

# Introduction: A Different Kind of College Ranking

By the Editors

In the space of a little more than a week this past June, two university presidents revealed just how cynical they're willing to be.

First, Clemson University President James F. Barker admitted to rating Clemson as the single greatest university in America—better than Harvard, Yale, or any other—when he filled out the reputational survey that drives the annual *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings. Soon after, a newspaper investigation uncovered similar shenanigans at the University of Florida, where President Bernie Machen ranked his institution as equal to the Ivies while downgrading all other public institutions in Florida as mediocre at best.

Some see these episodes as further evidence for abolishing college rankings altogether. We disagree. Dishonesty and bad behavior in the face of public scrutiny is understandable but never excusable. Students paying large and ever-growing amounts of money to attend college need comparative information to help them make smart choices. When colleges object to rankings *in principle*, they're really just looking to avoid accountability and healthy competition. *U.S. News* has the right idea—they're just using the wrong data, ranking colleges with crude, easily manipulated measures like alumni giving rates, class size, and that vague survey of reputation. It's good that university presidents care enough about rankings to lie so shamelessly. We just need rankings that create incentives for presidents to actually improve their institutions, rather than pretend to.

Higher education, moreover, isn't something that only seventeen-year-olds and their parents need to worry about. In the information age, we all depend on colleges and universities to produce groundbreaking research and new inventions, to serve as engines of social mobility for first-generation college students, and to mold the

minds of future leaders. And we all pay for it—colleges receive enormous amounts of public money through direct subsidies and tax breaks every year. In other words, we need more than just good college rankings for prospective students—we need good college rankings for everyone else.

And that's what the *Washington Monthly* College Rankings aim to provide: a measure of not just what colleges can do for you, but what colleges are doing for the country. To compile the list, we gathered reams of publicly available data and settled on three criteria: social mobility, research, and service. In our eyes, America's best colleges are those that work hardest to help economically disadvantaged students earn the credentials that the job market demands. They're the institutions that contribute new scientific discoveries and highly trained PhDs. They're the colleges that emphasize the obligations students have to serve their communities and the nation at large.

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From that perspective, higher education excellence starts to take on a very different meaning than what the status- and money-obsessed institutions that routinely round out the top of the *U.S. News* list represent. In fact, only one of the *U.S. News* top ten—Stanford—makes our top ten, while some of our highest-ranked schools are buried by *U.S. News* in the magazine's lowest tiers.

Here are some of the biggest standouts and surprises from our 2009 rankings:

# TOP 30 NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

	RANK IN <i>U.S. NEWS</i> (2009)
1. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA—BERKELEY	21
2. Univ. of California—San Diego	35
3. Univ. of California—Los Angeles	25
4. Stanford University	4
5. Texas A&M U.—Col. Station	64
6. South Carolina State University	*
7. Pennsylvania State U.—University Park	47
8. College of William and Mary	32
9. University of Texas—Austin	47
10. University of California—Davis	44
11. Harvard University	1
12. Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	4
13. University of Chicago	8
14. University of Washington	41
15. Case Western Reserve Univ.	41
16. Univ. of California—Riverside	89
17. Cornell University	14
18. University of Michigan—Ann Arbor	26
19. University of Notre Dame	18
20. Ohio State Univ.—Columbus	56
21. Univ. of California—Santa Barbara	44
22. Jackson State University	*
23. Yale University	3
24. U. of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign	40
25. Johns Hopkins University	15
26. University of Virginia	23
27. Utah State University	*
28. Princeton University	2
29. California Institute of Technology	6
30. Univ. of Wisconsin—Madison	35

## Public Virtue, Private Shame

All of the top twenty *U.S. News* universities are private, as are nearly all the top colleges. But by our reckoning, public universities deserve a lot more credit than they're getting—thirteen of our top twenty universities are taxpayer funded. The University of California system in particular stands out, grabbing the top three spots—including number-one-ranked Berkeley—and six of the top twenty-five. UC campuses enroll unusually large numbers of low-income students while maintaining high graduation rates, generating billions of dollars in research funding, and sending a healthy number of students into service programs like the Peace Corps. Tragically, steep

budget cuts stemming from the current California budget fiasco are putting all of that at risk.

On the flip side, allegedly world-class private institutions like Princeton, Duke, and Penn fail to crack our top twenty-five, coming in at number twenty-eight, thirty-three, and fifty-nine, respectively. They were all beaten out by South Carolina State University, where 71 percent of students qualify for Pell Grants and an uncommonly large number participate in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Most of the Ivy League won't even let ROTC on campus—a principle with which we (and President Obama) disagree. Jackson State University in Mississippi ranks a spot before Yale on our list, just as Utah State sits above Princeton. These public universities do a lot more than enroll a few token poor students while greasing the skids for the children of privilege.

## Sisters and Brothers

There are only a handful of women's colleges in America, but according to our rankings they play an oversized role in contributing to the public good. Mount Holyoke comes in at number two, a full twenty-five spots above its *U.S. News* ranking, followed quickly by Smith College at number six, Bryn Mawr at number seven, and Wellesley at number ten.

Other institutions that have a mission to serve underrepresented students stand out. Two historically black institutions in Atlanta, Spelman and Morehouse, make a strong showing on our list. *U.S. News* sticks minority-serving colleges like Louisiana's Dillard University and Tennessee's Fisk University in its lowly "third tier" because they're not rich and exclusive. We rank them in our top fifty precisely because they enroll many low-income students and—relative to other colleges with similar student profiles—help many of them earn degrees. That's also why Berea College—a small institution in Kentucky founded by abolitionists as an integrated, coeducational college that charges no tuition and is dedicated to helping first-generation college students—does so well in our eyes.

## Self-service

Clemson, meanwhile, is stuck all the way down at number 116 on our ranking. While President Barker has been busy pursuing his publicly announced goal of cracking the *U.S. News* ranking of the top twenty public universities by cooking the financial books and denigrating the competition, he's done nothing to improve the university's poor record in promoting social mobility (14 percent of students qualify for Pell Grants). According to the Center for Measuring University Performance, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the Clemson faculty received prestigious awards in their field, an amount that doesn't even crack the top 200. (That's also about the proportion of Clemson students who enter the Peace Corps.) Less than 12 percent of Clemson's federal work-study dollars are spent on community service projects, well below the national

average. Clemson’s relentless pursuit of status seems to have come at the expense of helping students and society at large.

And Clemson isn’t alone. Since 2001, Northeastern University in Boston has jumped more than fifty spots in the *U.S. News* rankings, recently breaking into the top 100. We rank it number 236 out of 258. Washington University in St. Louis is famous in higher education circles for aggressive marketing tactics, driving up applications and bringing it all the way to number twelve on the *U.S. News* list. Our ranking tells a different story—Wash U is number ninety-nine and dropping from previous years. Some institutions are trying hard to help others—and some are in it for themselves.

### A Better Measure of Excellence

It’s clear from the exploits of these bad actors that rankings matter—indeed, they’re among the few proven ways to influence the behavior of the nation’s famously independent colleges and universities. By giving credit where it’s due to colleges that are truly fulfilling their public obligations, we hope to make life a little easier for college leaders who are trying to do the right thing—and to give elected officials reasons to reward those deserving campuses with more public funding and support. We also want to give college presidents a reason to think twice before selling their soul for a few spots on the *U.S. News* list.

And in the long run, we’d love to be able to make our rankings better still. While we stand behind the social mobility, research, and service measures, we want to add even more, particularly with respect to the single most important thing colleges do: helping students learn. Remarkably, colleges report virtually no useful, comparable information about teaching practices or how much students learn between the time they arrive as freshmen and leave as seniors. It’s not that such data don’t exist—when we published our first college rankings in 2005, we noted that hundreds of universities participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement, which measures things like the number of books and papers student are assigned, student-faculty interaction, and the overall campus environment. A year later we wrote about the Collegiate Learning Assessment, the results of which prove that the most learning sometimes happens at the least selective colleges. But data from both assessments continue to be held close by universities, which only report them if and when they choose.

There are, however, positive signs from the Obama administration, including a push for legislation that would require colleges to report data like graduation rates for Pell Grant recipients (another measure we called for four years ago), how much students earn after college, and whether they land a good job. This type of transparency will be key to understanding which colleges really serve the public interest—and giving others a reason to follow their lead.


Imagine how things would change if such measures were added to our service, research, and social mobility ratings, and

# TOP 30 LIBERAL ARTS COLLEGES

RANK IN *U.S. NEWS* (2009)

1.	AMHERST COLLEGE	1
2.	Mount Holyoke College	27
3.	Williams College	1
4.	Harvey Mudd College	14
5.	Haverford College	10
6.	Smith College	18
7.	Bryn Mawr College	23
8.	Swarthmore College	3
9.	Carleton College	8
10.	Wellesley College	4
11.	Wesleyan University	13
12.	Berea College	68
13.	Whitman College	37
14.	Morehouse College	*
15.	Wheaton College	56
16.	Reed College	54
17.	Oberlin College	20
18.	St. John’s University	71
19.	Macalester College	25
20.	Grinnell College	14
21.	Spelman College	77
22.	Bowdoin College	6
23.	Middlebury College	5
24.	Barnard College	27
25.	Vassar College	11
26.	Presbyterian College	104
27.	Ripon College	*
28.	Agnes Scott College	60
29.	Furman University	37
30.	Willamette University	60

colleges began working night and day to boost their standing on the *Washington Monthly* rankings instead of those published by *U.S. News*. They would provide more financial aid to needy students, rather than—as is increasingly the case—throwing money at wealthy students with high SATs. They’d invest in counseling to help more students graduate and then encourage those students to give back once they earn their degree. They’d change the way they hire and promote professors, so teaching would matter just as much as scholarship. And they’d focus more intently on producing the breakthroughs and scientists our economy needs.

The result would be a more democratic, equitable, and prosperous nation, a place where the interests of colleges, students, and society are, finally, one and the same. 

