 2018
- National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics, www.va.gov/vetdata

Florida ranked 3rd in veteran education benefit usage

- 63,397 Florida veterans used education benefits, trailing only Texas and California (2018)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits were the most common
- Over 7,400 dependents also used benefits

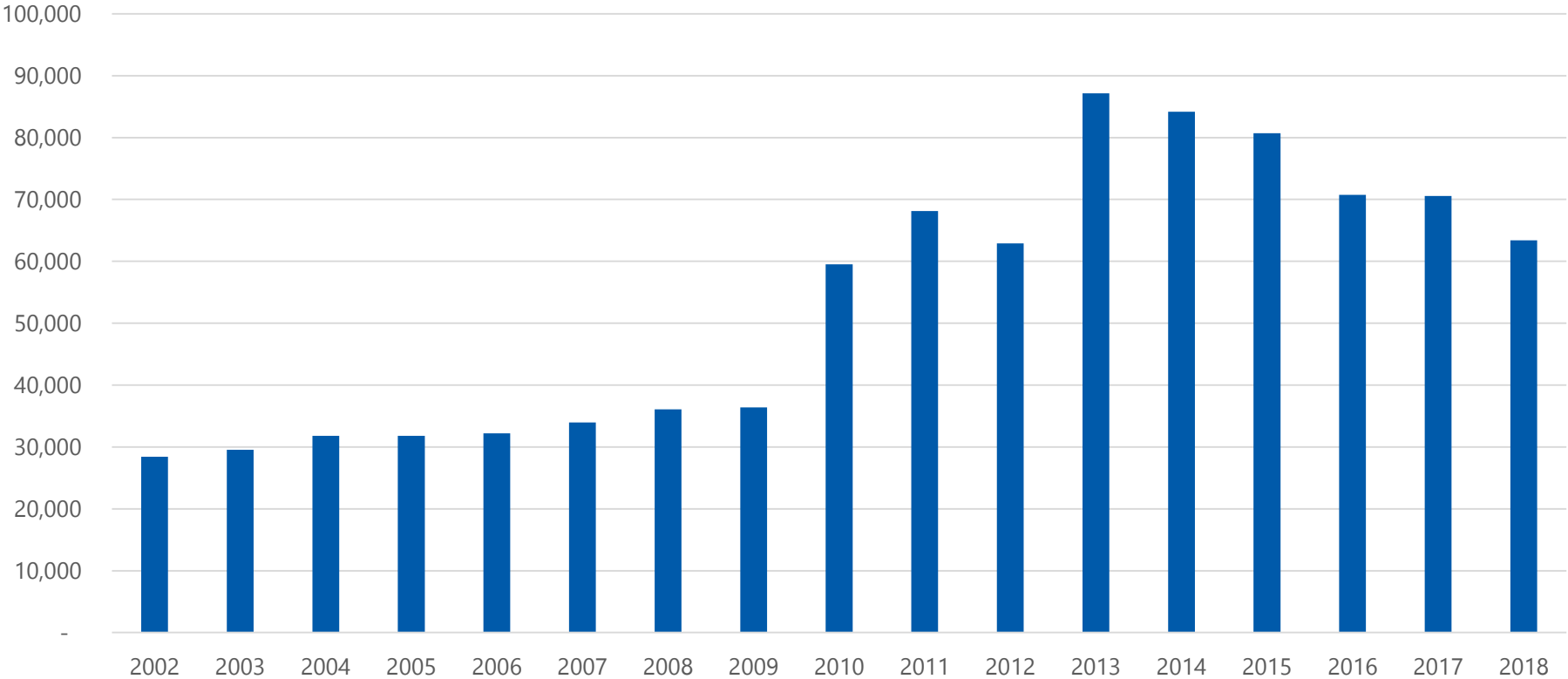
Education Benefit Type	Usage
Post 9/11	52,894
MGIB-AD	1,346
MGIB-SR	1,714
REAP	22
DEA	7,421
VEAP	0
Total	63,397

Data source:

- US Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration Usage Report, 2018

Usage of veteran education benefits has more than doubled in Florida since 2002

Number of Florida Veterans Using Military Benefits



Source: Department of Veterans Affairs

Florida veterans perform well in postsecondary education

They earn some college credit or degrees at higher rates than non-veterans, 67% vs. 57.6% overall

Educational Attainment	Veterans	Rate	Non-Veterans	Rate	Total
Civilian population 25 years+	1,440,105		12,920,046		14,360,151
Less than high school graduate	83,799	5.8%	1,703,540	13.2%	1,787,339
High school graduate (or equivalent)	391,918	27.2%	3,774,737	29.2%	4,166,655
Some college or Associate's degree	530,879	36.9%	3,794,360	29.4%	4,325,239
Bachelor's degree or higher	433,509	30.1%	3,647,409	28.2%	4,080,918
Postsecondary Total	964,388	67.0%	7,441,769	57.6%	8,406,157

Data source:

- US Census Bureau American Community Survey – 5-year estimates 2013-2017

Poll: What types of support do you currently offer veteran students?



