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Grove City College among ‘Most Competitive’ in the nation

GROVE CITY, Pa. – Grove City College has been named for the second time to Barron’s Most Competitive list of U.S. colleges and universities in the 2003 edition of “Profiles of American Colleges.”

Besides Grove City College, the list of 64 Most Competitive colleges and universities includes Brown University (R.I.), Columbia (N.Y.), Cornell (N.Y.), Duke (N.C.), Harvard (Mass.), Princeton (N.J.), Stanford (Calif.), Notre Dame (Ind.), Vassar (N.Y.) and Yale (Conn.).

According to Barron’s, “Even superior students will encounter a great deal of competition for admission to the colleges in this category. In general, these colleges require high school rank in the top 10 percent to 20 percent and grade averages of A to B+. ... In addition, many of these colleges admit only a small percentage of those who apply – usually fewer than one third.”

Six other Pennsylvania institutions are included as well: Carnegie Mellon University, Haverford College, Lafayette College, Lehigh University, Swarthmore College and the University of Pennsylvania.

The 25th edition of the publication features in-depth profiles of more than 1,650 schools and contains Barron’s ratings, a list of college majors, admission requirements, financial aid information, student-faculty ratios, details on athletics, extracurriculars and campus life, as well as contact information for prospective students.

Barron’s also lists a second tier of colleges and universities, those classified as Highly Competitive. Among the schools on that list are Brigham Young (Utah), Bucknell (Pa.), Franklin and Marshall (Pa.), Loyola (Md.), North Carolina State (N.C.), Syracuse (N.Y.), University of Pittsburgh (Pa.) and Wheaton (Ill.).

Barron’s also included Grove City College in its 2001 Most Competitive list. Barron’s developed the study in 1999 and publishes results every two years. In 2002, Grove City College was also ranked No. 1 Best Value and No. 4 overall in its category by U.S. News and World Report. Grove City College will also be included in the 2003 publication by the Princeton Review and Random House: “The Best Bang For Your Buck: 77 Schools That Are Worth It.”

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Grove City College is listed as one of the Most Competitive colleges in the nation by Barron’s. In its category, Grove City College is also ranked by U.S. News & World Report as No. 1 Best Value and No. 4 overall in the 2003 guide to America’s Best Colleges. Grove City College has also been called a “best value” and a “hidden treasure” by guidance counselors in the Kaplan National High School Guidance Counselor Survey. Founded in 1876, it is located 60 miles north of Pittsburgh, Pa. With an enrollment of 2,300 students, it is a private Christian college teaching the liberal arts, sciences and engineering. It is an advocate of the free market economic system and accepts no federal funding. Tuition is about half of the national average for private colleges.