VETERAN WINNER: Tonya Atherton, a student veteran here at the University of Delaware has recently won a $500 scholarship through NAVPA (National Association of Veterans Program Administrators) and their National Scholarship Program for the 2016-2017 academic year. NAVPA gives out this particular scholarship to one student in each of its eight regions across the United States.

I will have the privilege of presenting this scholarship check to Tonya at which time there will be a photo opportunity, which will be sent to the Chairman of NAVPA. Tonya will be nationally recognized for her hard work, dedication and service to a grateful nation! CONGRATS TONYA!

Applying for Outside Scholarship:

Tonya Atherton applied for the NAVPA scholarship after receiving the email I sent out to all veterans and dependents on campus regarding this particular scholarship. She took about an hour to think, write, proofread and then submit her essay for this scholarship.

If you are interested in obtaining outside scholarships for additional funding please keep up on my monthly newsletters, as I will try to keep everybody updated on outside scholarships you could look into. Do not think because everybody in the country can apply for a scholarship means that you are not going to win. You never know! In this instance Tonya was the only student selected in our region of the United States out of possibly hundreds if not thousands of students.

If you are in need of or just would like additional outside funding toward your education submit your application for these scholarships. You never know the next winner who is nationally recognized could be you!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. University Health Insurance – CH.33

   a. If you are a veteran or dependent using CH. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill and you have health insurance charged to your student account through the university this fee can be covered by your VA benefits. I would recommend that if anybody has any questions about this please contact me directly ASAP!
2. Blue Hen Veterans – Cycling Team Ride

   a. Blue Hen Veterans & Friends cycling team will hit the road once again April 28-30 to participate in Face of America, a 2-day 120-mile bike ride from Valley Forge to Gettysburg organized by World T.E.A.M. Sports. Face of America brings together adaptive and able-bodied athletes including veterans, active duty, civilians, and first responders for a challenging journey to honor and respect military veterans and first responders who were injured or disabled during their service. Blue Hen Veterans & Friends have participated in Face of America since 2014 raising over $35,000 to go towards World T.E.A.M. Sports mission of changing lives through sports. This year’s team of 23 participants including student veterans, cadets, alumni, and friends has a fundraising goal of $12,000. If you would like to make a donation to Blue Hen Veterans & Friends or want to know more about Face of America and what World T.E.A.M. Sports does please visit their team page at http://support.worldteamsports.org/goto/bluehenvetsfoa2017

3. Classes Scheduled

   Once you have scheduled classes for a term, please remember to submit your Veterans Enrollment Data form to have your VA benefits certified to the VA for payment. Failure to submit this form will result in no VA certification being submitted to the VA for payment of tuition and fees, book allowance and BAH payment. Click on the link below and scroll to the top of the screen to submit the enrollment form for a specific term.

   http://www1.udel.edu/registrar/students/veterans.html#res

4. Military Transfer Credit

   **Effective Fall Term 2017**

   The University of Delaware is committed to being a military friendly institution and desires to serve veterans who are striving to reach their educational goals. Veterans may have completed military training and coursework, documented on their Joint Services Transcript that is equivalent to courses offered at the University, and the Departments of Behavior Health & Nutrition, Military Science and Air Force Science have identified courses on the Joint Services Transcript that are equivalent to introductory courses offered by their department.

   **Effective Fall 2017** veterans may receive physical education credit and military science credit upon completion of basic training, leadership training.

   If you have any questions please let me know!
5. GI Bill Delay Update

March 17, 2017 VA released the below statement about the processing of VA payments. If you are experiencing issues of non-payment, please let me know ASAP!

We are experiencing some processing delays for certain Veterans and service members primarily, because we initiated a review of previously processed claims. These reviews require a number of inquiries we had to make with DoD service departments for information about individual training dates and service times. We are working with DoD and making every effort to minimize the effect of this review to our GI Bill beneficiaries.

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