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

\*Public university

		OVERALL SCORE			SOCIAL MOBILITY				RESEARCH					SERVICE		
		% of students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted/actual grad rate based on % of Pell recipients and incoming SATs	Difference between predicted/actual grad rates (rank)	Total research spending in millions (rank)	Bachelor's to PhD rank	PhDs awarded rank	Faculty awards rank	National Academies membership rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service (rank)				
1.	University of California—Berkeley (CA)*	100	32	80/88	8 (35)	546 (17)	16	1	4	2	20	184	27 (21)			
2.	Univ. of California—San Diego (CA)*	82	36	71/84	13 (13)	755 (6)	46	22	5	7	43	224	17 (77)			
3.	Univ. of California—Los Angeles (CA)*	80	35	76/90	14 (7)	811 (3)	32	11	28	23	57	160	17 (76)			
4.	Stanford University (CA)	79	14	95/95	0 (142)	679 (7)	7	4	12	3	45	192	25 (30)			
5.	Texas A&M U.—Col. Station (TX)*	78	19	68/78	10 (27)	493 (21)	97	15	59	49	128	2	27 (22)			
6.	South Carolina State University (SC)*	75	71	22/45	23 (1)	4 (224)	135	242	207	146	242	10	19 (62)			
7.	Pennsylvania State U.—University Park (PA)*	73	25	66/84	18 (3)	568 (14)	57	14	57	55	79	37	27 (23)			
8.	College of William and Mary (VA)*	71	9	86/91	5 (79)	52 (138)	14	170	25	146	2	46	21 (47)			
9.	University of Texas—Austin (TX)*	69	23	71/78	7 (42)	431 (29)	55	12	13	17	60	167	35 (8)			
10.	University of California—Davis (CA)*	69	37	61/79	18 (4)	573 (13)	41	16	85	41	46	138	13 (128)			
11.	Harvard University (MA)	69	9	101/97	-4 (193)	453 (24)	10	17	2	4	181	166	28 (17)			
12.	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (MA)	67	15	98/93	-5 (196)	601 (11)	2	2	53	6	130	74	13 (134)			
13.	University of Chicago (IL)	66	13	94/90	-4 (183)	305 (45)	8	58	47	30	3	232	18 (69)			
14.	University of Washington (WA)*	65	25	68/75	7 (46)	778 (5)	100	13	19	14	17	127	10 (177)			
15.	Case Western Reserve Univ. (OH)	65	18	80/81	1 (123)	369 (33)	21	60	66	39	132	221	72 (2)			
16.	Univ. of California—Riverside (CA)*	64	42	49/66	17 (5)	125 (94)	156	71	44	78	169	196	40 (5)			
17.	Cornell University (NY)	64	14	90/92	2 (113)	444 (26)	9	19	22	21	16	105	11 (154)			
18.	University of Michigan—Ann Arbor (MI)*	64	13	81/88	7 (43)	800 (4)	28	3	41	34	24	104	16 (95)			
19.	University of Notre Dame (IN)	64	9	92/95	3 (96)	79 (117)	24	75	6	110	27	11	16 (91)			
20.	Ohio State Univ.—Columbus (OH)*	63	31	70/71	1 (116)	652 (10)	114	18	95	61	88	70	29 (16)			
21.	Univ. of California—Santa Barbara (CA)*	63	26	65/80	15 (6)	174 (81)	54	48	14	8	36	188	17 (80)			
22.	Jackson State University (MS)*	62	76	25/36	11 (23)	38 (148)	206	219	154	146	242	17	11 (158)			
23.	Yale University (CT)	62	10	100/96	-4 (189)	460 (23)	3	45	17	12	13	240	16 (92)			
24.	U. of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign (IL)*	62	16	78/82	4 (89)	476 (22)	39	9	11	16	91	94	25 (28)			
25.	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	61	11	90/90	0 (136)	1500 (1)	17	23	15	18	50	96	13 (127)			
26.	University of Virginia (VA)*	61	8	83/93	10 (24)	239 (61)	26	52	48	35	10	67	21 (48)			
27.	Utah State University (UT)*	61	52	52/45	-7 (210)	139 (88)	142	118	153	131	152	130	49 (3)			
28.	Princeton University (NJ)	60	10	100/95	-5 (199)	188 (76)	5	43	1	5	104	134	10 (176)			
29.	California Institute of Technology (CA)	59	12	104/89	-15 (248)	270 (53)	1	38	3	1	22	240	8 (238)			
30.	Univ. of Wisconsin—Madison (WI)*	59	12	77/79	2 (108)	832 (2)	36	5	24	19	35	143	20 (54)			
31.	Vanderbilt University (TN)	58	12	90/91	1 (121)	377 (31)	23	60	43	59	31	28	21 (52)			
32.	Iowa State University (IA)*	57	22	61/66	5 (74)	222 (63)	94	33	163	79	98	55	46 (4)			
33.	Duke University (NC)	55	10	95/94	-1 (151)	657 (9)	12	46	33	29	44	39	10 (184)			

**OVERALL SCORE:** Overall score represents the combined score of our three metrics—social mobility, research, and service—where the highest is 100 and the lowest is zero. Each individual metric is worth 33 1/3 total points.

**SOCIAL MOBILITY:** The first column shows the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants. The second shows the predicted rate of graduation, based on incoming SAT scores and Pell Grant percentages, versus the actual rate of graduation. The third shows the difference between the actual graduation rate and the predicted graduation rate—a measure of how well the school performs as an engine of social mobility (see “A Note on Methodology,” p. 72)—arrived at by subtracting the latter from the former. (The higher the number, the better; negative numbers indicate subpar performance.) Rank follows in parentheses.

**RESEARCH:** The first column shows the number of dollars (in millions) in total research expenditures. Rank follows in parentheses. The second shows the school's ranking in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive PhDs relative to school size. The third ranks the school by the number of science and engineering PhDs awarded. The fourth column shows the school's ranking by the number of faculty receiving prestigious awards relative to the number of full-time faculty. The fifth column ranks the school by the number of faculty who are members of the National Academies relative to the number of full-time faculty.

**SERVICE:** The first column ranks the school by the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps, relative to school size. The second column ranks the school by percentage of students who serve in ROTC. The third gives the percentage of funds in federal work-study money that goes to community service (versus non-community service); rank follows in parentheses.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES

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34. Michigan State University (MI)*	54	25	63/74	11 (19)	358 (35)	87	29	72	96	25	136	18 (68)
35. Brown University (RI)	54	12	94/95	1 (124)	158 (83)	6	82	10	27	12	239	9 (203)
36. U. of North Carolina—Chapel Hill (NC)*	53	15	80/83	3 (94)	444 (27)	45	26	52	45	7	112	11 (152)
37. Georgetown University (DC)	53	10	91/93	2 (107)	119 (98)	30	130	60	82	5	53	13 (129)
38. Georgia Institute of Technology (GA)*	53	14	84/78	-6 (202)	441 (28)	51	10	7	10	81	35	13 (130)
39. Northwestern University (IL)	53	9	93/93	0 (135)	420 (30)	18	30	8	25	26	176	13 (135)
40. Dartmouth College (NH)	52	15	96/93	-3 (174)	200 (71)	13	102	20	26	8	210	12 (147)
41. Univ. of Southern California (CA)	52	16	87/85	-2 (159)	450 (25)	128	24	61	42	63	100	26 (27)
42. Columbia University (NY)	52	17	94/93	-1 (148)	530 (20)	20	27	32	13	52	222	11 (149)
43. University of Pittsburgh (PA)*	52	30	70/75	5 (66)	530 (19)	68	34	89	66	39	144	11 (160)
44. University of California—Irvine (CA)*	51	28	66/80	14 (9)	300 (46)	71	37	30	28	95	217	15 (104)
45. University of Florida (FL)*	51	23	74/81	7 (44)	565 (15)	56	6	83	74	83	102	10 (179)
46. Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)	51	15	84/82	-2 (165)	71 (123)	27	57	45	32	94	7	12 (148)
47. University of Arizona (AZ)*	51	23	58/56	-2 (160)	536 (18)	70	25	31	36	97	81	32 (10)
48. Purdue U.—W. Lafayette (IN)*	51	17	64/69	5 (69)	373 (32)	127	8	40	54	114	48	26 (26)
49. University of Rochester (NY)	50	16	83/81	-2 (158)	367 (34)	11	63	84	43	58	49	17 (78)
50. U. of Minnesota—Twin Cities (MN)*	49	19	70/63	-7 (208)	595 (12)	101	7	86	56	55	156	32 (11)
51. Brandeis University (MA)	47	13	87/89	2 (106)	57 (133)	15	135	26	11	19	240	13 (124)
52. Howard University (DC)	47	34	57/69	12 (16)	36 (152)	47	142	203	72	82	57	14 (115)
53. Florida Institute of Technology (FL)	47	25	63/56	-7 (207)	8 (210)	50	183	207	146	203	1	19 (64)
54. Clarkson University (NY)	47	24	65/70	5 (73)	16 (186)	49	182	39	146	202	3	8 (232)
55. Florida A&M University (FL)*	47	63	40/39	-1 (144)	34 (156)	172	183	207	146	235	22	10 (172)
56. U. of California—Santa Cruz (CA)*	47	27	62/68	6 (52)	114 (102)	48	90	18	47	18	240	14 (116)
57. Rice University (TX)	46	11	92/90	-2 (170)	67 (125)	4	80	151	22	21	178	13 (123)
58. University of Idaho (ID)*	46	33	51/53	2 (111)	87 (115)	120	115	49	146	59	23	17 (79)
59. University of Pennsylvania (PA)	46	9	94/95	1 (127)	676 (8)	25	28	76	20	73	198	16 (96)
60. George Washington Univ. (DC)	46	9	80/78	-2 (162)	114 (103)	69	91	58	69	4	34	12 (138)
61. Virginia Tech (VA)*	46	12	71/78	7 (41)	322 (44)	63	31	82	62	61	13	7 (254)
62. American University (DC)	45	12	77/73	-4 (191)	2 (226)	121	214	182	146	1	71	13 (132)
63. Fordham University (NY)	45	25	71/80	9 (32)	6 (215)	104	219	77	93	64	50	15 (106)
64. University of Iowa (IA)*	45	17	64/66	2 (109)	346 (37)	81	42	87	51	93	124	35 (9)
65. New York University (NY)	45	17	84/84	0 (130)	284 (50)	107	84	36	46	75	220	28 (18)
66. Syracuse University (NY)	45	21	71/82	11 (22)	36 (153)	85	107	71	81	89	133	23 (41)
67. Catholic Univ. of America (DC)	44	10	62/75	13 (12)	18 (182)	139	186	23	94	33	44	24 (33)
68. Univ. of Missouri—Columbia (MO)*	44	16	66/67	1 (120)	215 (66)	74	70	150	114	105	58	38 (6)
69. Clark Atlanta University (GA)	44	60	30/44	14 (8)	11 (200)	122	209	207	83	177	182	11 (157)
70. Tulane University (LA)	43	15	78/76	-2 (166)	114 (101)	44	94	97	92	47	15	15 (100)
71. U. of Maryland—College Park (MD)*	43	16	77/80	3 (101)	354 (36)	76	19	68	53	87	155	18 (70)
72. Oregon State University (OR)*	43	29	55/61	6 (50)	190 (74)	147	58	98	100	53	26	9 (202)
73. SUNY—Binghamton (NY)*	43	34	73/77	4 (82)	30 (163)	53	136	38	121	51	214	9 (197)
74. Boston College (MA)	43	10	85/91	6 (54)	36 (154)	43	144	37	88	11	122	10 (174)
75. Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	43	12	90/87	-3 (181)	213 (69)	22	49	34	15	77	151	17 (81)
76. Mississippi State University (MS)*	42	32	56/58	2 (104)	190 (73)	113	122	141	138	223	61	30 (14)
77. Tennessee State University (TN)*	42	58	28/40	12 (18)	14 (192)	226	219	170	146	242	193	19 (59)
78. SUNY—Stony Brook (NY)*	41	49	62/59	-3 (172)	235 (62)	136	41	117	146	189	203	10 (170)

