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Meg O'Grady serves as senior vice president of military affairs for National University, and is spearheading National University's respected educational programs that expand career pathways for military-affiliated students and top employer partners. An Army Veteran and military spouse, she has nearly 30 years' experience advocating for, and building national programs that support, military constituents at federal and private organizations through education and training.

Meg has honed her expertise working on behalf of the military community at the U.S. Department of Defense, Fortune 100, and nonprofit firms. She served as the associate director for the Office of Family Policy at the U.S. Department of Defense. She helped launch the Military Spouse Education and Career Opportunities Program and the Military Spouse Employment Partnership—which today have placed more than 220,000 military spouses in career-oriented positions at 540 employer partners, including Amazon, Salesforce, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, and Charles Schwab.

Meg was the U.S. Army Wounded Warrior Program's first training officer in addition to working with Army Family Advocacy, Army Education, and the Army Career and Alumni program. As the Veteran business strategy and engagement vice president at First Data (Fiserv), she led the Coalition for Veteran Owned Business in a partnership with Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans and Military Families. The partnership has provided more than 13,000 opportunities for Veteran-owned businesses with a portfolio of more than 29 corporate partners, including American Express, Apple, Disney, USAA, Walmart, and Lockheed Martin.

Prior to joining National University in the education space, Meg led military and public sector solutions and outreach initiatives for Kaplan University and Purdue University Global. Her passion for helping military members flourish in post-military careers took her to the U.S. Department of Labor, where she led a strategic partnership program to strengthen American's workforce through increased employment opportunities for Veterans, transitioning service members and their spouses.

Meg is a member of the Class of 1990 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. A competitive swimmer, she earned All-American honors. She graduated with a master's of education from National Louis University, and she also holds a bachelor's in liberal arts and sciences from Excelsior University and a Leading Through Financial Excellence certificate from MIT's Sloan School of Management. Her leadership experience includes serving on the boards of the Armed Services YMCA, the PsychArmor Institute, the National Military Family Association and Operation Job Ready Vets. She was a finalist nominee for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Hiring Our Heroes program's Colonel Michael Endres Leadership Award for Individual Excellence in Veteran Employment.

Meg enjoys skiing, cooking, traveling the world and watching her daughter play lacrosse.