



VETERANS EDUCATION SUCCESS

WINTER/SPRING 2017-18

Elevating Veterans' Voices

*Creating public education opportunities for veterans
to share their experiences in higher education*

After Action Report

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July 5, 2018



Lumina Foundation Panel Friday, Feb. 9 – Washington, D.C.

Army Veteran **Jonathan Ngowaki** spoke on a Lumina Foundation panel about being defrauded by DeVry University, including the school taking out fraudulent loans without his consent.



Army Veteran **Travis Craig** visited Washington, DC to share his story of attending ITT Technical Institute, and having loans taken out in his name without his permission. (Social media [HERE](#))



**Office of Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.**



**Office of Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)
Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.**



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**Congressman Mark Takano (D-CA)
Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.**



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**Office of Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.**



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Senator Dean Heller (R-NV) Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.



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Education Department Testimony Monday, Feb. 12 – Washington, D.C.

Army Veteran **Travis Craig** testified at the Education Department about attending ITT Tech.

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#Veteran Travis Craig speaks at @usedgov about how #ITTech defrauded him and other #student #veterans. He maintained a 3.97 GPA but learned nothing. "We were taught by substitutes who did not even know the coursework and had to read from the textbook" #DefendStudents

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"Why were we getting outdated materials? How could I know more than my course instructors? Veterans are the ones taking the biggest hit." - #ITTech #veteran Travis Craig speaks out @usedgov #DefendStudents

Higher Ed, Not Debt
02/12/18 We are in the FINAL round of Borrower Defense negotiated rulemaking. Today's session will feature a special guest that has been fighting for student borrowers since day 1...
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2:00 PM - 12 Feb 2018

Higher Ed, Not Debt was live.
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Student Veterans Congressional Panel Thursday, Feb. 22 – Washington, D.C.

VES hosted a panel discussion of student veterans in the House Veterans Affairs Committee before a packed room of Congressional staff. VES Policy Director Tanya Ang moderated the panel, eliciting the students' stories of what is and is not working in higher education for military veterans. (Social media [HERE](#), [HERE](#), [HERE](#) and [HERE](#))

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Jamie Hubert: "After 6 years in the Navy, I enrolled at #Kaplan. I had hopes and dreams that if the government says it's ok to take this government #GiBill money, then it's a good place. But they made a lot of promises that they did not follow through on." #DefendStudents



.@Georgetown student Wesley Hughes: What really changed my mind is when I learned how to think critically. I thought I could go to college and so I applied to a number of schools but didn't get accepted. The real eye-opener was when people started telling me, "you can do this."



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Improving College Access and Success through the Voices of Student Veterans:
youtu.be/1VM4EhG_Oi0?a via @YouTube

Improving College Access and Success through the Voices ...
Join us to explore these questions and engage directly with a panel of student veterans who will share what is working well for them and their peers, as well...

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.@Omar_Andrews1: "Basically, you get veterans to believe that we can do things, and guess what? We go off and do them."



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Rachael Milam: Going from the military, the jargon, the way of life and jumping with both feet into education was a little bit of a culture shock to be honest...the military is very straight forward... #VetsEdSuccess



6:05 AM - 6 Mar 2018

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Francheska Salazar: I decided to choose a community college. I did not want to go to a 4-year university where I sat in a room full of 120 people in a classroom. I'd gone to #CommunityCollege before the military, and I wanted to have that kind of sense of community...



Jamie Huebert, Navy, Kaplan
Omar Andrews, Marine Corps, U of Southern Maine
Wesley Hughes, Army, Georgetown
Rachael Milam, Air Force, NOVA Community College
Francheska Salazar, Army, Anne Arundel College

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Office of Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)
Thursday, Feb. 22 – Washington, D.C.



Jamie Huebert told Sen. Kaine's staff about being defrauded by Kaplan. ([HERE](#))



Office of Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)
Friday, Feb. 23 – Washington, D.C.



Omar Andrews told Sen. Collins staff about his experiences as a student veteran. ([HERE](#))



Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) Thursday, April 5 – Winston Salem

Sen. Richard Burr met with 4 current and former North Carolina student veterans and VES staff.



April McDonald, Army National Guard, U of Phoenix
Jason Christian, Navy, American Intercontinental University
Charles Calamese, Army, Winston-Salem University
Roby Lovett, Navy, Forsythe Technical Community College

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“FAIL STATE” documentary screening Thursday, May 17 – Nashville, TN

Marine Corps Veteran **Will Walker** told the audience about being defrauded by ITT Tech.



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“FAIL STATE” documentary screening Monday, June 4 – Brooklyn, NY

Army Veterans **Milo Jones** (L) and **John Andrew** (R) spoke with a reporter and told the audience about their bad experiences at ITT Technical Institute and U of Phoenix, respectively.



News media [HERE](#)

