



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Committee on Military and Public Affairs

October 19, 2022 at 2:15 p.m.  
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream  
140 Friday Center Drive, Board Room  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**AGENDA**

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of April 6, 2022 .....Michael Williford
- A-2. Committee on Military and Public Affairs 2021-22 Annual Report ..... Bart Goodson
- A-3. Federal Government Relations Update .....Elizabeth Morra
- A-4. Military Affairs Update .....Kathie Sidner
- A-5. Adjourn



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## DRAFT MINUTES

April 6, 2022

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A.K. Hinds University Center, Grand Room (3rd Floor)

Western Carolina University

Cullowhee, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Military and Public Affairs was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following committee members were also present in person or by video: N. Leo Daughtry, Temple Sloan, Kirk Bradley, John Fraley, and Joel Ford.

Chancellors participating were Kevin Guskiewicz, Darrel Allison, and Nancy Cable.

Staff members present included Bart Goodson, Elizabeth Morra, Thomas Walker, and others from the UNC System Office.

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### 1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)

Chair Byers called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m., on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Chair Byers called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of January 19, 2022.

**MOTION:** Resolved, that the Committee on Military and Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of January 19, 2022, as distributed.

**Motion:** Kirk Bradley

**Motion carried**

### 2. State Government Relations Update (Item A-2)

Chair Byers called on Mr. Bart Goodson to provide a state government relations update to the committee. The committee received an update on the upcoming short session of the North Carolina General Assembly agenda calendar and committee work overview for the coming months.

### 3. Federal Government Relations Update (Item A-3)

Chair Byers called upon Ms. Elizabeth Morra to provide a federal government relations update to the committee. Ms. Morra provided a federal update on the congressional agenda, including increased spending levels in the final FY 2022 omnibus appropriations bill for key UNC System federal priorities, a preview of President Biden's FY 2023 budget request for higher education and federal research, as well as the latest on U.S. competitiveness legislation making its way through Congress.

#### **4. Military Affairs Update (Item A-4)**

Chair Byers called upon Dr. Thomas Walker to provide a Military Affairs update to the committee. Dr. Walker provided an overview of UNC System military affairs initiatives aimed at supporting military-affiliated student enrollment and success, including awarding academic credit for military training and experience.

#### **5. Adjourn (Item A-5)**

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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Alex Mitchell, Secretary



## AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Committee on Military and Public Affairs 2021-22 Annual Report..... Bart Goodson

<b>Situation:</b>	Each standing committee submits an annual report of its activities to the Board of Governors.
<b>Background:</b>	Pursuant to Section 302 E of <i>The Code</i> , "Each standing committee shall make a written report to the Board of Governors at least annually, reviewing the work of the committee during the preceding year."
<b>Assessment:</b>	The annual report on the activities of the Committee on Military and Public Affairs for fiscal year 2021-22 is ready for review and submission.
<b>Action:</b>	This item requires a vote by the committee to accept the report for submission to the Board of Governors.

## **DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee on Military and Public Affairs shall assist the president in maintaining positive relationships with the Governor, the North Carolina General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other governmental entities. Maintaining these relationships affects the ability of the University to carry out its mission. The committee will review and approve all state and federal policy priorities of the University, which will then be presented to elected leaders. This report summarizes the work of the committee from July 2021 through June 2022.

The committee was composed of the following Board members: C. Philip Byers, N. Leo Daughtry, O. Temple Sloan, Kirk Bradley, Joel Ford, and John Fraley. Mr. Byers served as chair, Mr. Daughtry served as vice-chair, and Mr. Sloan served as secretary.

Chancellors Darrell Allison (FSU), Nancy Cable (ASU) and Kevin Guskiewicz (UNC-CH) also served on the committee.

## **ACTIONS**

The Committee on Military and Public Affairs met during four regular meetings (July, September, January, April) between July 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022. Throughout the year, the committee discussed major legislative action in the North Carolina General Assembly and in Congress.

Furthermore, on April 6, 2022, the Committee on Military and Public Affairs met in joint session with the Committee on Budget & Finance to review and discuss the 2022-23 Budget and Legislative Proposals, which covered priorities in the North Carolina General Assembly. The committee voted to recommend the proposals for approval by the full Board of Governors on April 7, 2022.