University of South Florida Office of Veteran Success (OVS)



- Success and History of the Office
- USF System and OVS Organization
- Student Population / Demographics
- OVS Operational Strategy
- Departmental Impacts



Departmental Success

Military Times Best College for Veterans in the Nation:

- 2011-2012 Ranked #8
- 2013 Ranked #4
- 2014-2015 Ranked #5
- 2016 Ranked #2
- 2017 Ranked #1 (Also Ranked #1 by Forbes and Money Magazine)
- 2018 Ranked #2 (Overall) #1 Four-Year Public University
- 2019 Ranked #2 (Overall)
- 2020 Ranked #4

Featured in USA Today Newspaper in 2011





OVS Historical Background

Grant History

- 2009 – VA Renovation Funding - \$75,000
- 2012 – Birdies for the Brave - \$40,000
- 2014 – JP Morgan Grant - \$235,000
- 2015 – Citi Grant - \$30,000
- 2018 – Suntrust - \$10,000
- 2019 – Anonymous - \$50,000

Legislative Appropriation History

- 2015 – Veteran Support - \$350,000 (One Time)
- 2016 – Academic / Career Support - \$175,000 (Special)





One USF – Geographically Distributed



USF – Tampa (Main) Campus

USF – St. Petersburg Campus

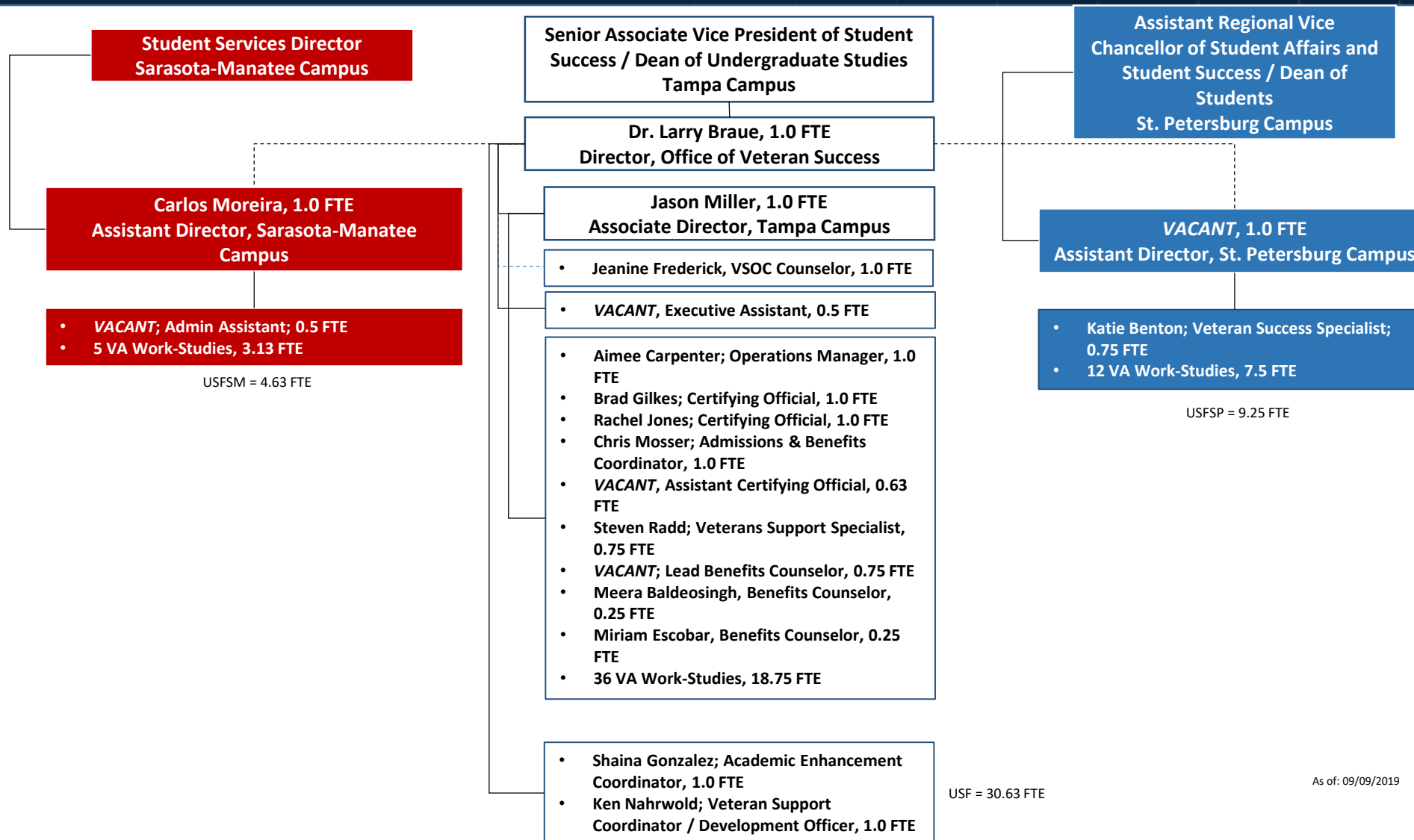


USF – Sarasota-Manatee Campus





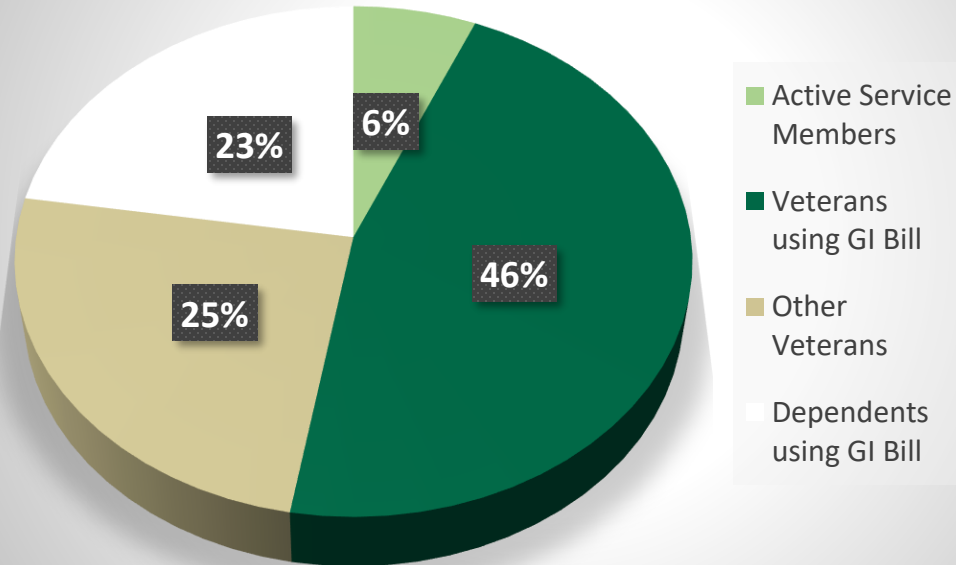
OVS Organization



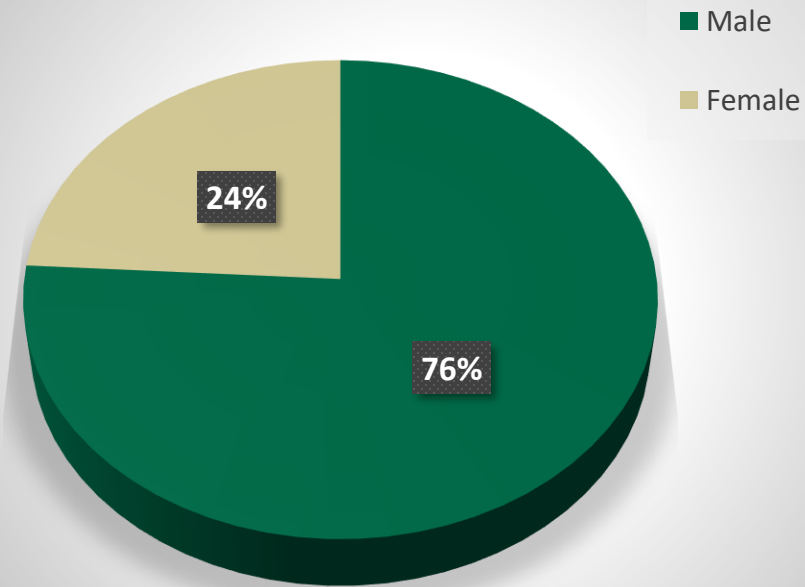


Student Veteran Demographics (1 of 2)