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79. University of Oregon (OR)*	41	22	59/65	6 (56)	57 (131)	123	108	69	71	15	54	8 (219)	
80. University of San Diego (CA)	41	11	69/74	5 (64)	0 (239)	157	191	147	146	40	4	9 (195)	
81. Rutgers, St. U. of N.J.—N.Brun. (NJ)*	41	25	67/73	6 (49)	281 (51)	62	35	70	31	233	153	17 (82)	
82. Tufts University (MA)	40	10	93/89	-4 (185)	129 (92)	19	104	55	48	42	148	18 (66)	
83. Indiana Univ.—Bloomington (IN)*	40	15	64/72	8 (38)	142 (87)	119	66	35	70	96	131	28 (19)	
84. Morgan State University (MD)*	40	48	33/38	5 (63)	14 (194)	130	203	207	146	230	16	15 (103)	
85. Widener University (PA)	40	27	46/52	6 (58)	0 (243)	169	203	207	146	216	9	25 (31)	
86. Marquette University (WI)	40	13	71/75	4 (87)	10 (203)	116	170	192	146	48	5	9 (190)	
87. SUNY Col. Envir. Sci. & For. (NY)*	39	27	62/66	4 (81)	13 (196)	33	176	207	146	6	181	10 (182)	
88. Univ. of Colorado—Boulder (CO)*	39	14	67/67	0 (132)	250 (56)	90	38	50	40	14	69	8 (241)	
89. Miami Univ.—Oxford (OH)*	39	20	68/80	12 (15)	19 (179)	65	189	198	146	32	84	11 (166)	
90. Yeshiva University (NY)	39	10	74/84	10 (26)	189 (75)	111	120	46	38	242	240	37 (7)	
91. North Carolina A&T State Univ. (NC)*	38	48	31/41	10 (25)	24 (174)	203	219	16	146	234	72	9 (216)	
92. U. of S.C.—Columbia (SC)*	38	23	64/63	-1 (156)	154 (84)	163	67	152	116	85	32	21 (50)	
93. Ohio University (OH)*	38	28	56/70	14 (10)	38 (149)	106	130	207	146	56	87	9 (191)	
94. Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)	38	22	73/67	-6 (204)	23 (176)	73	128	164	44	199	6	12 (146)	
95. SUNY—Albany (NY)*	38	31	56/64	8 (37)	274 (52)	95	129	74	126	92	179	13 (126)	
96. University of Maine (ME)*	37	27	54/59	5 (78)	93 (113)	154	147	187	122	103	60	23 (42)	
97. Loyola University Chicago (IL)	37	26	64/65	1 (128)	38 (150)	88	156	63	129	113	147	26 (24)	
98. University of the Pacific (CA)	37	30	65/67	2 (105)	4 (220)	84	207	207	109	54	240	24 (35)	
99. Washington University in St. Louis (MO)	37	7	97/92	-5 (200)	548 (16)	29	47	21	33	84	162	11 (151)	
100. Boston University (MA)	37	10	79/82	3 (93)	256 (54)	60	32	94	64	41	56	8 (222)	
101. University at Buffalo—SUNY (NY)*	37	40	60/61	1 (126)	298 (47)	64	44	129	85	171	195	8 (225)	
102. Auburn University (AL)*	37	14	63/63	0 (134)	127 (93)	117	78	180	146	198	18	32 (12)	
103. University of New Hampshire (NH)*	36	16	61/74	13 (11)	115 (99)	105	142	26	146	65	89	12 (137)	
104. N.C. State U.—Raleigh (NC)*	36	17	68/70	2 (103)	331 (41)	92	21	78	50	133	38	9 (214)	
105. University of San Francisco (CA)	35	21	61/65	4 (85)	1 (234)	180	236	149	146	62	14	10 (187)	
106. Colorado State University (CO)*	35	17	60/62	2 (110)	254 (55)	115	56	64	73	37	110	16 (88)	
107. Clark University (MA)	35	17	70/76	6 (57)	5 (216)	38	219	91	146	9	197	8 (243)	
108. Azusa Pacific University (CA)	35	23	55/65	10 (29)	0 (243)	213	238	207	146	28	33	9 (205)	
109. New Mexico State University (NM)*	35	39	40/45	5 (65)	169 (82)	149	118	140	146	180	66	14 (107)	
110. Univ. of Southern Mississippi (MS)*	35	47	45/48	3 (91)	39 (147)	67	161	194	146	196	90	8 (217)	
111. University of Connecticut (CT)*	34	19	68/75	7 (47)	106 (106)	98	35	132	107	120	150	18 (67)	
112. University of Illinois—Chicago (IL)*	34	37	55/50	-5 (195)	332 (39)	132	40	93	90	192	149	15 (98)	
113. Emory University (GA)	34	14	89/88	-1 (152)	346 (38)	35	93	113	57	76	234	14 (109)	
114. University of Dayton (OH)	33	11	67/76	9 (33)	69 (124)	80	178	207	146	34	29	12 (142)	
115. Arizona State University (AZ)*	33	30	56/56	0 (139)	202 (70)	153	49	65	52	126	158	14 (111)	
116. Clemson University (SC)*	33	14	72/78	6 (55)	180 (80)	96	86	201	140	117	25	12 (144)	
117. University of Delaware (DE)*	33	8	68/78	10 (28)	115 (100)	72	74	105	58	99	145	24 (36)	
118. U. of Mass.—Amherst (MA)*	33	23	62/67	5 (68)	136 (89)	93	54	54	65	119	172	14 (117)	
119. Michigan Technological (MI)*	32	21	65/64	-1 (154)	43 (146)	52	113	29	111	141	31	12 (139)	
120. George Fox University (OR)	32	33	53/62	9 (34)	0 (243)	83	242	207	146	67	240	15 (102)	
121. Florida State University (FL)*	32	25	66/69	3 (97)	186 (77)	131	73	73	84	107	117	9 (212)	
122. Missouri U. of Science & Tech. (MO)*	32	23	75/61	-14 (243)	37 (151)	58	126	90	98	172	20	19 (60)	
123. University of Vermont (VT)*	31	16	67/72	5 (76)	122 (97)	133	136	146	120	30	146	14 (108)	

