

HOW WISCONSIN SCHOOLS RANK IN COLLEGE GUIDE

When U.S. News & World Report's 2007 "America's Best Colleges" hits newsstands Monday, you can bet the folks at Alverno College will be pretty happy. The Catholic women's college on Milwaukee's south side garnered mentions in five of eight categories in "Programs to Look For" — schools with "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student success." Alverno, which won a separate nod for its racial diversity, was cited for its internships, senior capstone projects, first-year experiences, learning communities and service learning. Marquette University also was cited for service learning.

Other local bragging rights: The Milwaukee School of Engineering came in ninth for Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs, and Marquette was No. 50 of 50 on the Great Schools, Great Prices list.

Here's a peek at some of the other rankings:

Top 50 Public National Universities

7. University of Wisconsin-Madison

Best National Universities

34. UW-Madison

81. Marquette University

(Fourth tier) UW-Milwaukee

Best Liberal Arts Colleges

53. Lawrence University, Appleton

61. Beloit College

(Third tier) Ripon College

Best Comprehensive Colleges — bachelor's degree (Midwest region)

4. St. Norbert College, De Pere

20. Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee

25. Northland College, Ashland

28. Carroll College, Waukesha

31. Alverno College

(Third tier) Lakeland College, Sheboygan

Best Universities — master's degrees (Midwest region)

20. UW-La Crosse

26. UW-Eau Claire

30. Carthage College, Kenosha

51. UW-Whitewater

59. UW-River Falls

65. Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon

68. UW-Stout

(tie) Viterbo University, La Crosse

70. Edgewood College, Madison

(tie) Mount Mary College, Milwaukee

(tie) UW-Green Bay