

From Soldiers to Students

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The Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs website opens with the powerful headline, “We connect you with the benefits you earned.”

Recently, the department teamed up with the state’s higher education leaders to launch a program for student veterans and achieve the ambitious goal of opening 30 veteran resource centers on campuses across the state.

The centers, set to open in August 2019, will help students take full advantage of their state and federal benefits and also ease the overall transition from vet to college student.

Serving as a one-stop shop, each center will staff a trained LaVetCorps navigator who will mentor student veterans, connecting them with financial and housing resources and help them navigate program requirements.

These navigators also provide training and support to college faculty, staff and administration to increase awareness of student veterans’ needs and veteran culture, supporting the program’s objective of increasing retention and completion of degrees and licenses for veterans.

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