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124. Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania (PA)*	31	36	41/51	10 (30)	0 (241)	125	219	207	146	195	27	8 (237)
125. Texas A&M Univ.—Kingsville (TX)*	31	54	33/30	-3 (178)	13 (195)	151	203	207	146	227	76	14 (114)
126. University of Wyoming (WY)*	31	21	58/57	-1 (143)	89 (114)	91	133	136	115	109	40	21 (49)
127. Wake Forest University (NC)	31	8	84/89	5 (72)	183 (78)	31	149	144	128	66	59	7 (244)
128. Oklahoma State University (OK)*	31	27	60/58	-2 (167)	100 (109)	145	80	161	104	111	137	20 (53)
129. Washington State University (WA)*	31	25	58/63	5 (75)	196 (72)	152	82	130	146	121	114	13 (125)
130. University of Miami (FL)	30	17	77/76	-1 (153)	214 (67)	61	102	206	119	69	189	19 (63)
131. Old Dominion University (VA)*	30	26	53/49	-4 (186)	50 (140)	225	130	141	146	182	8	11 (165)
132. University of Montana (MT)*	30	33	51/41	-10 (232)	53 (136)	165	164	96	146	38	68	15 (99)
133. University of Mississippi (MS)*	30	24	55/53	-2 (164)	54 (135)	195	122	137	146	222	21	22 (46)
134. University of Cincinnati (OH)*	30	39	56/52	-4 (194)	294 (48)	189	64	125	102	174	128	7 (250)
135. University of Georgia (GA)*	30	14	73/77	4 (83)	324 (43)	118	52	108	87	68	135	8 (234)
136. Brigham Young U.—Provo (UT)	30	30	72/78	6 (48)	26 (172)	37	136	191	143	215	106	0 (258)
137. Pepperdine University (CA)	29	14	73/79	6 (59)	0 (243)	78	238	207	146	23	202	13 (120)
138. University of New Mexico (NM)*	29	38	48/44	-4 (190)	181 (79)	129	86	120	105	167	79	11 (163)
139. University of Oklahoma (OK)*	28	22	65/61	-4 (187)	101 (108)	137	88	102	125	135	42	15 (97)
140. University of Texas—El Paso (TX)*	28	54	32/29	-3 (177)	32 (160)	201	167	189	146	217	75	8 (240)
141. University of Toledo (OH)*	28	32	49/45	-4 (192)	30 (162)	164	112	119	146	185	85	24 (38)
142. Duquesne University (PA)	28	19	61/72	11 (20)	8 (208)	148	190	106	146	161	63	11 (156)
143. Bowling Green State Univ. (OH)*	28	29	48/57	9 (31)	10 (204)	146	164	80	146	158	97	11 (162)
144. Rutgers, St. U. of N.J.—Newark (NJ)*	28	35	52/57	5 (77)	23 (175)	242	186	173	146	191	212	17 (82)
145. University of South Dakota (SD)*	28	29	50/47	-3 (175)	23 (177)	176	203	207	146	108	140	28 (20)
146. University of Alabama (AL)*	28	19	60/65	5 (71)	35 (155)	158	145	100	146	176	142	24 (34)
147. Kansas State University (KS)*	27	23	53/58	5 (70)	124 (95)	124	92	187	146	78	51	8 (236)
148. Colorado School of Mines (CO)*	27	15	72/67	-5 (201)	29 (167)	42	110	67	37	80	118	16 (94)
149. Texas Christian University (TX)	27	12	66/69	3 (100)	4 (221)	112	209	112	146	162	12	9 (192)
150. University of Nevada—Las Vegas (NV)*	27	19	51/41	-10 (227)	57 (132)	253	197	175	146	238	173	74 (1)
151. University of South Florida (FL)*	27	28	60/49	-11 (234)	286 (49)	174	75	103	133	159	115	22 (44)
152. Northern Illinois University (IL)*	27	26	52/52	0 (141)	17 (185)	184	186	109	146	143	126	23 (40)
153. Univ. of Nebraska—Lincoln (NE)*	27	21	64/63	-1 (145)	216 (65)	86	79	104	132	100	78	9 (201)
154. University of Utah (UT)*	27	23	59/56	-3 (182)	248 (58)	77	51	107	68	122	132	13 (133)
155. Biola University (CA)	26	23	60/71	11 (21)	0 (243)	188	219	207	146	242	109	15 (101)
156. University of North Dakota (ND)*	26	20	54/54	0 (131)	56 (134)	141	195	133	123	183	24	18 (74)
157. Temple University (PA)*	26	30	55/59	4 (84)	80 (116)	177	96	141	146	137	157	9 (210)
158. University of Denver (CO)	26	14	67/74	7 (40)	11 (202)	175	214	122	146	29	205	12 (141)
159. Trinity International Univ. (IL)	26	46	49/47	-2 (163)	0 (243)	254	242	207	146	134	240	11 (161)
160. Texas A&M Univ.—Commerce (TX)*	26	46	42/38	-4 (188)	1 (235)	187	237	111	146	228	237	19 (65)
161. DePaul University (IL)	25	27	57/62	5 (62)	4 (223)	247	219	166	146	101	190	15 (105)
162. West Virginia University (WV)*	25	25	52/55	3 (92)	122 (96)	140	99	205	144	154	30	7 (247)
163. Polytechnic University (NY)	25	44	60/47	-13 (238)	14 (191)	82	193	207	9	242	223	9 (193)
164. Kent State University (OH)*	25	36	45/51	6 (51)	11 (201)	171	152	169	134	205	119	8 (228)
165. St. John's University (NY)	25	30	54/61	7 (45)	2 (232)	241	199	56	146	240	107	8 (226)
166. Lehigh University (PA)	25	11	83/83	0 (133)	33 (158)	59	114	185	24	118	101	9 (209)
167. San Diego State University (CA)*	25	31	52/56	4 (80)	74 (121)	212	219	176	146	147	163	12 (140)
168. Seton Hall University (NJ)	24	21	55/57	2 (102)	2 (227)	155	219	101	146	70	36	8 (231)

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169. University of Kentucky (KY)*	24	17	58/61	3 (98)	324 (42)	102	55	75	136	131	111	9 (199)	
170. Illinois State University (IL)*	24	19	60/65	5 (67)	5 (217)	170	214	118	146	129	123	16 (90)	
171. Southern Illinois U.—Carbondale (IL)*	23	34	47/46	-1 (150)	75 (120)	143	133	138	146	193	88	10 (168)	
172. University of St. Thomas (MN)	23	14	64/72	8 (39)	0 (241)	168	238	207	146	145	47	13 (131)	
173. Andrews University (MI)	23	32	53/54	1 (129)	1 (236)	75	219	207	146	72	240	11 (159)	
174. Baylor University (TX)	23	18	70/72	2 (114)	6 (213)	66	154	207	146	90	235	17 (86)	
175. Spalding University (KY)	23	52	27/24	-3 (176)	0 (243)	252	242	207	146	124	207	12 (143)	
176. University of La Verne (CA)	22	34	46/59	13 (14)	0 (243)	205	241	207	146	242	204	8 (221)	
177. Florida International University (FL)*	22	34	56/49	-7 (211)	66 (127)	245	116	162	106	219	180	19 (61)	
178. University of West Florida (FL)*	22	28	54/48	-6 (206)	4 (219)	173	242	207	146	146	43	18 (72)	
179. U. of North Carolina—Greensboro (NC)*	22	32	50/50	0 (140)	6 (214)	194	209	155	146	173	201	18 (71)	
180. Pacific University (OR)	22	27	58/63	5 (60)	0 (240)	79	242	207	146	160	240	14 (110)	
181. University of Kansas (KS)*	22	16	62/60	-2 (168)	131 (91)	108	84	139	99	71	77	10 (169)	
182. University of Hawaii—Manoa (HI)*	21	20	58/55	-3 (173)	250 (57)	160	108	158	75	139	95	14 (113)	
183. Southern Methodist Univ. (TX)	21	14	73/71	-2 (169)	12 (197)	134	162	207	89	110	228	25 (29)	
184. South Dakota State University (SD)*	21	26	53/54	1 (115)	33 (159)	196	195	183	146	175	41	9 (207)	
185. Ball State University (IN)*	21	23	53/58	5 (61)	9 (207)	207	219	200	146	150	159	17 (87)	
186. University of Louisville (KY)*	21	24	59/44	-15 (247)	136 (90)	192	101	115	117	149	116	26 (25)	
187. Drexel University (PA)	21	17	69/64	-5 (198)	97 (112)	182	106	110	67	179	64	13 (136)	
188. University of Tennessee (TN)*	21	22	67/58	-9 (221)	240 (60)	109	65	131	130	155	98	11 (150)	
189. Northern Arizona University (AZ)*	21	31	56/48	-8 (215)	28 (170)	167	201	92	146	86	121	9 (200)	
190. Long Island U.—C.W. Post (NY)	20	42	39/42	3 (99)	1 (233)	246	242	207	146	207	238	11 (167)	
191. Worcester Poly. Inst. (MA)	20	13	79/76	-3 (180)	14 (190)	34	164	207	146	242	19	5 (255)	
192. Montana State University (MT)*	19	27	59/48	-11 (233)	112 (104)	162	157	145	146	102	45	9 (194)	
193. U. of Maryland—Baltimore County (MD)*	19	21	68/61	-7 (209)	66 (128)	103	149	193	146	144	164	18 (75)	
194. East Carolina University (NC)*	19	26	50/54	4 (86)	14 (193)	235	193	204	146	220	82	11 (153)	
195. Wright State University (OH)*	19	30	46/43	-3 (171)	48 (142)	216	174	197	146	197	99	16 (93)	
196. Oral Roberts University (OK)	19	34	51/52	1 (119)	0 (243)	110	242	207	146	115	240	8 (235)	
197. University of Memphis (TN)*	19	43	47/34	-13 (240)	44 (145)	237	157	172	146	229	86	10 (175)	
198. Western Michigan University (MI)*	19	22	53/54	1 (125)	18 (181)	159	157	124	146	112	80	9 (189)	
199. University of Bridgeport (CT)	18	41	30/42	12 (17)	0 (243)	202	242	207	146	242	240	7 (251)	
200. University of Rhode Island (RI)*	18	21	55/58	3 (90)	71 (122)	150	122	207	97	127	92	8 (230)	
201. Central Michigan University (MI)*	18	25	51/57	6 (53)	4 (222)	221	219	207	146	148	113	8 (223)	
202. University of Northern Colorado (CO)*	18	20	52/48	-4 (184)	3 (225)	215	199	167	146	49	169	20 (58)	
203. University of Nevada—Reno (NV)*	18	13	54/46	-8 (217)	99 (111)	166	139	42	135	138	125	29 (15)	
204. Cleveland State University (OH)*	18	45	39/31	-8 (214)	14 (189)	228	170	121	146	151	219	10 (180)	
205. Georgia State University (GA)*	18	35	54/47	-7 (212)	53 (137)	227	121	179	146	200	170	10 (178)	
206. University of Akron (OH)*	18	41	44/34	-10 (226)	28 (168)	248	116	147	95	208	139	10 (173)	
207. University of Arkansas (AR)*	17	21	67/58	-9 (224)	99 (110)	99	110	178	113	164	108	14 (119)	
208. Adelphi University (NY)	17	24	55/63	8 (36)	0 (243)	185	219	207	146	204	194	10 (185)	
209. Indiana State University (IN)*	17	32	40/41	1 (122)	2 (228)	190	209	207	146	210	165	17 (85)	
210. Nova Southeastern University (FL)	17	40	45/46	1 (118)	6 (212)	257	139	207	146	242	240	9 (213)	
211. Texas Tech University (TX)*	17	22	57/56	-1 (149)	59 (130)	138	89	116	139	168	120	8 (239)	
212. Wayne State University (MI)*	16	37	42/32	-10 (231)	221 (64)	197	69	79	108	237	227	13 (122)	
213. St. Louis University (MO)	16	12	71/74	3 (95)	48 (141)	198	167	202	142	170	177	14 (118)	