OVS Student Population



Gender



AGE RANGE	PERCENTAGE
18-24	10%
25-39	67%
40-64	22%
65+	1%

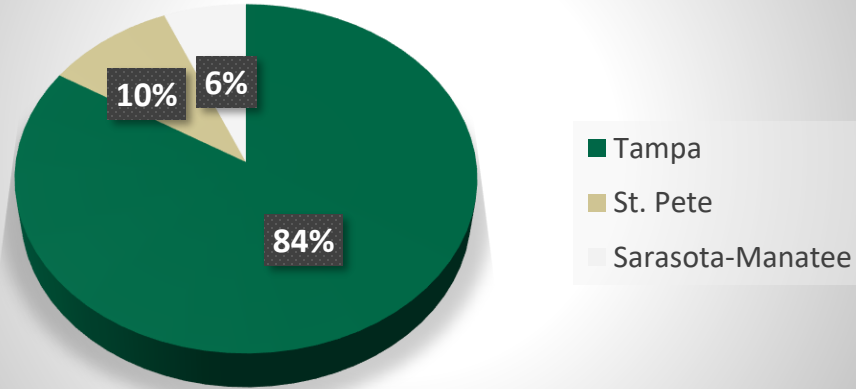
AVERAGE AGE
OF USF VETERAN:

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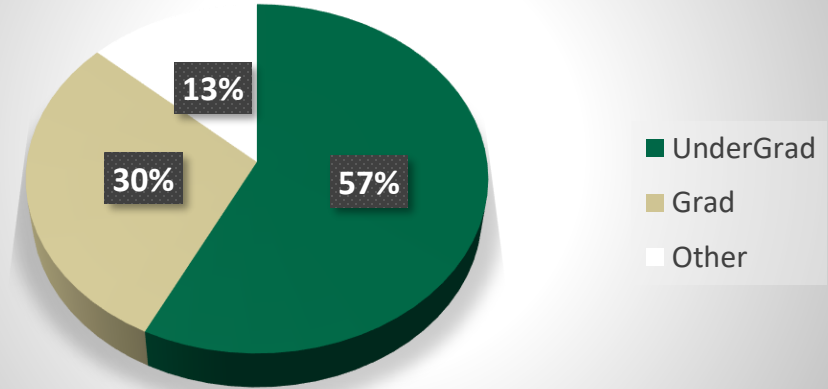


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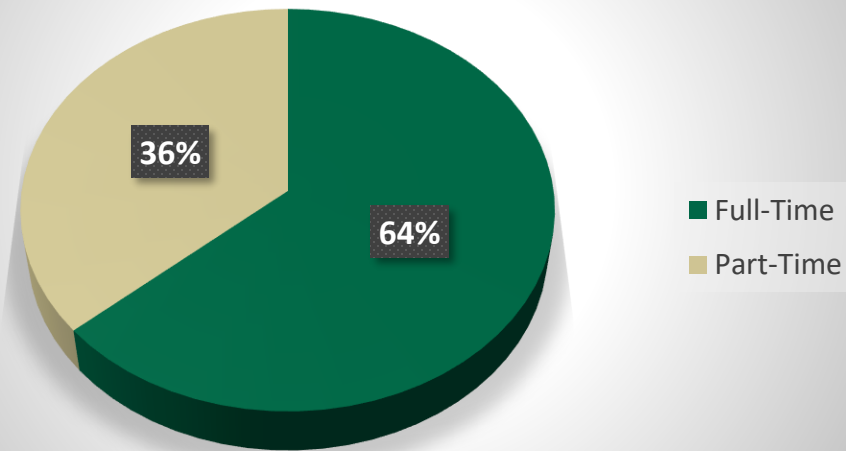
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Degree

