



## **Winter 2025 Newsletter**

*Quarterly Newsletter*

# **MVP and TVTV Newsletter**

*Your leading source for important updates related to our support to servicemembers, Veterans and their families at William James College.*

Welcome to William James College! Whether you are an incoming student or in your final year, we encourage you to check out the Military and Veteran Psychology (MVP) program. The MVP concentration along with its partner, the Train Vets to Treat Vets program (TVTV) offers several services and support to service members, Veterans or their families (SMVF) as well as to students who are interested in working with military-related populations. If this sounds like you, we invite you to get involved through research, outreach, or community training.

Our community of faculty, staff, and students is here to support you and help you thrive during your time at William James. We're here to assist you in developing the skills and experiences you need for a successful career in mental health practice. Services and support for the SMVF and students include leadership opportunities, military focused workshops, one on one coaching and mentoring, assistance with CV and resumes, and interview preparation.

We are looking for student leaders to join our team! Keep reading to see how you can become involved!

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**What is the Train Vets to Treat Vets® program (TVTV)?** Founded in 2011 through a contract with the Massachusetts Department of

Veterans Services (DVS) and continues to be funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans Services. The Train Vets to Treat Vets® (TVTV) program is a student success, mentorship, and community support program that:

- Supports SMVF students (Service Members, Veterans, and military family members) enrolled in any WJC program.
- Provides mentoring, belonging, and connection as students navigate school, training, and career pathways.
- Engages military-connected students in outreach to other SMVF individuals interested in behavioral health.
- Expands access to culturally competent care through student placements at VA, Vet Centers, community agencies, and nonprofits.
- Connects students to national research programs and helps them present posters and presentations at regional and national conferences.
- Mentoring students to develop skills in training and consultation to community-based providers on culturally competent mental health care for military and Veteran populations, including their families.

TVTV is not an academic concentration. It is a community of care and connection, designed to ensure military-connected students thrive at William James College and go on to serve others with compassion, skill, and lived-experience-informed insight.

For more information, please contact: [tvtv@williamjames.edu](mailto:tvtv@williamjames.edu)

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**So, what exactly is the MVP Concentration?** The MVP concentration seeks to train mental health professionals to provide services to military service members, veterans, and their families. The program welcomes students from all backgrounds, both civilian and military.

The MVP concentration requires students to:

- **Specialized Curriculum:** Develop professional competency through the completion of 4 courses in military-focused mental health.
- **Hands-On Experience:** Dedicate 25% of all client contact, across all years, to working with military members, Veterans and their families.

- **Interactive Learning:** Participate in a campus-based, faculty-led advanced educational series with a focus on clinical needs and military culture.
- **Dissertation Research (PsyD Students Only):** Conduct your dissertation research on real-world topics related to the needs of military personnel, Veterans, and their families.

If you have any questions or would like to explore this further please contact Dr Angela Taveira-Dick at [angela\\_tdick@williamjames.edu](mailto:angela_tdick@williamjames.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!

[Visit our MVP Website](#)