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214. George Mason University (VA)*	16	19	61/58	-3 (179)	50 (139)	214	95	190	124	153	62	8 (233)	
215. New School (NY)	16	20	60/62	2 (112)	7 (211)	234	219	9	146	184	240	7 (248)	
216. Univ. of Alabama—Birmingham (AL)*	15	29	58/38	-20 (255)	331 (40)	161	68	123	101	178	65	10 (171)	
217. Texas Woman's University (TX)*	15	38	41/41	0 (137)	2 (229)	200	149	207	146	218	231	9 (215)	
218. Portland State University (OR)*	15	36	50/35	-15 (249)	29 (166)	238	191	51	146	74	229	10 (181)	
219. Hofstra University (NY)	15	21	65/53	-12 (237)	1 (237)	224	219	207	146	221	103	24 (37)	
220. Stevens Institute of Tech. (NJ)	14	18	76/76	0 (138)	26 (173)	126	152	207	86	242	209	10 (186)	
221. U. of North Carolina—Charlotte (NC)*	14	29	53/51	-2 (157)	18 (180)	230	167	88	146	188	152	5 (256)	
222. University of Texas—Arlington (TX)*	14	34	53/37	-16 (250)	29 (164)	219	98	157	146	206	52	8 (218)	
223. Samford University (AL)	14	13	63/67	4 (88)	0 (243)	40	242	62	146	211	175	9 (188)	
224. Univ. of Alabama—Huntsville (AL)*	14	27	60/44	-16 (252)	59 (129)	178	160	207	146	212	83	18 (73)	
225. East Tennessee State University (TN)*	14	32	51/38	-13 (242)	8 (209)	236	207	195	146	236	91	17 (84)	
226. University of North Texas (TX)*	13	26	57/44	-13 (239)	15 (188)	204	139	127	146	125	216	20 (55)	
227. Barry University (FL)	13	39	40/39	-1 (146)	0 (243)	249	219	207	146	242	225	10 (183)	
228. University of Central Florida (FL)*	13	21	65/59	-6 (205)	108 (105)	232	77	160	141	186	171	9 (204)	
229. Indiana U.-Purdue U.—Indianapolis (IN)*	13	29	45/31	-14 (246)	213 (68)	258	242	177	91	213	161	25 (32)	
230. Louisiana Tech University (LA)*	13	24	53/48	-5 (197)	15 (187)	186	176	207	146	242	215	23 (39)	
231. Georgia Southern University (GA)*	12	30	54/45	-9 (220)	2 (230)	240	242	195	146	232	73	9 (198)	
232. Univ. of Arkansas—Little Rock (AR)*	12	40	44/19	-25 (258)	9 (205)	251	214	207	111	226	186	30 (13)	
233. University of Houston (TX)*	11	29	53/43	-10 (225)	76 (119)	217	72	156	60	224	187	11 (164)	
234. Pace University (NY)	11	27	54/53	-1 (155)	1 (238)	255	242	159	146	166	233	8 (242)	
235. Univ. of Massachusetts—Boston (MA)*	11	32	46/33	-13 (241)	21 (178)	199	214	168	77	201	236	21 (51)	
236. Northeastern University (MA)	11	13	76/66	-10 (229)	66 (126)	218	104	81	146	156	129	9 (208)	
237. La. State Univ.—Baton Rouge (LA)*	11	17	66/58	-8 (216)	246 (59)	144	60	134	145	194	154	7 (246)	
238. New Jersey Inst. of Technology (NJ)*	10	29	60/51	-9 (223)	78 (118)	244	127	164	76	242	226	9 (196)	
239. Univ. of Missouri—Kansas City (MO)*	9	26	59/43	-16 (251)	26 (171)	211	178	207	146	165	208	20 (56)	
240. Immaculata University (PA)	9	14	46/67	21 (2)	0 (243)	250	242	207	146	242	240	7 (245)	
241. University of Texas—Dallas (TX)*	9	28	72/55	-17 (253)	44 (144)	181	99	174	80	142	230	3 (257)	
242. Florida Atlantic University (FL)*	9	26	49/38	-11 (236)	29 (165)	243	147	199	103	214	185	20 (57)	
243. University of Tulsa (OK)	9	16	72/63	-9 (222)	12 (198)	89	174	128	63	123	240	9 (206)	
244. Virginia Commonwealth University (VA)*	8	20	55/47	-8 (213)	149 (86)	233	96	126	118	136	168	8 (224)	
245. Trevecca Nazarene Univ. (TN)	7	30	50/48	-2 (161)	0 (243)	256	242	207	146	242	218	7 (253)	
246. Wichita State University (KS)*	7	29	56/42	-14 (245)	32 (161)	223	201	207	146	209	240	16 (89)	
247. Univ. of Wisconsin—Milwaukee (WI)*	7	23	51/41	-10 (230)	34 (157)	220	154	114	137	140	206	14 (112)	
248. North Dakota State University (ND)*	6	21	56/47	-9 (218)	104 (107)	179	122	207	146	163	141	8 (229)	
249. Idaho State University (ID)*	6	44	43/20	-23 (256)	17 (184)	231	197	186	146	239	174	11 (155)	
250. University of Colorado—Denver (CO)*	5	26	50/39	-11 (235)	5 (218)	193	209	207	146	106	191	9 (211)	
251. University of Alaska—Fairbanks (AK)*	5	16	50/31	-19 (254)	153 (85)	210	163	135	127	116	93	22 (45)	
252. Univ. of Louisiana—Lafayette (LA)*	4	29	50/41	-9 (219)	47 (143)	222	170	184	146	241	200	7 (249)	
253. Oakland University (MI)*	4	18	50/44	-6 (203)	9 (206)	239	181	207	146	225	240	22 (43)	
254. Univ. of Missouri—St. Louis (MO)*	3	26	57/43	-14 (244)	12 (199)	209	178	180	146	231	199	12 (145)	
255. University of Hartford (CT)	3	16	55/54	-1 (147)	2 (231)	229	242	207	146	157	213	8 (220)	
256. St. Mary's Univ. of Minnesota (MN)	2	19	52/53	1 (117)	0 (243)	191	242	207	146	242	240	8 (227)	
257. Univ. of Massachusetts—Lowell (MA)*	1	20	54/44	-10 (228)	28 (169)	208	145	99	146	190	183	7 (252)	
258. University of New Orleans (LA)*	0	33	49/24	-25 (257)	17 (183)	183	183	171	146	187	211	13 (121)	

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		OVERALL SCORE			SOCIAL MOBILITY		RESEARCH			SERVICE		
		% students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted/actual grad rate based on % of Pell recipients and incoming SATs	Difference between predicted/actual grad rates (rank)	Total research spending in thousands (rank)	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service (rank)			
1.	Amherst College (MA)	100	18	90/96	6 (61)	3388 (10)	7	41	124	34 (8)		
2.	Mount Holyoke College (MA)	94	25	79/89	10 (30)	2563 (17)	11	8	105	23 (23)		
3.	Williams College (MA)	90	15	90/95	5 (76)	4074 (7)	8	10	113	14 (89)		
4.	Harvey Mudd College (CA)	89	13	96/84	-12 (229)	2301 (21)	1	38	45	18 (49)		
5.	Haverford College (PA)	87	11	88/91	3 (106)	967 (43)	5	84	124	41 (3)		
6.	Smith College (MA)	82	26	74/86	12 (17)	3884 (9)	18	16	99	15 (80)		
7.	Bryn Mawr College (PA)	82	16	80/84	4 (98)	4254 (5)	17	60	124	38 (6)		
8.	Swarthmore College (PA)	79	12	93/94	1 (131)	2385 (19)	2	39	124	8 (174)		
9.	Carleton College (MN)	78	11	89/93	4 (94)	1785 (26)	4	21	124	9 (167)		
10.	Wellesley College (MA)	78	15	87/92	5 (85)	4032 (8)	12	59	95	17 (57)		
11.	Wesleyan University (CT)	77	12	88/92	4 (88)	8170 (1)	16	47	122	16 (68)		
12.	Berea College (KY)	76	80	43/63	20 (4)	0 (90)	58	108	124	8 (192)		
13.	Whitman College (WA)	76	11	84/86	2 (116)	416 (70)	20	3	124	34 (9)		
14.	Morehouse College (GA)	76	38	52/60	8 (44)	6008 (3)	114	181	6	11 (134)		
15.	Wheaton College (IL)	74	13	83/86	3 (100)	0 (90)	23	52	8	20 (37)		
16.	Reed College (OR)	73	15	87/75	-12 (228)	1118 (42)	6	2	124	8 (175)		
17.	Oberlin College (OH)	71	12	85/82	-3 (171)	810 (50)	9	23	124	22 (29)		
18.	St. John's University (MN)	69	14	69/80	11 (23)	0 (90)	89	33	2	11 (131)		
19.	Macalester College (MN)	69	13	84/86	2 (122)	2351 (20)	13	4	124	7 (208)		
20.	Grinnell College (IA)	68	12	85/87	2 (123)	699 (56)	10	5	124	7 (221)		
21.	Spelman College (GA)	67	39	55/78	23 (2)	3084 (12)	50	158	33	8 (188)		
22.	Bowdoin College (ME)	64	13	87/88	1 (138)	2281 (22)	24	14	124	12 (117)		
23.	Middlebury College (VT)	63	10	87/91	4 (99)	1767 (27)	35	11	119	16 (65)		
24.	Barnard College (NY)	62	18	83/89	6 (71)	2742 (15)	21	110	124	15 (77)		
25.	Vassar College (NY)	62	11	87/93	6 (70)	902 (45)	19	115	118	26 (16)		
26.	Presbyterian College (SC)	62	16	67/71	4 (90)	0 (90)	152	173	3	25 (17)		
27.	Ripon College (WI)	62	26	62/72	10 (26)	0 (90)	156	70	7	14 (83)		
28.	Agnes Scott College (GA)	60	31	65/69	4 (96)	0 (90)	113	56	124	38 (7)		
29.	Furman University (SC)	60	9	80/83	3 (102)	1433 (36)	53	76	9	14 (88)		
30.	Willamette University (OR)	59	18	74/80	6 (66)	375 (75)	40	6	109	15 (70)		
31.	Pomona College (CA)	57	13	93/94	1 (136)	2584 (16)	15	128	124	8 (181)		
32.	Fisk University (TN)	57	48	51/53	2 (118)	6000 (4)	63	194	78	7 (232)		
33.	Gustavus Adolphus Col. (MN)	56	16	77/86	9 (35)	463 (64)	44	25	47	11 (137)		

**OVERALL SCORE:** Overall score represents the combined score of our three metrics—social mobility, research, and service—where the highest is 100 and the lowest is zero. Each individual metric is worth 33 1/3 total points.

