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Grove City College ranked No. 1 Best Value by U.S. News; fifth overall in region

GROVE CITY, Pa. - U.S. News & World Report has ranked Grove City College the No. 1 “Best Value” in its category for the 2005 guide.

Grove City was also ranked No. 5 overall in “America’s Best Colleges” among northern comprehensive colleges, taking the top spot in four areas – average freshman retention rate at 90 percent (tied with Stonehill College in Massachusetts), average SAT in the 25th to 75th percentile at 1152-1378, freshman in the top 25 percent of their 2003 high school class at 89 percent, and acceptance rate at 41 percent.

“For 128 years, our mission has been to provide a high-quality education at an affordable price,” said College President Dick Jewell. “We’re always proud to serve students in a Christian environment and we’re pleased to be recognized by U.S. News for executing our mission well.”

The newsstand book, “America’s Best Colleges,” as well as the Aug. 30 edition of U.S. News & World Report containing the rankings, will hit newsstands this Monday. Some results are available for viewing now at www.usnews.com.

Each fall, U.S. News also ranks universities, master’s universities, business programs, undergraduate engineering programs, debt load and campus diversity, among other areas of education and student life.

Also this week, The Princeton Review included Grove City College in its 2005 guide, “The Best 357 Colleges,” as the No. 16 Best Bargain school in the nation. Each year, The Princeton Review surveys more than 100,000 students whose opinions make up the annual college guidebook. More than 60 lists are compiled and highlight 20 schools in each list. The Princeton Review is a New York City-based company known for its test preparation courses, admission and education services, and books. It has conducted the survey since 1992.

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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. 5 overall in the 2005 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, and is also the No. 16 Best Academic Bang For Your Buck school according to the Princeton Review. 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.