## Recent Engagement

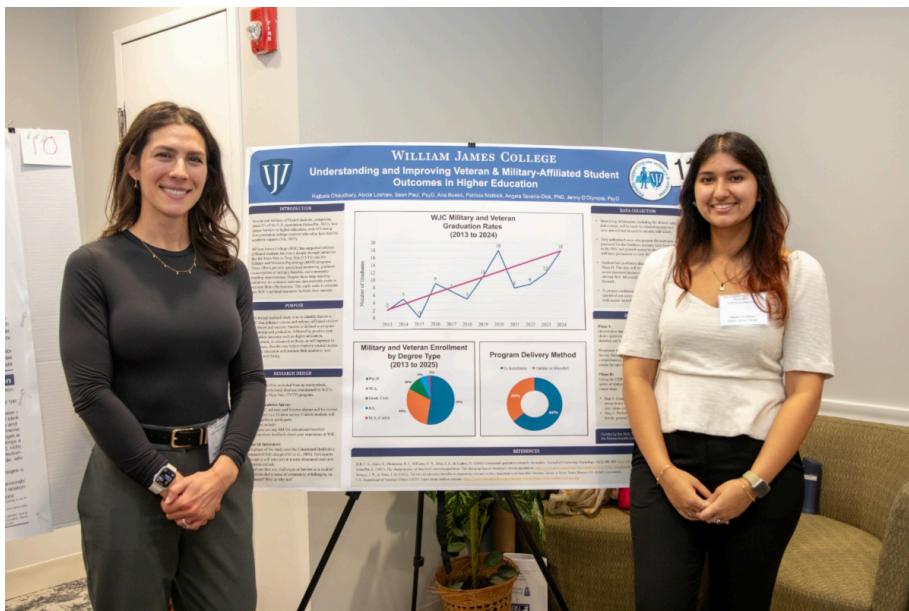
### Veterans Day Event at William James College



On November 6th, 2025, the William James College community gathered for a Veterans Day celebration lunch to honor those who have served our country. The event featured a moving keynote address by Dr. Trei McMullin, a former U.S. Army Military Police Officer and Senior Counterintelligence Agent, and now Founder and CEO of SYOTOS LLC. Dr. McMullin shared powerful insights and personal stories from his time in service, inspiring reflection and gratitude throughout the community. This celebration served as a meaningful opportunity to come together in appreciation of our Veterans and their sacrifices.

Attendees were also invited to sign a personalized banner that will be presented to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C., as a collective gesture of appreciation from the William James College community.

# New England Psychological Association



**Featured above:** Alycia Loshaw, MA & Rajbala Chaudhary

**Poster Title:** Understanding and Improving Veteran & Military-Affiliated Student Outcomes in Higher Education

Students Raj Chaudhary and Alycia Loshaw presented a poster at the recent NEPA 2025 conference regarding outcomes in Veteran students who have graduated from William James College. Their poster illustrated a proposed study seeking to measure the success of Veteran students after completion of their chosen program. Additionally, the study hopes to identify support structures and processes that academic institutions can implement to ensure tailored support to their student Veteran populations.

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## Presentation by 5th year Clinical Psychology Student, Nick Wolf, MA



On October 10, 2025, WJC's own Nick Wolf presented his Doc Project, "Resilience and Reintegration to Civilian Life among U.S. Veterans", to the Veteran Policy Research Collaborative (VPRC), a part of the RAND Veterans Policy Research Institute. VPRC is an

interdisciplinary research community committed to advancing veterans policy research and improving the well-being of veterans. His research helps confirm the importance of establishing and maintaining a sense of purpose in a military population that persists beyond military service. Nick's work is in keeping with the goals and objectives of the VPRC.

Congratulations Nick Wolf for sharing this important research and representing William James at the national level!

## Upcoming Events



The **BFit Challenge** is an annual fitness fundraising event held at TD Garden in Boston, where participants can run, walk, or climb stairs to raise funds for charities supporting first responders and military personnel, on **January 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The event features divisions tailored to different groups, including Firefighter + EMT, Law Enforcement + Military, and Community, Family + Friends. The William James College Student Military and Veteran Community (SMVC) is excited to organize and send a team to participate in this challenge to fundraise for a local non-profit charity, Heroes in Transition, dedicated to supporting veterans and Active Duty Service members. **Join our team or donate below!**

[Join our team or donate here!](#)

## Announcements

### HPSP Psychology Program: Serve Those Who Serve

**Looking for a scholarship and a career in the military?** The Health Practitioner Scholarship Program (HPSP) is a fully funded

scholarship opportunity for those who have interest in working with service members and their families. The program offers tuition and fee coverage, a monthly stipend for students to live on, and prestigious hands-on training opportunities through the branches' APA-accredited training programs. In return, recipients commit to a three-year period of active-duty service as psychologists in the branch they receive the scholarship from. The United States Army, Navy, and Air Force are currently taking HPSP applications! Whether you are interested in clinical practice, leadership, or research, this program provides the training and support to make a meaningful difference in your psychology career. Several students from WJC have already taken advantage of this unique opportunity!