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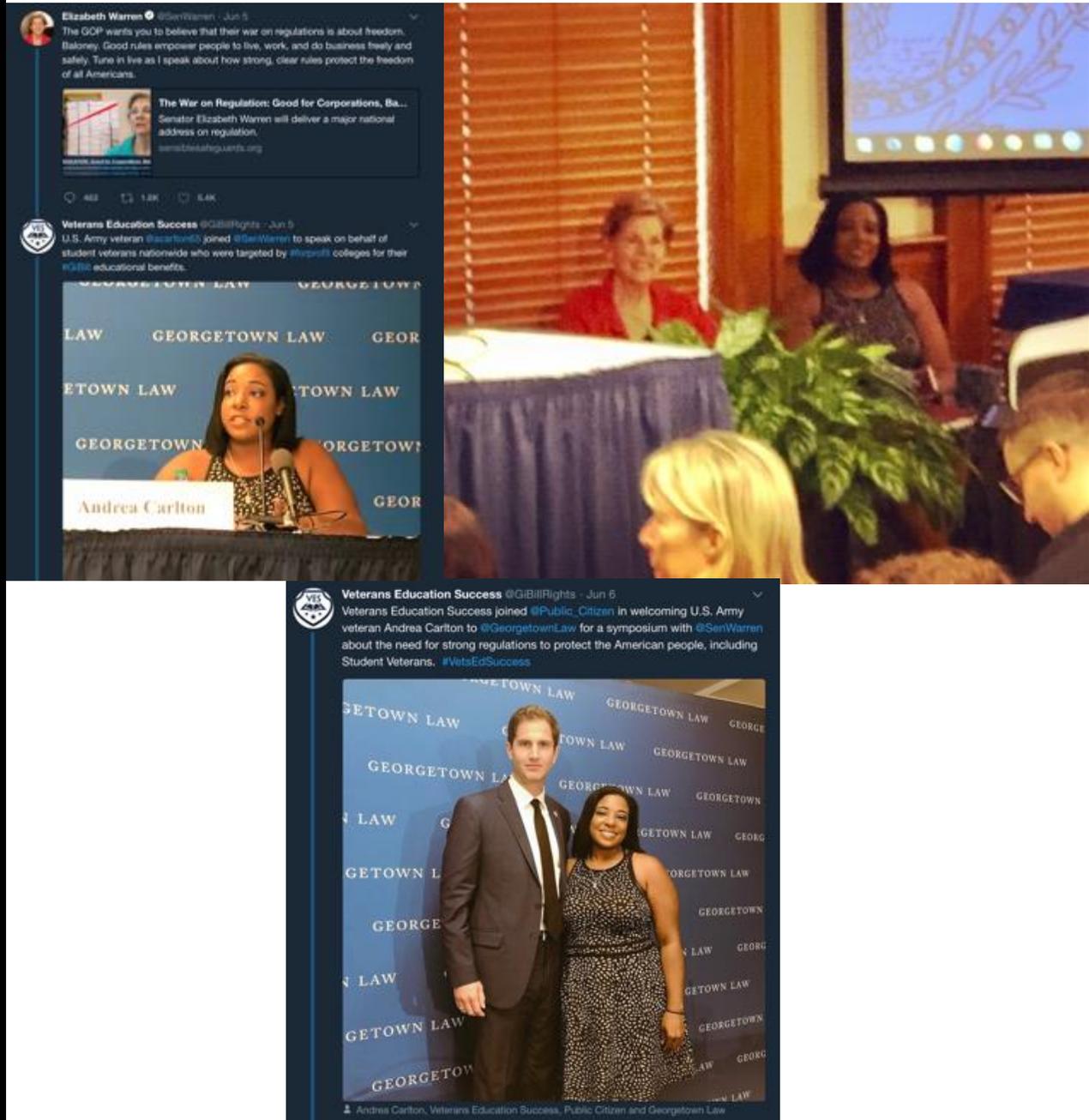
Military veterans decry debt, useless diplomas from for-profit colleges





Georgetown Law Panel with Sen. Warren (D-MA) Tuesday, June 5 – Washington, D.C.

Army Veteran **Andrea Carlton** shared her story of being defrauded by Brown Mackie college.



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“We The Action” Video Tuesday, June 5 – Washington, D.C.

Andrea Carlton taped a video with “We The Action” and met with Rep. Ted Lieu’s staff.



Social media [HERE](#)



Office of Rep. Ted Lieu (D-CA) Tuesday, June 5 – Washington, D.C.



Social media [HERE](#)



“FAIL STATE” documentary screening Tuesday, June 19 – Capitol Hill

VES co-hosted a screening of the “Fail State” documentary with **Rep. Seth Moulton**, where Marine Corps Veteran **Zach Hastie**, who is featured in the film, told Congressional staffers about being defrauded by ITT Technical Institute.



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VES Policy Director [@TanyaMANG](#) led a panel discussion about the various issues faced by not just Student Veterans, but all students across the country. [#VetsEdSuccess](#)

3:12 PM - 19 Jun 2018 from Washington, DC

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VES Veterans Advocate [@tyson_manker](#) told attendees about the common hurdles faced by military and veteran students, often at no fault of their own.

“It is not an ideological issue to demand accountability for taxpayer dollars, especially for veterans who served this nation.”

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The New York Times – Featuring VES Student Veterans Sunday, Dec. 17 – Nationwide

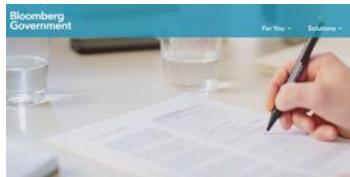
Through VES, Army Veterans **Jarrod Thoma** and **Kip Malone** spoke with the New York Times about their for-profit college experience and the fraudulent behavior they encountered. ([HERE](#))

*For Students Swindled by
Predatory Colleges, Relief
May Only Be Partial*



Bloomberg –Featuring VES Student Veteran Monday, May 22 – Nationwide

Through VES, Army Veteran **Jonathan Ngowaki** spoke with Bloomberg about his unfortunate experience at DeVry University, and the fraudulent behavior he encountered. ([HERE](#))



Bloomberg Exclusives, Issues & Industries

Student Debt Surprise: How
Veterans Get Loans Without
Knowing It



The Denver Post – VES Student Veteran Op-Ed Monday, June 25 – Denver, CO

Through VES, Army Veteran **Jarrod Thoma** published an op-ed in the Denver Post about his time at DeVry University, the false promises he encountered, and hewing to the rules of non-lobbying education, why a proposed bill would hurt, not help, students in higher ed. ([HERE](#))

