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TheBestSchools.org Releases Its Ranking of Best Colleges for Undergraduates

PELLA, IOWA (Oct. 2, 2017) — TheBestSchools.org, a leading online publication for ranking schools and degree programs, has now published its ranking of “The 50 Best Undergraduate Colleges in the United States for 2017–18.”

<https://thebestschools.org/rankings/best-undergraduate-colleges/>

In this ranking, TheBestSchools.org focuses on those schools whose main degree is a bachelor’s or even an associate’s degree. Our criteria for ranking include (1) record of achievement, (2) diversity of study, (3) freedom of inquiry and expression, (4) academic rigor, and (5) low cost and minimal debt. In addition, beyond the usual academic benchmarks, this ranking underscores the prospects for personal enrichment and advancement that await students *after* graduation.

“With so many colleges and universities focused on research, grant money, sports programs, alumni, graduate studies, and more,” says Dan Edelen, director of marketing services for TheBestSchools.org, “undergraduate students may feel like an afterthought. By spotlighting those colleges that devote the majority of their energy and effort to making life better for undergrads, TheBestSchools.org offers prospective students a better perspective on which colleges and universities put freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors first.”

The fifty top schools for undergraduates, listed alphabetically:

Alice Lloyd College, Pippa Passes, Kentucky
Babson College, Wellesley, Massachusetts
Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin
Berea College, Berea, Kentucky
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
California Institute of the Arts, Valencia, California
Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota
Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, California
College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Missouri

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia
Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado
Cooper Union, New York, New York
Curtis Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina
Deep Springs College, Deep Springs, California
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Florida
Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Needham, Massachusetts
Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa
Grove City College, Grove City, Pennsylvania
Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden Sydney, Virginia
Harvey Mudd College, Claremont, California
Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania
Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan
Juilliard School, New York, New York
Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia
New College of Florida, Sarasota, Florida
New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Massachusetts
Pomona College, Claremont, California
Reed College, Portland, Oregon)
Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island
Rose-Hulman Institute, Terre Haute, Indiana
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts
St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania
The King's College, New York, New York
Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University, La Mirada, California
United States Air Force Academy, El Paso County, Colorado
United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut
United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York
United States Military Academy, West Point, New York



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and how to make it work for you.*

United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland
University of Dallas, Irving, Texas
Virginia Military Institute, Lexington City, Virginia
Webb Institute, Glen Cove, New York
Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois
Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts

Through “The 50 Best Undergraduate Colleges in the United States for 2017–18,” TheBestSchools.org is pleased to offer a different consideration for what makes a college or university great, one that seeks the very best for undergraduates.

TheBestSchools.org is a leader in school rankings — K–12, college, postgraduate, online, and on-campus — providing millions of prospective students with the information they need to find the right school for them. TheBestSchools.org is an independent educational website whose staff and advisory board believe learning transforms lives for the better and should be a lifelong pursuit.

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