In addition, the Committee on Military and Public Affairs reviewed and discussed the FY 2023 UNC System Federal Priorities for the second session of the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress in April 2022.



## AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Federal Relations Update ..... Elizabeth Morra

**Situation:** The committee will receive an update on federal legislation impacting the UNC System.

**Background:** Ms. Morra will provide an update on the federal budget and appropriations, as well as key legislation of importance to UNC System institutions.

**Assessment:** Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.

**Action:** This item is for information only.



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**AGENDA ITEM**

A-4. Military Affairs Update ..... Kathie Sidner

**Situation:** Ms. Sidner will provide a brief update on UNC System military affairs initiatives.

**Background:** The UNC System military affairs team is leading initiatives aimed at supporting military affiliated student enrollment and success, including awarding of academic credit for military training and experience.

**Assessment:** Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.

**Action:** This item is for information only.



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# **FEDERAL AFFAIRS UPDATE OCTOBER 2022**

Elizabeth Morra

# Budget & Appropriations

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Short-Term Continuing Resolution (CR)

- End date: December 16
- Lame Duck Session Post-Election
- Complete FY 23 Spending or Punt to New Congress?

# Budget & Appropriations Continued

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Generally, 10% increase in nondefense programs; 9% increase in defense (subject to change)

## Snapshot: Pending Education Funding

- \$500 increase in the **maximum Pell Grant** brings max award to from \$6,895 to \$7,395 for the FY23-24 school year (same as House funding)
- \$1.235 billion for **Federal Work Study (FWS)**, +\$25 million over previous year funding (slightly less than House funding)
- \$402.6 million for **Strengthening HBCUs**, +\$40 million over previous year funding (same as House funding)
- \$12 million for **Strengthening Native American-Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTI)**, +\$4.2 million over previous year funding (House funding provided the same level, tracked for UNC Pembroke)

# Budget & Appropriations Continued

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## Snapshot: Pending Federal Research Funding

- \$48 billion for the **NIH**, +\$3 billion over previous year funding; the House included \$47.5 billion.
- \$10.3 billion for the **NSF**, +\$1.5 billion over previous year funding; the House included \$9.6 billion.
- \$8 billion for **NASA Science Directorate**, +\$400 million over previous year funding; the House included \$7.9 billion.
- \$8.1 billion for **DOE, Office of Science**, +\$700 million over previous year funding; the House included \$8 billion.

# Budget & Appropriations Cont'd

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## Community Project Funding (Earmarks):

- UNC System Office (Burr): Mental Health Program
- North Carolina Central University (Price): Mobile health van
- University of North Carolina Wilmington (Rouzer): Marine Science Program
- Winston-Salem State University (Manning): Facilities and equipment funding for training hub, biopharmaceuticals manufacturing

## Programmatic Funding:

- Pathfinder Airborne (\$8 million in House) UNC System Military Affairs/Ft. Bragg

# Research-Related Bills

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## CHIPS and Science Act

- U.S. Innovation and Competition Act and the COMPETES Act
- Omitted: major higher education provisions in previous versions of the bill (short-term Pell, College Transparency Act, security research provisions).
- \$52 billion included for subsidies to build chip plants in the US and tax credits
- \$200 million included for domestic semiconductor workforce
- Dramatically increased authorized funding levels for science research (NSF, NIST, DOE, NASA) but subject to appropriations
- \$10 billion authorized for regional technology hubs

## Inflation Reduction Act

- Institutions of higher education eligible for \$2.6 billion for coastal communities and climate resilience
- Investments in agriculture research, education, and extension
- \$369 billion investment for energy security and climate change

# Student Loan Forgiveness

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- Up to \$20K for Pell Grant recipients; \$10K for individuals making under \$125,000 and married couples making \$250,000
- Student loan pause extended until Dec. 31
- October Department of Education announcement/application
- Legal challenges
- CBO Score
- NC taxes student loan forgiveness

