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*Happy
Holidays*

A Message from Dean McLamb

A Final Salute to the Semester

As Fall 2025 comes to a close, we celebrate your hard work and resilience—whether you're completing your first term or preparing for graduation. As you move into new chapters, take pride in your journey and the community that supported you. Wishing you a restful winter break and Happy Holidays from Wake Tech Military & Veteran Services.

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Meet The Military & Veterans Services Team



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Meet Our Veteran Care Team

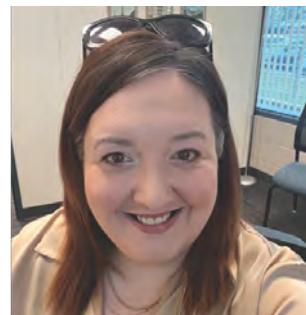
"The team has been created to provide specialized advising and coaching support for military-connected students - veterans, spouses of veterans, or dependents of veterans - who plan to enroll or are currently enrolled at Wake Tech."



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Academic Advisor



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Success Coach



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To Schedule a Virtual Appointment Scan the QR Code or Click The Link Below:



[Click Here to Make a Virtual Appointment with a Member of the Care Team](#)

Veteran Student Resources

Wake Tech provides Veterans Zones on four campuses - dedicated areas where student veterans and their family members can connect in a safe environment and interact in a unique academic and social setting.

Veterans Zone Locations:

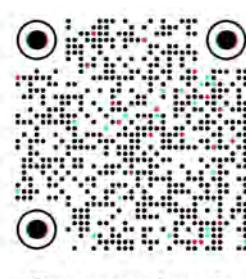
- Southern Wake Campus: Building L, Room 133
- Scott Northern Wake Campus: Building C, Room 206
- RTP Campus: Building 2, Room 101D
- Wake Tech East: Building C, Room 148
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (all locations)



Green Zone Program: Look for the Green Zone symbol in Wake Tech offices and on course syllabi - this identifies trained advocates who understand the unique challenges veterans face and are ready to assist with a sympathetic ear. For more information, contact Veterans Services or visit any Veterans Zone location.



For updates, join Discord our and follow our social media pages:



Updates & Events

Chapter 35 (DEA) Monthly Enrollment Verification

Beginning at the end of January 2026, Chapter 35 beneficiaries must verify their enrollment each month to receive VA benefit payments. The VA cannot process payments until verification is complete. Once verified, payments typically take 5–7 calendar days, depending on your bank.

December 2025 Update

All December enrollments have been automatically verified. Payments are expected by the end of the first week of January.

How to Verify Enrollment (Monthly):

- Text (fastest): Opt in when you begin using your benefits to receive monthly VA text verifications.
- Email: Monthly verification messages are sent if you don't opt into texts.
- Online: Verify through the VA's online tool.
- Ask VA: Submit enrollment dates for manual review; payment is processed 5–7 days after VA reviews the request.

To avoid payment delays, students are encouraged to use text or email verification.

Click Link: [Veterans Education Benefits](#)

GI Bill® Website: <https://gibill.va.gov>

VA Education Call Center: 1.888.442.4551

Request Join Service Transcripts: <https://jst.doded.mil>

Request CCAF Transcripts: <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/barnes/CCAF/>

Updates & Events

Dear Veteran Students,

As we approach the end of the semester, we wanted to let you know that our college will be closing for the holiday season to give our faculty and staff time to rest and celebrate with their loved ones.

Our offices will close at **5:00 PM on Tuesday, December 23rd**, and the college will remain closed through **Sunday, January 4th**. We'll reopen on **Monday, January 5th, 2026**, and classes will resume on Wednesday, January 7th.

We know this time of year can bring a mix of emotions and experiences for everyone. Whether you're celebrating with family, connecting with fellow veterans, taking some well-deserved time for yourself, or simply looking forward to the new semester, we hope these weeks bring you peace and rest.

Please take time to address any questions or concerns you may have before we close on **December 23rd**. We want to make sure you have everything you need for a smooth break and successful start to the spring semester.

Thank you for your continued dedication to your education, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year. Wishing you and yours a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Warm Regards,

A Look Back at 2025: Moments That Made the Year



GRADUATE SHOUT-OUT

Congratulations to the Following **December 2025** Veteran and
Dependant Graduates! We Wish You the Best!

Joseph Alicea
Kacey Barcliff
Samuel Blue
Craig Boston
Grant Brandenburg
Aaron Cameron
David-Michael Cameron
Ethan Cartwright
Mary Cobbs
Lauren Coker
Tyler Dalisky
Kyla Daniel
Maseba Daniels
Vanetta Daye
Asia Dean
Brendan Dibernard
Jack Dockus
Nicholas Drumheller
Nathan Espada
Tyler Garrett
Cameron Gayles
Tamyia Gerald
Orlanzo Hall
Bianca Harris
Anysa Haynes
Benjamin Heath
Ty'Keria Henley
Amber Hensley
Alycia Hoots
Christopher Johnson
Jermain Johnson

Jordan King
Kento Lash
Shawn Laucks
Connor Laws
Torrian Lynch
Pablo Munevargonzalez
Christopher Mylar
Antoinette Norton
Samantha Octaviano
Christina Olivares
Jared Ortega
Alyxandra Parker
James Penny
Renee Pickard
Pat Powers
Carmen Reyes-Gutierrez
Sam Ridley
Gabrielle Roireau
Elijah Rosier
Valerie Royal
Fiorella Ruiz
Tyler Scholl
Miguel Soto-Vazquez
Kamar Thompson
John Vick
Valentina Villada
Rebecca Weiant
Thomas Wilkie
Caroline Williams
Dominique Williams
Crystal Winston
Rhett Wood



To our Military, Veteran, and Dependent Students: Happy Holidays!

Thank you for choosing Wake Tech for your educational journey. We hope this break offers you a well-deserved opportunity to recharge and connect with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you back on campus for the Spring semester!