**SOCIAL MOBILITY:** The first column shows the percentage of students receiving Pell Grants. The second shows the predicted rate of graduation, based on incoming SAT scores and Pell Grant percentages, versus the actual rate of graduation. The third shows the difference between the actual graduation rate and the predicted graduation rate—a measure of how well the school performs as an engine of social mobility (see “A Note on Methodology,” p. 72)—arrived at by subtracting the latter from the former. (The higher the number, the better; negative numbers indicate subpar performance.) Rank follows in parentheses.

**RESEARCH:** The first column shows the number of dollars (in thousands) in total research expenditures. Rank follows in parentheses. The second shows the school's ranking in the number of bachelor's recipients who go on to receive PhDs, relative to school size.

**SERVICE:** The first column ranks the school by the number of alumni who go on to serve in the Peace Corps, relative to school size. The second column ranks the school by percentage of students who serve in ROTC. The third gives the percentage of funds in federal work-study money that goes to community service (versus non-community service); rank follows in parentheses.

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34. Colby College (ME)	56	7	87/87	0 (143)	1482 (34)	28	40	71	18 (44)	
35. Colgate University (NY)	56	9	85/90	5 (80)	1837 (25)	74	31	87	18 (51)	
36. Davidson College (NC)	55	7	86/93	7 (58)	296 (80)	41	28	22	7 (236)	
37. College of the Holy Cross (MA)	55	12	80/92	12 (18)	1254 (38)	69	153	11	7 (200)	
38. Earlham College (IN)	55	20	73/75	2 (120)	0 (90)	26	12	124	12 (108)	
39. Bucknell University (PA)	54	9	83/89	6 (65)	2841 (14)	75	63	37	12 (122)	
40. Dillard University (LA)	54	73	29/48	19 (5)	0 (90)	43	194	88	0 (245)	
41. Washington and Lee University (VA)	53	4	90/89	-1 (152)	402 (71)	92	163	48	42 (2)	
42. Tougaloo College (MS)	53	75	47/46	-1 (148)	461 (65)	124	194	84	7 (210)	
43. Bates College (ME)	52	8	85/89	4 (87)	1549 (31)	37	66	124	18 (54)	
44. Claremont McKenna College (CA)	52	11	89/89	0 (144)	0 (90)	30	134	19	12 (112)	
45. Occidental College (CA)	52	19	78/81	3 (103)	1449 (35)	29	105	124	15 (74)	
46. St. John's College (MD)	52	20	80/71	-9 (217)	0 (90)	22	68	124	23 (24)	
47. Houghton College (NY)	52	32	61/72	11 (25)	0 (90)	106	57	23	7 (211)	
48. McDaniel College (MD)	52	17	65/72	7 (51)	0 (90)	176	136	4	7 (216)	
49. Dickinson College (PA)	51	10	80/83	3 (101)	847 (48)	91	52	12	9 (156)	
50. Connecticut College (CT)	51	9	84/81	-3 (164)	1127 (41)	65	30	124	24 (21)	
51. Knox College (IL)	51	21	78/72	-6 (193)	0 (90)	68	44	124	26 (14)	
52. Talladega College (AL)	50	82	27/23	-4 (177)	0 (90)	45	194	124	12 (120)	
53. Sewanee—University of the South (TN)	50	10	76/78	2 (114)	186 (89)	36	15	124	18 (50)	
54. Hamilton College (NY)	50	11	87/88	1 (127)	1504 (33)	47	49	124	13 (95)	
55. St. Olaf College (MN)	50	12	79/86	7 (55)	854 (46)	59	9	124	7 (206)	
56. Hollins University (VA)	49	32	60/69	9 (37)	0 (90)	115	7	124	7 (207)	
57. Rust College (MS)	49	82	18/29	11 (22)	0 (90)	186	194	124	17 (58)	
58. Kenyon College (OH)	49	8	84/83	-1 (156)	0 (90)	32	26	124	19 (41)	
59. Johnson C. Smith University (NC)	49	67	36/42	6 (64)	251 (85)	182	194	32	10 (147)	
60. Colorado College (CO)	49	10	82/83	1 (132)	0 (90)	34	22	124	13 (93)	
61. Virginia Military Institute (VA)*	49	12	67/68	1 (133)	815 (49)	154	151	1	9 (168)	
62. California State U.—Monterey Bay (CA)*	48	42	46/36	-10 (220)	4107 (6)	234	174	124	39 (5)	
63. Carson-Newman College (TN)	48	33	55/52	-3 (168)	0 (90)	169	194	5	10 (150)	
64. Hobart & Wm. Smith Col. (NY)	48	17	72/71	-1 (155)	0 (90)	123	37	112	32 (12)	
65. St. Mary's Col. of Maryland (MD)*	48	11	75/83	8 (47)	417 (69)	77	17	111	13 (101)	
66. Lawrence University (WI)	48	16	80/79	-1 (147)	474 (62)	25	34	124	8 (190)	
67. Salem College (NC)	47	49	57/52	-5 (180)	0 (90)	133	157	79	22 (28)	
68. Westminster College (PA)	47	22	56/76	20 (3)	0 (90)	96	103	124	24 (20)	
69. Lewis and Clark College (OR)	46	13	78/71	-7 (200)	854 (46)	105	19	110	22 (26)	
70. Hope College (MI)	46	16	70/78	8 (48)	2926 (13)	103	35	103	7 (233)	
71. Beloit College (WI)	46	16	74/79	5 (77)	0 (90)	48	27	124	11 (128)	
72. Univ. of Puget Sound (WA)	45	15	75/76	1 (128)	431 (68)	57	13	83	7 (205)	
73. Denison University (OH)	45	11	78/79	1 (130)	375 (75)	51	20	124	13 (97)	
74. Lane College (TN)	45	90	16/25	9 (36)	0 (90)	226	194	124	7 (227)	
75. Lyon College (AR)	44	36	60/55	-5 (188)	0 (90)	191	17	124	17 (60)	
76. Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)	44	17	70/68	-2 (162)	396 (73)	85	43	124	25 (18)	
77. University of Richmond (VA)	43	9	81/86	5 (73)	1923 (24)	134	94	27	8 (178)	

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78. Paine College (GA)	43	74	22/31	9 (40)	0 (90)	177	194	50	9 (172)
79. Pine Manor College (MA)	43	65	25/53	28 (1)	0 (90)	234	194	124	7 (202)
80. College of St. Benedict (MN)	43	16	69/82	13 (15)	0 (90)	151	50	124	19 (39)
81. Bethany College (WV)	43	37	50/57	7 (52)	0 (90)	119	48	124	15 (71)
82. Shimer College (IL)	43	41	70/40	-30 (252)	0 (90)	3	194	124	0 (245)
83. Concordia Col.—Moorhead (MN)	42	19	65/69	4 (93)	0 (90)	83	100	38	18 (48)
84. Linfield College (OR)	42	33	59/69	10 (33)	0 (90)	93	97	124	11 (132)
85. Carroll College (MT)	42	23	61/58	-3 (167)	0 (90)	132	62	10	9 (157)
86. Hendrix College (AR)	42	18	76/66	-10 (218)	685 (57)	27	113	97	18 (53)
87. Lake Forest College (IL)	42	26	69/69	0 (146)	291 (81)	147	24	124	11 (138)
88. Wesleyan College (GA)	42	38	57/52	-5 (185)	0 (90)	128	194	124	32 (10)
89. Juniata College (PA)	41	17	69/76	7 (57)	289 (82)	76	87	124	18 (52)
90. Illinois Wesleyan University (IL)	41	12	78/82	4 (89)	339 (78)	73	74	49	10 (144)
91. Centre College (KY)	41	15	77/73	-4 (176)	0 (90)	64	85	29	13 (100)
92. Cornell College (IA)	41	22	70/64	-6 (195)	0 (90)	54	29	124	13 (104)
93. Coe College (IA)	40	24	67/67	0 (142)	0 (90)	95	178	25	16 (69)
94. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	40	9	81/84	3 (105)	1645 (29)	81	101	114	13 (106)
95. Simpson University (CA)	40	49	47/50	3 (107)	0 (90)	234	194	15	9 (165)
96. Kalamazoo College (MI)	40	10	80/78	-2 (158)	364 (77)	56	42	73	12 (119)
97. Union College (NY)	40	13	76/86	10 (29)	1992 (23)	141	133	51	7 (225)
98. College of Wooster (OH)	39	15	73/73	0 (140)	966 (44)	31	71	124	7 (235)
99. Hampshire College (MA)	39	14	77/71	-6 (191)	1145 (40)	42	67	124	11 (123)
100. Asbury College (KY)	39	27	61/64	3 (108)	0 (90)	90	177	34	15 (76)
101. Pikeville College (KY)	39	62	39/30	-9 (213)	0 (90)	234	194	31	18 (43)
102. Sterling College (KS)	39	44	45/50	5 (86)	0 (90)	67	194	124	17 (56)
103. Wofford College (SC)	39	13	72/77	5 (82)	0 (90)	139	144	13	10 (153)
104. University of Hawaii—Hilo (HI)*	39	38	46/36	-10 (219)	7843 (2)	204	132	56	11 (136)
105. Siena College (NY)	38	18	64/80	16 (7)	447 (67)	183	192	24	12 (113)
106. Allegheny College (PA)	38	20	72/71	-1 (149)	638 (58)	87	55	116	10 (148)
107. Marlboro College (VT)	38	32	68/59	-9 (215)	0 (90)	142	32	124	12 (114)
108. Austin College (TX)	38	20	73/78	5 (74)	0 (90)	86	73	124	8 (176)
109. Whittier College (CA)	38	25	59/58	-1 (150)	0 (90)	187	51	52	21 (33)
110. Gettysburg College (PA)	38	11	80/81	1 (137)	454 (66)	82	77	98	14 (92)
111. Hiram College (OH)	38	32	55/61	6 (69)	0 (90)	62	69	124	7 (214)
112. Bennett College (NC)	38	61	27/35	8 (45)	0 (90)	117	194	74	11 (130)
113. Susquehanna University (PA)	38	16	66/82	16 (8)	0 (90)	181	126	44	14 (87)
114. Stonehill College (MA)	38	10	72/85	13 (14)	0 (90)	174	139	42	19 (42)
115. Doane College (NE)	37	30	57/67	10 (32)	0 (90)	185	123	86	16 (61)
116. Guilford College (NC)	37	40	58/58	0 (145)	0 (90)	165	164	120	16 (66)
117. Univ. of Wisconsin—Green Bay (WI)*	37	23	58/53	-5 (181)	1328 (37)	215	189	96	39 (4)
118. College of the Atlantic (ME)	37	26	71/54	-17 (239)	0 (90)	84	98	124	26 (15)
119. Calvin College (MI)	37	16	69/73	4 (92)	1540 (32)	97	93	68	9 (161)
120. Jarvis Christian College (TX)	37	84	7/10	3 (104)	806 (51)	234	194	124	14 (85)
121. Lafayette College (PA)	37	8	81/89	8 (42)	1612 (30)	46	176	67	3 (243)