*"HPSP opened opportunities for me. The stipend allowed me to focus on my studies instead of finances, while the scholarship assisted in conveying my commitment to helping individuals serving in the military."*

*-CPT Sarah Wall, 5th year Clinical PsyD Student*



*"I chose the Navy HPSP because it aligned with my commitment to serving service members while completing my clinical training. It has allowed me to focus fully on my education, gain early exposure to the military mental health system, and build a foundation for a career dedicated to the well-being of Sailors and Marines."*

*-LT Kelly Re 5th year Clinical PsyD Student*



Anyone seeking more information is encouraged to contact Patricia Matlock ([Patricia.Matlock@williamjames.edu](mailto:Patricia.Matlock@williamjames.edu)), to help connect with recruiters from the desired branch of application.



## MVP Canvas Course Page

The MVP now has a Canvas course page for all MVP students to access. Here you will find information on upcoming coursework, MVP concentration meetings, and focused resources for you to use with your clients. For more information or to be added please contact Dr. Taveira-Dick.

## Directed Study Opportunity

**Directed Study:** Dare to Dream Experiential Facilitation (1 Credit, Spring 2026)

This directed study course will immerse WJC students in military and veteran culture through partnership with the Dare to Dream Ranch (<https://www.daretodreamranch.org/>) located in Foster, RI. Students will collaborate with this organization to serve as facilitators during a one day retreat where they will provide psychoeducational workshops to veteran participants. These psychoeducational workshops will focus on core concepts around mindfulness, self-compassion, social support, moral injury, and understanding PTSD. Through the development and implementation of these workshops, students will learn how to provide culturally competent person-centered care as it relates to the needs of military and veteran populations. Students will also be encouraged to develop their own personal approach to creating and delivering these workshops.

Students who are interested in learning more about this one credit course should reach out directly to:

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## **Advanced Educational Series**

### *Bridging the Gap: Mental Health, Culture, and the Military Experience*

**Join us next Spring!** This advanced educational series is designed for the WJC community: WJC graduate students, MVP concentration students, faculty, and staff seeking advanced knowledge and skills to serve military-affiliated populations. Offered as part of the MVP concentration within our graduate programs, this series provides an in-depth exploration of the unique psychological, cultural, and systemic factors that shape the experiences of service members, veterans, and their families.

The Spring semester series will offer an additional three presentations addressing the following topics:

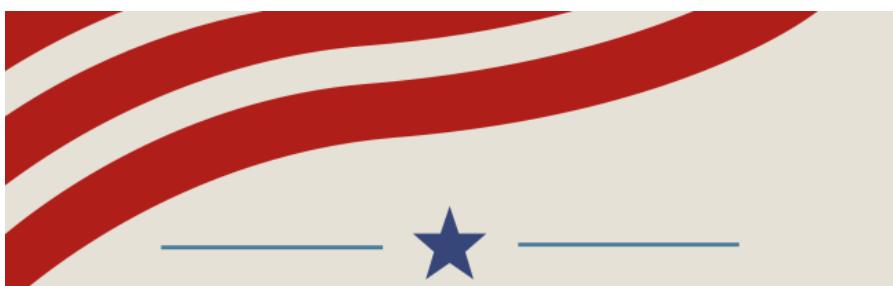
- **Psychological Assessment in Military Contexts:** Develop proficiency in evidence-based assessment tools tailored for military populations, including screening for risk for suicide, mental health disorders, and deployment-related stressors.
- **Military Culture and Systems:** Gain foundational knowledge of military structure, values, language, and norms. Understand how rank, duty status, and branch affiliation impact identity, stigma, and help-seeking behaviors.

