



► placement assistance program to help them find full-time work prior to graduation.

Stratford University is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools and recognized by the Council for High Education. The nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Stratford was ranked as one of the Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers for All Disciplines in 2009 by Diverse Education. University president Dr. Richard R. Shurtz II won the 2009 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Greater Washington area for the Government/Education Services category.

WORDS FROM STUDENTS

“It was a while before I started school after I left the Marine Corps so I wasn’t sure how that would go for me,” said Edwin Herrera, a former corporal. “At Stratford, however, I found that everyone was willing to work

hard with me to help me get started on my education. It’s been a great experience working with the staff at Stratford because they made me feel like a top priority, and reaching my goals is as important to them as it is to me.”

For former Sgt. Major Jackie Johnson, learning to cook was a lifelong dream. “Attending Stratford has allowed me to accomplish that dream. I’ve learned so many

different things ... some people think I’m already a professional chef,” she said, laughing. “This program is tailored to the working adults. This is a fast-paced learning environment, but it is absolutely fun.”

FOUNDED BY A VETERAN

Stratford University was established in 1976 by Richard Shurtz Sr., a Navy veteran who was educated through the GI Bill. His son,



“ON BEHALF OF STRATFORD UNIVERSITY AND OUR ENTIRE TEAM, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE TO OUR GREAT NATION.”

Dr. Richard Shurtz II, President, Stratford University

Dr. Richard Shurtz II, took over as president in 1986. The junior Shurtz holds 18 military patents from his work at Fort Belvoir on night vision systems.

The university has been named to the Military Friendly Schools® list for two years running, is a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) consortium, and participates in the Yellow Ribbon program. Stratford currently has more than 400 military students, 30 percent of whom

are spouses and dependents, said Keith Evans, a 20-year Army veteran who works in the university’s Military Student Office.

“Within the last year, our military student population has tripled,” said Evans, a former first sergeant who served from 1977 to 1997. “Today’s service members are better educated than when I was in. Many of them have bachelor’s and graduate degrees. I’ve even seen E-4s working on their Ph.Ds.”

The university offers discounted tuition

for active duty students and Reservists using their tuition assistance benefits. This discount is a flat rate of \$840 per class, which includes fees for books and labs. Stratford also accepts credit for prior education, training and work experience. Credit can be used for up to 75 percent of an undergraduate degree and up to 50 percent of a graduate degree.

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