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122. American Jewish University (CA)	37	26	61/75	14 (11)	0 (90)	234	194	124	24 (19)	
123. Luther College (IA)	36	18	67/74	7 (50)	0 (90)	61	88	124	11 (135)	
124. Skidmore College (NY)	36	13	77/82	5 (79)	772 (53)	107	124	121	13 (102)	
125. Drew University (NJ)	36	18	67/71	4 (97)	0 (90)	33	116	82	9 (173)	
126. Gordon College (MA)	36	18	68/71	3 (110)	0 (90)	143	183	30	18 (46)	
127. St. Norbert College (WI)	36	16	66/71	5 (75)	0 (90)	122	190	17	12 (110)	
128. Scripps College (CA)	36	9	86/79	-7 (202)	0 (90)	52	36	85	7 (217)	
129. Millikin University (IL)	36	30	56/67	11 (19)	0 (90)	140	138	124	14 (91)	
130. Franklin Pierce University (NH)	36	24	52/41	-11 (223)	0 (90)	234	155	77	59 (1)	
131. Huntingdon College (AL)	35	34	53/51	-2 (160)	0 (90)	171	65	26	8 (197)	
132. Washington & Jefferson (PA)	35	18	67/70	3 (109)	0 (90)	144	109	124	22 (30)	
133. St. Michael's College (VT)	35	15	67/80	13 (13)	0 (90)	192	46	59	8 (182)	
134. Allen University (SC)	35	75	14/22	8 (46)	0 (90)	234	194	43	7 (228)	
135. Southwestern University (TX)	35	16	74/72	-2 (163)	0 (90)	38	141	124	14 (90)	
136. St. John's College (NM)	35	28	77/56	-21 (246)	0 (90)	39	54	124	7 (209)	
137. St. Lawrence University (NY)	35	18	71/77	6 (67)	0 (90)	155	90	57	10 (154)	
138. Judson College (AL)	35	35	53/54	1 (129)	0 (90)	159	194	18	10 (149)	
139. Nebraska Wesleyan University (NE)	34	25	63/70	7 (56)	0 (90)	172	75	63	8 (185)	
140. Transylvania University (KY)	34	21	69/73	4 (95)	0 (90)	126	135	69	13 (94)	
141. Huston-Tillotson University (TX)	34	71	25/18	-7 (197)	0 (90)	197	194	28	7 (199)	
142. DePauw University (IN)	34	14	71/81	10 (34)	211 (88)	112	86	117	9 (169)	
143. Lycoming College (PA)	34	24	56/70	14 (12)	0 (90)	173	182	64	16 (63)	
144. St. Vincent College (PA)	34	22	60/71	11 (24)	0 (90)	160	188	106	21 (35)	
145. New College of Florida (FL)*	33	20	80/56	-24 (250)	0 (90)	14	194	124	17 (59)	
146. Central College (IA)	33	24	62/72	10 (31)	0 (90)	135	80	124	7 (219)	
147. Eastern Mennonite Univ. (VA)	33	32	56/70	14 (10)	0 (90)	148	165	124	7 (203)	
148. Augustana College (IL)	33	15	69/76	7 (54)	212 (87)	104	91	124	11 (125)	
149. Alma College (MI)	33	27	61/70	9 (38)	0 (90)	71	148	124	6 (237)	
150. Wells College (NY)	33	42	58/51	-7 (199)	0 (90)	120	194	124	15 (75)	
151. Texas Lutheran University (TX)	33	33	53/55	2 (112)	0 (90)	130	122	76	14 (81)	
152. Hartwick College (NY)	33	25	61/61	0 (141)	0 (90)	72	127	124	16 (67)	
153. Trinity College (CT)	33	13	80/87	7 (53)	593 (59)	100	175	124	7 (204)	
154. College of Idaho (ID)	33	25	62/59	-3 (169)	0 (90)	137	160	81	23 (22)	
155. Albertus Magnus College (CT)	32	36	42/57	15 (9)	0 (90)	199	194	124	20 (36)	
156. Wittenberg University (OH)	32	20	65/61	-4 (174)	0 (90)	60	72	93	12 (109)	
157. University of Minnesota—Morris (MN)*	32	27	65/57	-8 (203)	0 (90)	131	78	124	16 (62)	
158. Clarke College (IA)	32	36	54/71	17 (6)	0 (90)	223	194	124	8 (193)	
159. Millsaps College (MS)	31	23	69/69	0 (139)	471 (63)	78	194	94	10 (146)	
160. Bloomfield College (NJ)	31	60	33/38	5 (81)	0 (90)	225	194	124	9 (162)	
161. Rhodes College (TN)	30	9	78/73	-5 (187)	400 (72)	101	81	40	8 (195)	
162. Meredith College (NC)	30	26	56/62	6 (62)	0 (90)	166	149	124	18 (47)	
163. West Virginia State University (WV)*	30	44	39/25	-14 (235)	2467 (18)	233	194	20	15 (78)	
164. Moravian College (PA)	30	17	64/75	11 (20)	0 (90)	98	194	62	11 (127)	
165. Evangel University (MO)	30	43	52/44	-8 (205)	0 (90)	145	185	41	9 (158)	

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166. Randolph College (VA)	30	26	63/62	-1 (151)	0 (90)	136	95	124	10 (145)	
167. Mount Union College (OH)	30	28	55/65	10 (27)	0 (90)	161	194	35	7 (224)	
168. Ursinus College (PA)	30	17	73/75	2 (111)	562 (61)	108	130	124	7 (230)	
169. Roanoke College (VA)	29	16	63/65	2 (121)	741 (55)	208	58	124	16 (64)	
170. Goshen College (IN)	29	24	65/63	-2 (161)	0 (90)	94	92	124	8 (198)	
171. St. Andrews Presb. Col. (NC)	29	24	54/43	-11 (224)	0 (90)	150	104	124	32 (11)	
172. Birmingham-Southern Col. (AL)	29	16	69/71	2 (115)	0 (90)	164	118	54	12 (121)	
173. Wheaton College (MA)	28	16	74/79	5 (83)	0 (90)	188	129	124	11 (129)	
174. Cedar Crest College (PA)	28	31	57/58	1 (126)	0 (90)	196	194	107	18 (45)	
175. Wabash College (IN)	28	18	69/71	2 (119)	265 (84)	88	61	124	0 (245)	
176. Northland College (WI)	28	35	61/54	-7 (198)	0 (90)	102	150	124	7 (226)	
177. Hampden-Sydney Col. (VA)	28	11	67/66	-1 (154)	0 (90)	179	106	16	9 (164)	
178. Emory and Henry College (VA)	27	34	52/54	2 (117)	0 (90)	175	168	124	13 (96)	
179. Wartburg College (IA)	27	24	61/67	6 (63)	0 (90)	129	120	124	7 (222)	
180. Oglethorpe University (GA)	27	31	61/53	-8 (208)	0 (90)	79	125	124	7 (223)	
181. Lindsey Wilson College (KY)	27	66	34/25	-9 (216)	0 (90)	234	194	124	11 (141)	
182. Bard College (NY)	27	12	87/76	-11 (225)	0 (90)	66	143	124	9 (160)	
183. St. Anselm College (NH)	27	13	65/71	6 (72)	0 (90)	162	112	89	15 (72)	
184. St. Mary's College (IN)	27	13	66/75	9 (39)	0 (90)	168	159	36	7 (215)	
185. Westmont College (CA)	27	13	73/69	-4 (175)	0 (90)	80	145	61	11 (133)	
186. Georgetown College (KY)	26	22	61/62	1 (134)	0 (90)	153	121	46	8 (177)	
187. Atlantic Union College (MA)	26	42	31/44	13 (16)	0 (90)	99	194	124	9 (170)	
188. Washington College (MD)	26	9	69/73	4 (91)	0 (90)	70	82	124	8 (191)	
189. Monmouth College (IL)	26	29	58/60	2 (113)	0 (90)	193	119	55	5 (238)	
190. North Greenville University (SC)	25	34	52/45	-7 (201)	0 (90)	234	194	21	14 (86)	
191. Muhlenberg College (PA)	25	7	75/83	8 (43)	326 (79)	170	191	80	12 (107)	
192. Sweet Briar College (VA)	25	13	65/71	6 (59)	0 (90)	167	45	124	8 (196)	
193. Olivet College (MI)	25	52	39/38	-1 (153)	0 (90)	203	194	91	7 (220)	
194. Maryville College (TN)	25	29	61/55	-6 (192)	0 (90)	184	111	124	11 (139)	
195. Russell Sage College (NY)	25	35	59/67	8 (49)	0 (90)	234	194	75	1 (244)	
196. Stephens College (MO)	24	29	62/58	-4 (179)	0 (90)	163	194	124	14 (82)	
197. Hastings College (NE)	24	29	56/62	6 (68)	0 (90)	178	172	124	8 (189)	
198. Simpson College (IA)	24	24	63/65	2 (125)	0 (90)	202	114	124	7 (212)	
199. Albion College (MI)	24	16	66/71	5 (78)	0 (90)	121	166	124	10 (155)	
200. Randolph-Macon College (VA)	24	15	62/52	-10 (221)	0 (90)	49	64	58	9 (163)	
201. Illinois College (IL)	24	27	60/58	-2 (157)	0 (90)	194	96	124	8 (183)	
202. McPherson College (KS)	24	39	52/33	-19 (242)	0 (90)	118	194	124	22 (31)	
203. University of Maine—Machias (ME)*	24	28	48/53	5 (84)	0 (90)	198	194	124	20 (38)	
204. U. of North Carolina—Asheville (NC)*	23	23	67/54	-13 (230)	3192 (11)	201	162	124	9 (171)	
205. Greensboro College (NC)	23	32	45/41	-4 (178)	0 (90)	216	131	124	22 (27)	
206. Pitzer College (CA)	23	15	75/71	-4 (173)	269 (83)	125	169	90	7 (234)	
207. William Jewell College (MO)	23	18	67/65	-2 (159)	0 (90)	138	179	72	12 (118)	
208. Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	22	20	78/80	2 (124)	0 (90)	148	194	124	0 (245)	
209. Green Mountain College (VT)	22	31	55/41	-14 (232)	0 (90)	234	107	124	22 (25)	