- **First-Person Narratives & Case Reflections:** Learn directly from the voices of service members and veterans through presentations, interviews, and reflective discussions. These narratives provide critical insights into the lived experiences of military members, which include topics such as combat, reintegration, loss, resilience, and recovery.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. David Haddad @ [david\\_haddad@williamjames.edu](mailto:david_haddad@williamjames.edu)

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## Student Military and Veteran Community



**WJC STUDENT  
MILITARY AND  
VETERAN  
COMMUNITY**

We welcome student veterans, military-affiliated students, and non-military-affiliated students, united by a shared interest in supporting the military community. Our mission is to foster a supportive and inclusive environment that enhances peer support, cultural competency, and professional development for students pursuing graduate-level academic and clinical training at WJC. We achieve this through educational initiatives on military and veteran-related issues, community service, advocacy, and social engagement. The SMVC is committed to supporting veterans, service members, military families (including spouses, children, and extended family), and their allies, addressing challenges such as deployment, transition, and reintegration, while strengthening the broader WJC community.

For more information, contact student leaders:

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**Join our student-led group!** The William James College Student Military and Veteran Community (SMVC) welcomes veterans, military-affiliated students, non-military-affiliated students, faculty, and staff united by a shared interest in supporting the military community. Our mission is to foster a supportive and inclusive environment that enhances peer support, cultural competency, and

professional development for students pursuing graduate-level academic and clinical training at WJC. We achieve this through educational initiatives on military and veteran-related issues, community service, advocacy, and social engagement. The SMVC is committed to supporting veterans, service members, military families (including spouses, children, and extended family), and their allies, addressing challenges such as deployment, transition, and reintegration, while strengthening the broader WJC community.

Interested in joining us or want more information? Contact us!

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## Continuing Education Credits

The Military and Veterans Psychology (MVP) and the Train Vets to Treat Vets (TVTV) programs, in partnership with the Department of Continuing Education (CE) continue to support the military connected and supporting community with their ongoing CE series. This series provides essential training in veteran-specific issues and is designed to equip mental health providers with the knowledge and competence needed to serve this population effectively.

The Fall 2025 semester included presentations on Understanding the Complexities of Veteran Substance Use and Mental Health, Wellness in Times of Crisis: Self-Care for Mental Health Providers, and Moral Injury in Military and Veteran Populations. The Spring Semester topics may include Positive Psychology in the Military, Post Traumatic Growth, and Mental Health and Women Veterans.

Be on the lookout for more information in January 2026, and while you wait, check out some previous recorded sessions on our YouTube Channels.

YouTube:

[Military & Veterans Psychology - YouTube](#)

Visit our website below for more specific information regarding each of our CE courses. We hope to see you there!

[WJC CE Website](#)

## Contact Us!

### Still have questions about the MVP/TVTV programs?

Watch our recent MVP/TVTV informational video and get to know **Dr. Jenny D'Olympia**, Associate Professor and Core Faculty in the Counseling and Behavioral Health Department, and Director of the Train Vets to Treat Vets program. Dr. D'Olympia shares her personal experience as an Air Force Veteran and provides information about our Military and Veterans Psychology program for military, veterans, and civilians. This concentration provides students with the tools, hands-on experiential learning, and cultural intelligence to deliver services to the military, veterans, and their families. For more information, please visit: [www.williamjames.edu/mvp](http://www.williamjames.edu/mvp)

[Watch the Video Here!](#)

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Interested in joining our military programs? Would you like to find out more? We're excited to connect with you! Please view the MVP and TVTV points of contact below or email us: [mvp@williamjames.edu](mailto:mvp@williamjames.edu)

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We hope you will join us for our future training events. We provide quarterly newsletters, so please stay tuned for our next edition. Thank you for following us and being a part of our community!

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