# ARPA-Health in NC

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- New federal agency to accelerate biomedical innovation
- New National Director: Dr. Renee Wegrzyn
- Modeled after DARPA
- \$1 billion appropriated in FY22
  - +\$1.7 billion pending for FY23 (House); \$1 billion pending (Senate)
- NC Congressional delegation letter sent to HHS
- NC Biotech Center leading effort, numerous stakeholders including UNC System
- Website: <https://arpahinnnc.org>



# QUESTIONS?



# **MILITARY AFFAIRS UPDATE OCTOBER 2022**

Kathie Sidner

# Vision

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- **Goal:** Become the finest university system in the nation for military service members and their families

- **Metrics:** TBD. May include #1 system in military rankings. UNC System Strategic Plan Refresh Goals:

- Increase military affiliated enrollment (Baseline: 20,455) to **25,000** (target) / 30,000 (stretch)
- Increase # of system-level military partnerships (Baseline: 12) to **20** (target) / 25 (stretch)



# Rankings



Top 10	Gold	Silver
Western Carolina	Appalachian State	UNC Chapel Hill
Elizabeth City State	UNC Charlotte	
UNC Greensboro		
NC State University		
UNC Pembroke		
Winston-Salem State		

\*Record high number of “Top Ten” rankings

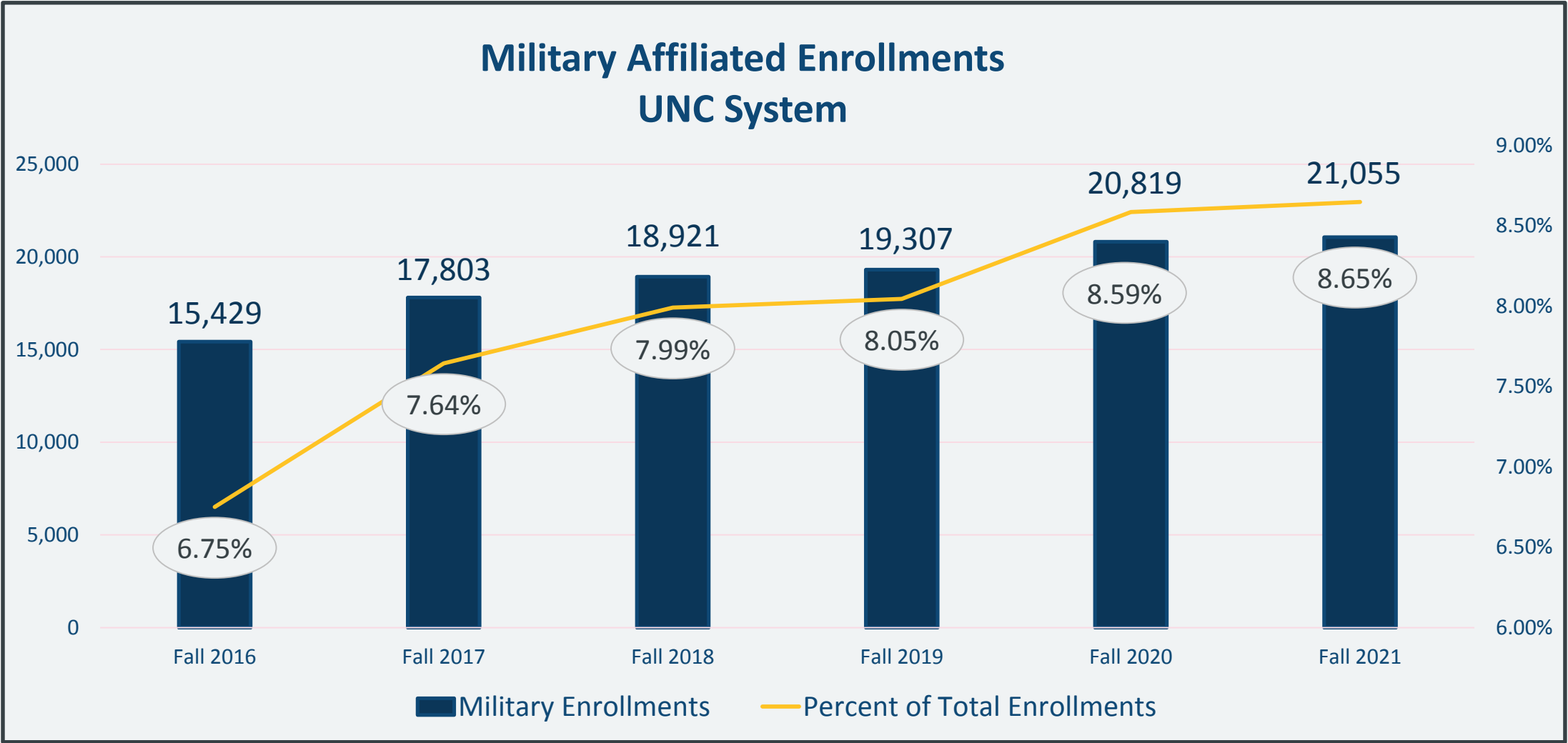
\*No schools ranked below “Silver”