	OVERALL SCORE	SOCIAL MOBILITY			RESEARCH		SERVICE		
		% students receiving Pell Grants	Predicted/actual grad rate based on % of Pell recipients and incoming SATs	Difference between predicted/actual grad rates (rank)	Total research spending in thousands (rank)	Bachelor's to PhD rank	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% of federal work-study funds spent on service (rank)
210. Bethel College (KS)	22	31	62/50	-12 (227)	0 (90)	116	194	124	13 (98)
211. Baker University (KS)	22	27	58/59	1 (135)	0 (90)	209	170	92	10 (152)
212. SUNY College—Old Westbury (NY)*	22	46	45/36	-9 (212)	1765 (28)	218	194	124	7 (231)
213. Westminster College (MO)	21	21	67/59	-8 (209)	0 (90)	190	167	53	12 (111)
214. West Virginia Wesleyan College (WV)	21	28	58/55	-3 (166)	0 (90)	158	194	124	12 (115)
215. Albright College (PA)	21	27	54/60	6 (60)	0 (90)	212	171	115	8 (180)
216. Berry College (GA)	21	19	65/60	-5 (182)	240 (86)	146	137	124	10 (143)
217. Colorado State Univ.—Pueblo (CO)*	20	37	47/36	-11 (226)	586 (60)	222	194	39	13 (103)
218. Goucher College (MD)	20	14	70/67	-3 (165)	0 (90)	110	194	101	11 (140)
219. Wisconsin Lutheran College (WI)	20	21	65/61	-4 (172)	0 (90)	234	102	124	11 (124)
220. Bridgewater College (VA)	20	21	56/66	10 (28)	0 (90)	199	186	102	7 (201)
221. Kentucky Wesleyan College (KY)	19	38	50/32	-18 (241)	0 (90)	189	194	66	19 (40)
222. Baptist Bible College (MO)	19	50	46/37	-9 (214)	0 (90)	234	194	124	7 (218)
223. SUNY—Purchase College (NY)*	19	28	59/51	-8 (211)	0 (90)	214	156	124	14 (84)
224. Hanover College (IN)	19	17	67/59	-8 (204)	0 (90)	55	89	124	0 (245)
225. Eckerd College (FL)	19	21	63/58	-5 (190)	0 (90)	111	161	124	8 (184)
226. University of Virginia—Wise (VA)*	19	36	46/41	-5 (189)	0 (90)	157	194	124	13 (99)
227. Bennington College (VT)	18	22	72/57	-15 (237)	0 (90)	127	194	124	12 (116)
228. Fort Lewis College (CO)*	18	28	50/30	-20 (245)	770 (54)	207	142	124	28 (13)
229. Mesa State College (CO)*	18	32	46/41	-5 (183)	0 (90)	230	193	124	21 (34)
230. Concordia College (NY)	17	28	45/53	8 (41)	0 (90)	217	194	124	13 (105)
231. Christopher Newport Univ. (VA)*	17	11	71/52	-19 (243)	789 (52)	210	146	14	9 (159)
232. Merrimack College (MA)	17	11	66/77	11 (21)	0 (90)	206	194	124	8 (186)
233. Ferrum College (VA)	17	47	38/35	-3 (170)	0 (90)	228	194	124	7 (229)
234. Wingate University (NC)	16	28	52/47	-5 (184)	0 (90)	219	194	100	15 (79)
235. Centenary College of Louisiana (LA)	14	17	65/55	-10 (222)	0 (90)	109	117	124	5 (239)
236. Bryn Athyn Col. of New Church (PA)	14	15	65/30	-35 (253)	0 (90)	234	1	124	0 (245)
237. Coastal Carolina University (SC)*	13	25	57/44	-13 (231)	1210 (39)	229	180	60	8 (187)
238. Mass. Col. of Liberal Arts (MA)*	13	30	51/46	-5 (186)	0 (90)	224	194	124	11 (142)
239. Peace College (NC)	12	35	45/37	-8 (207)	0 (90)	234	99	124	5 (240)
240. Thiel College (PA)	12	37	45/39	-6 (194)	0 (90)	213	194	124	7 (213)
241. Warren Wilson College (NC)	11	25	66/45	-21 (247)	0 (90)	180	83	124	4 (242)
242. Lambuth University (TN)	10	36	54/38	-16 (238)	0 (90)	220	194	124	8 (179)
243. Marymount Manhattan Col. (NY)	10	19	59/45	-14 (236)	0 (90)	221	140	108	15 (73)
244. Univ. of Maine—Presque Isle (ME)*	9	32	43/35	-8 (206)	0 (90)	231	187	124	11 (126)
245. Western State College of Colorado (CO)*	9	23	54/36	-18 (240)	0 (90)	211	152	124	17 (55)
246. Virginia Wesleyan College (VA)	8	26	50/42	-8 (210)	0 (90)	205	154	65	4 (241)
247. Thomas More Col. of Lib. Arts (NH)	8	21	69/62	-7 (196)	0 (90)	234	194	124	0 (245)
248. Univ. of Wisconsin—Parkside (WI)*	6	32	46/32	-14 (233)	378 (74)	227	194	123	10 (151)
249. Brevard College (NC)	6	32	51/32	-19 (244)	0 (90)	234	147	124	9 (166)
250. Brigham Young Univ.—Hawaii (HI)	5	26	60/46	-14 (234)	0 (90)	195	194	70	0 (245)
251. Metropolitan State Col. of Denver (CO)*	5	29	50/23	-27 (251)	0 (90)	232	184	104	21 (32)
252. Sierra Nevada College (NV)	4	29	49/27	-22 (248)	0 (90)	234	78	124	8 (194)
253. College of St. Thomas More (TX)	0	30	64/40	-24 (249)	0 (90)	234	194	124	0 (245)

## A NOTE ON METHODOLOGY

There are two primary goals to our methodology. First, we considered no single category to be more important than any other. Second, the final rankings needed to reflect excellence across the full breadth of our measures, rather than reward an exceptionally high focus on, say, research. All categories were weighted equally when calculating the final score. In order to ensure that each measurement contributed equally to a school's score in any given category, we standardized each data set so that each had a mean of zero and a standard deviation of one. The data were also adjusted to account for statistical outliers. No school's performance in any single area was allowed to exceed five standard deviations from the mean of the data set. Thanks to rounding, some schools have the same overall score. We have ranked them according to their pre-rounding results.

Each of our three categories includes several components. We have determined the community service score by measuring each school's performance in three different areas: the size of its Army and Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps programs relative to the size of the school; the number of alumni currently serving in the Peace Corps relative to the size of the school; and the percentage of its federal work-study grant money spent on community service projects.

The research score for national universities is based on five measurements: the total amount of an institution's research spending (from the Center for Measuring University Performance and the National Science Foundation); the number of science and engineering PhDs awarded by the university; the number of undergraduate alumni who have gone on to receive a PhD in any subject relative to the size of the school; the number of faculty receiving prestigious awards relative to the number of full-time faculty; and the number of faculty in the National Academies relative to the number of full-time faculty. The latter two measures are new to this year's rankings. For national universities, we weighted each of these components equally to determine a school's final score in the category. For liberal arts colleges, which do not grant doctorates, baccalaureate PhDs were given double weight. Faculty awards and National Academy membership were also excluded from the research score for liberal arts colleges because we did not have data for all of the institutions.

As some readers have pointed out in previous years, our research score rewards large schools for their size. This is intentional. It is the huge numbers of scientists, engineers,

and PhDs that larger universities produce, combined with their enormous amounts of research spending, that will help keep America competitive in an increasingly global economy. But the two new measures of university research productivity and quality that we have added this year—faculty awards and National Academy members relative to the number of full-time faculty (from the Center for Measuring University Performance)—are independent of a school's size. The 2009 guide continues to reward large universities for their research productivity, but these two new measures also recognize smaller institutions that are doing a good job of producing quality research.

The social mobility score is more complicated. We have data that tells us the percentage of a school's students on Pell Grants, which is a good measure of a school's commitment to educating lower-income kids. We'd like to know how many of these students graduate, but schools aren't required to track those figures. Still, because lower-income students at any school are less likely to graduate than wealthier ones, the percentage of Pell Grant recipients is a meaningful indicator in and of itself. If a campus has a large percentage of Pell Grant students—that is to say, if its student body is disproportionately poor—it will tend to diminish the school's overall graduation rate.

We have a formula that predicts the graduation rate of the average school given its percentage of Pell students and its average SAT score. (Since most schools only provide the twenty-fifth percentile and the seventy-fifth percentile of scores, we took the mean of the two. For schools where a majority of students took the ACT, we converted ACT scores into SAT equivalents.) Schools with graduation rates that are higher than the "average" school with similar stats score better than schools that match, or, worse, undershoot the mark. Two schools had comparatively low Pell Grant rates and comparatively high SAT scores, and had predicted graduation rates over 100 percent. We left these results alone to keep the metric consistent. In addition, we used a second metric that predicted the percentage of students on Pell Grants based on SAT scores. This indicated which selective universities (since selectivity is highly correlated with SAT scores) are making the effort to enroll low-income students. The two formulas were weighted equally. —Eds. <sup>WM</sup>

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In compiling this year's rankings we established that we had made data-entry errors in our 2007 rankings. Texas A&M University was given the wrong Pell Grant number, so it placed first in the university ranking, when it should have been slightly lower down. In addition, some colleges were assigned the wrong research expenditure figures, throwing off the overall college rankings. We deeply regret these past errors and have changed our procedures for compiling the annual rankings so that they do not recur.