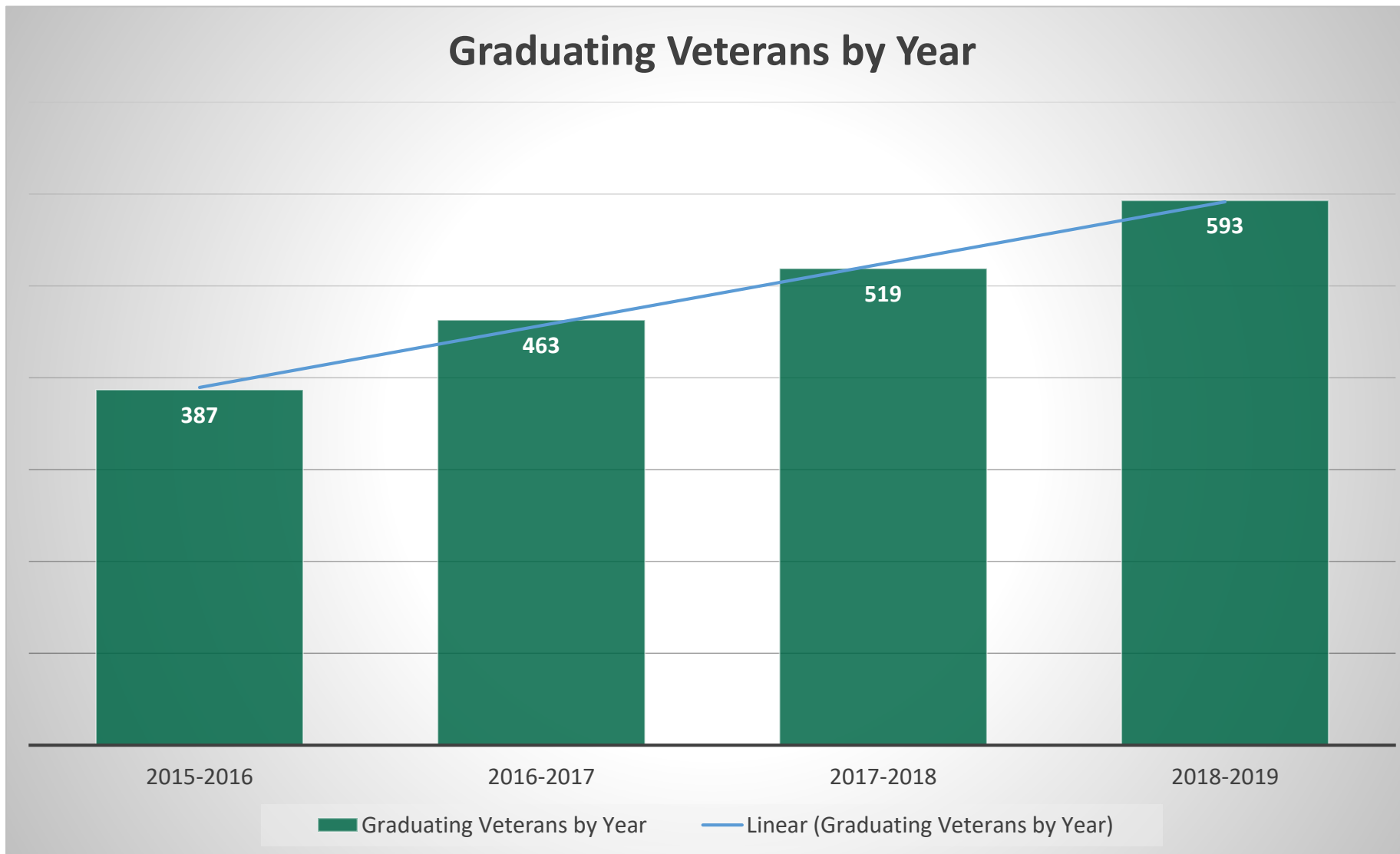


Status





Veteran Graduations





Veteran Success Data

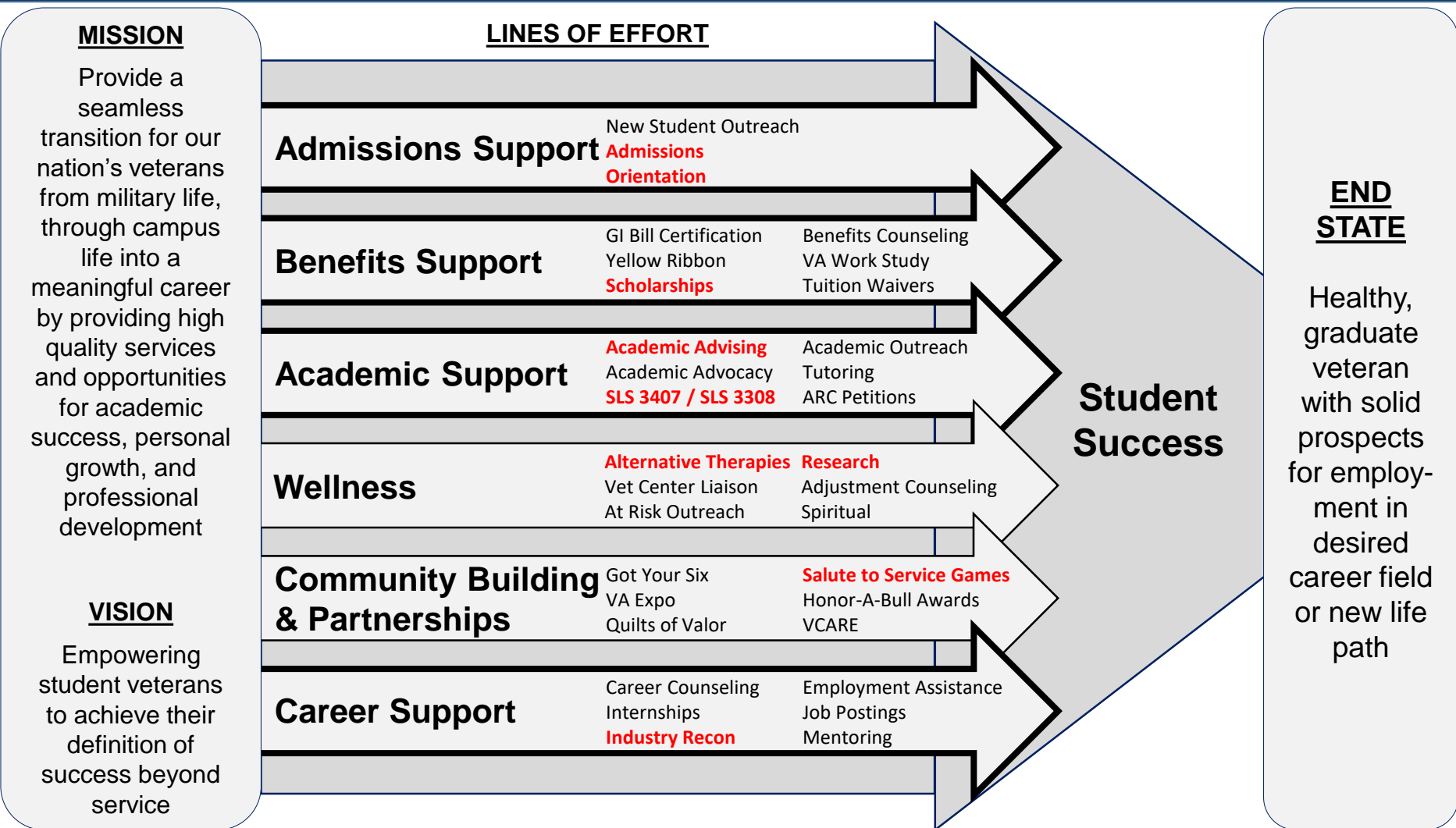
METRIC	VALUE*
Graduation Rate	73%
Retention Rate	80%
Persistence Rate	91%
Overall GPA	3.20



* Values are averages of last four academic years



Operational Strategy with Lines of Effort and Key Task Areas





Meeting Students Where They Are

- Mandatory orientation (fixes benefits issues, residency changes, “name with a face”)
- We’ve added a total of 20 scholarships to the list of those available to student veterans (most are endowed)
- Tailored two veteran-only 3-credit hour courses for veterans coming in and headed out of the university
- Expanded focus of academic advising to all student veterans, not just those “at-risk”
- Partnered with USF Athletics and Mission BBQ to make student veterans feel a part of the community
- Industry Recon program for careers; gives both sides a “test run” without a lot of strings attached



Programs and Events





Campus and Community Involvement

- Three student organizations (SALUTE, SAME and SVA)
- Week of Welcome Events
- Salute to Service Partnership with USF Athletics
- VA Outreach Expo
- Member of Mission United Council
- Member of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce (GTCC) Military Affairs Committee
- South Tampa Chamber of Commerce
- Tampa Bay Tech Forum
- Bay Area Manufacturers (BAMA)
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association
- SOCOM / CENTCOM / MacDill AFB

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Conclusion