Best for Vets Rankings	Overall	Southeast
UNC Wilmington	15	2
Appalachian State	67	17
UNC Greensboro	71	18
Western Carolina	74	20
East Carolina	93	26
UNC Pembroke	106	29
NC State University	147	34
UNC Charlotte	207	42

\*Record high ranking (UNCW #15 Overall)

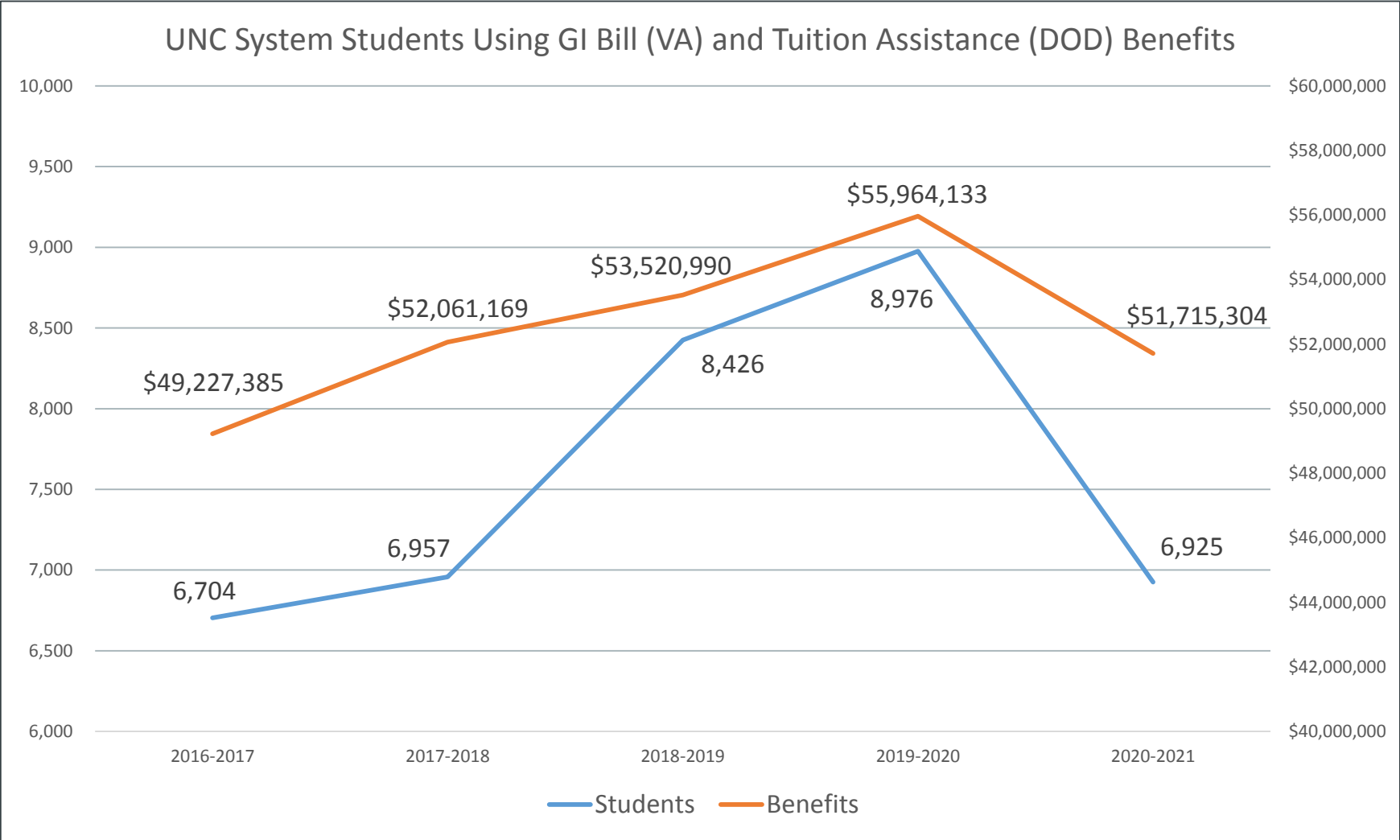
\*All schools ranked in “Top 50” for the Southeast

