

# GI Bill School Tour Milestones

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VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA's GI Bill School Tour provided GI Bill students, school administrators, Veterans Service Organizations, State Approving Agencies and other stakeholders the opportunity to engage in open communication with VA GI Bill leadership. The dialogue centered around recent changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill® that expand, enhance and enrich opportunities for GI Bill students.

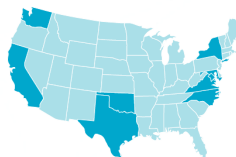


## The new GI Bill provisions open doors for students in highly competitive fields.

- 1 Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Scholarship:** A program for students training in high demand STEM fields.
- 2 Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC):** A five-year pilot program to help Veterans secure meaningful employment in the talent-hungry tech sector.

## Tour Highlights:

- ▶ Travelled from coast to coast, touching down in **9** different states to *meet students where they are*.
- ▶ VA received direct feedback from its constituents and created a ratio recommendation of one full-time School Certifying Official (SCO) to every **200** GI Bill students at an educational institution.
- ▶ Visited **3** VET TEC providers to learn more on program offerings and outcomes.
- ▶ Joined industry leaders, including **Google, LinkedIn, Facebook** and **Microsoft** to discuss workforce trends, Veteran initiatives and future collaboration.
- ▶ Spoke at **SVA's NatCon 2020** on using VA education benefits to build a future, plus presented at National Association of Veterans' Program Administrators (NAVPA) and National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conferences.



**24**

Visits to schools, training programs and industry leaders.



**900+**

Individuals reached in person, and thousands reached virtually.



Processed claims on the spot, resolving hardship claims and issuing payments.

Google

facebook

LinkedIn

Microsoft

Streamed Facebook LIVE Events Garnering a Total of:



Received Overwhelmingly Positive Feedback:

“This visit came at the perfect time because I’m working to further my education. For the VA to come to my school helps me because I can ask them personal questions and get credible information.”

– Student, John Jay College

“I applaud your efforts for the GI Bill School Tour. It is really important to have grassroots engagement and get boots on the ground.”

– Associate Provost of Veterans and Military Affairs, University of Texas – San Antonio

79%



79 percent of survey respondents (46 of 58) reported “agree” or “strongly agree” they have a better understanding of GI Bill benefits after hearing from GI Bill leadership during the last tour stop in Washington.



Map of School Tour Stops (Above):

**Stop 1:** North Carolina State University - Raleigh, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, **Stop 2:** New York Institute of Technology, Columbia University, John Jay College, City University of New York, **Stop 3:** University of Maryland Global Campus, **Stop 4:** University of Oklahoma – Norman, **Stop 5:** Northern Virginia Community College – Woodbridge, **Stop 6:** University of Texas – San Antonio, Texas Veterans Commission, Austin Community College – Highland, Galvanize, **Stop 7:** Georgetown University, **Stop 8:** University of California – Los Angeles, Sabio Enterprises, Google, LinkedIn, **Stop 9:** Divers Institute of Technology, Code Fellows, Microsoft, Saint Martin’s University, New Horizons, Washington Workforce Training & Education Board.