# Military Enrollment Trends, 2016-2021

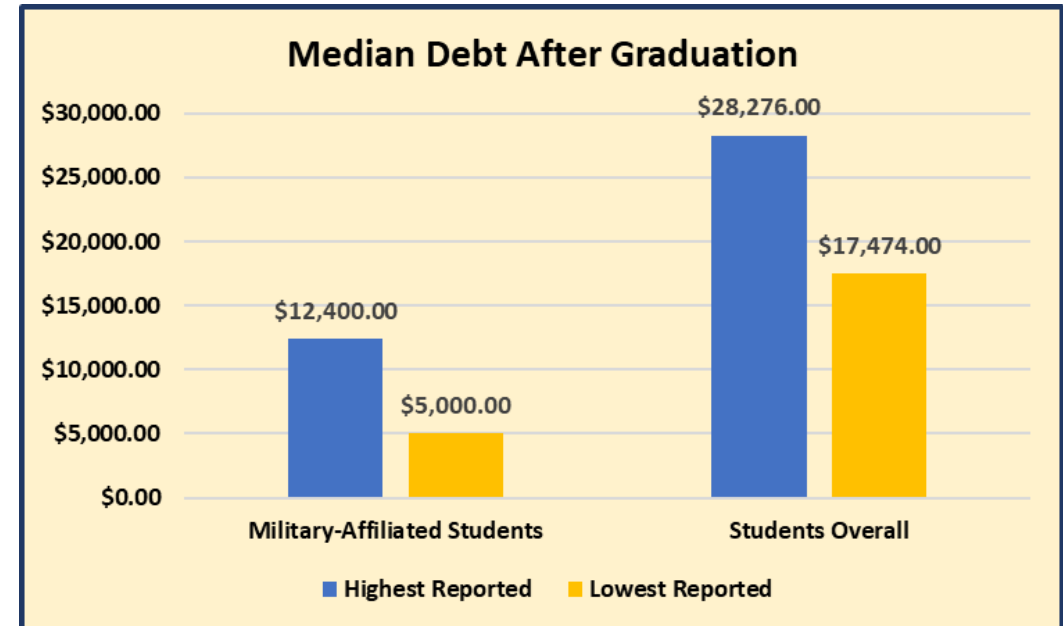
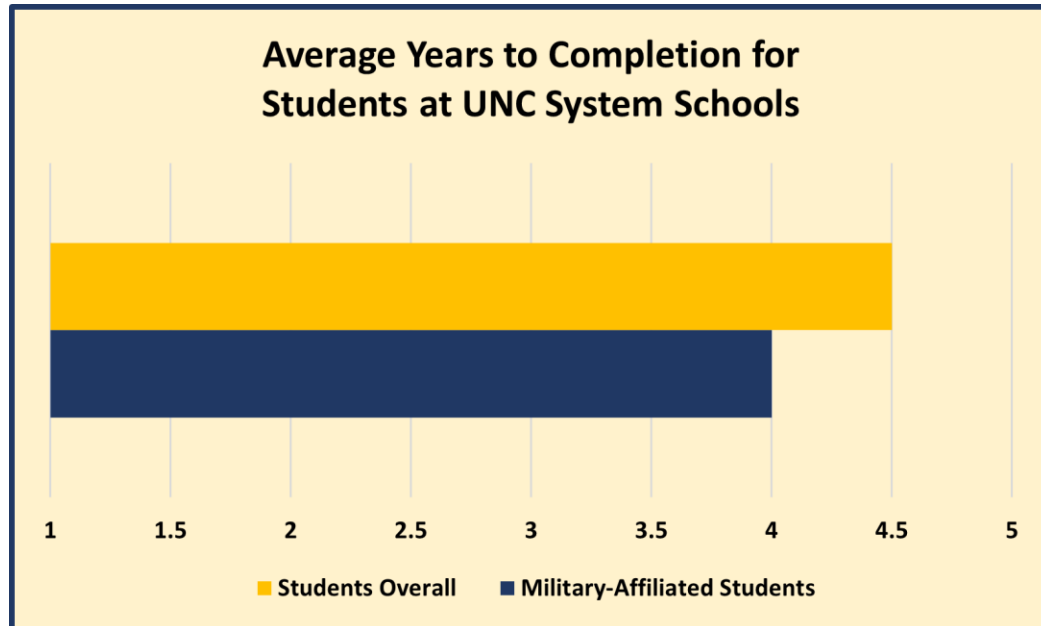


# Federal Educational Benefits, 2016-2021

9,000 students received \$56 million from Post 9/11 GI Bill and Tuition Assistance in 2019-2020



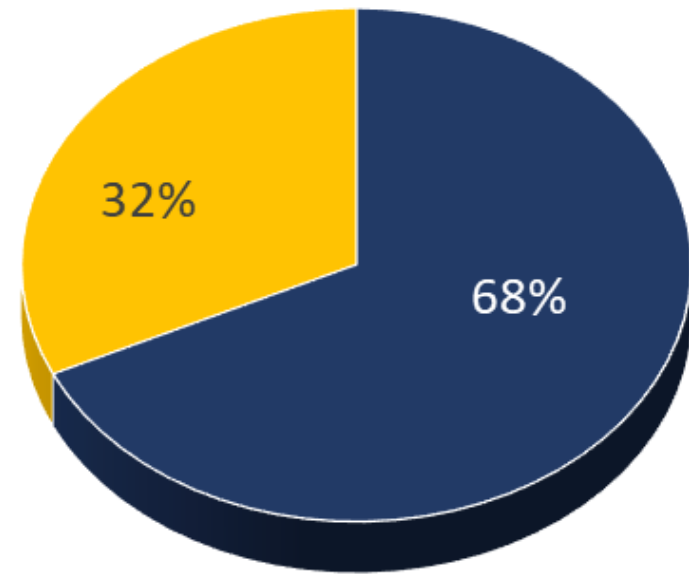
# Faster Completion, Lower Debt



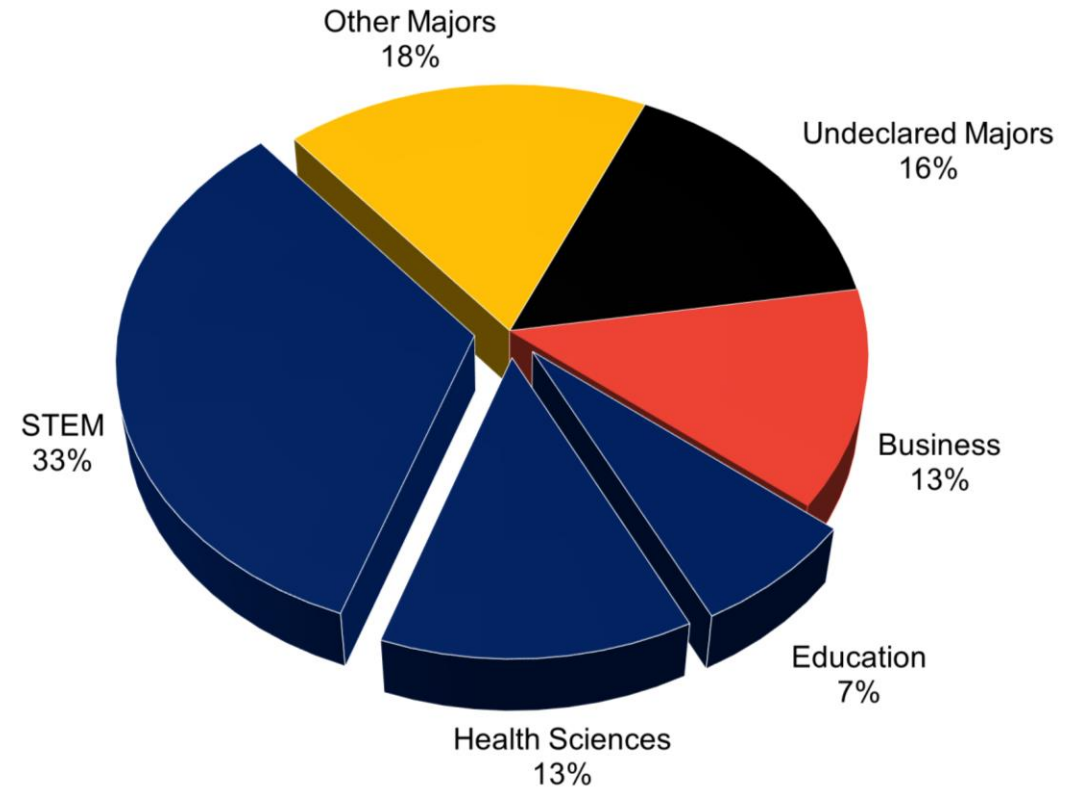
Military-affiliated students graduate sooner and with less debt than traditional students, and do so with comparable graduation rates, retention rates, and GPAs

# Military-Affiliated Student Preferences

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- Primarily (50%-100%) Online
- Primarily (50%-100%) In-Person



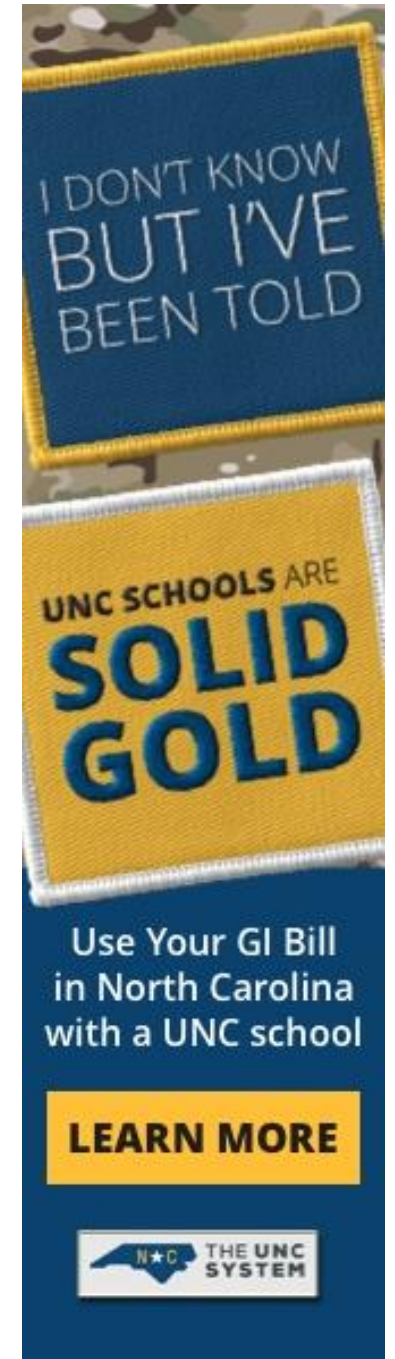
Most Popular Degree Programs



# Current Initiatives

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- Access
  - Military marketing campaign
- Success
  - Military credit regulation (May 2022); efforts ongoing
  - Mental Health First Aid Training
- Economic Impact & Community Engagement
  - Partnerships with NC military orgs, EDPNC, NC4ME, Defense Alliance of NC, Veterans Bridge Home



# QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU