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Class Notes

# **UB, Canisius, NU move up in U.S. News & World Report rankings**

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Several Western New York colleges and universities saw their standing in the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges rankings improve.

The University at Buffalo came in at No. 34 among public



The University at Buffalo is once again among the 100 best national universities,

universities in **the**  
**2021 rankings** and

according to the newest  
rankings from U.S. News  
and World Report.

No. 88 among  
national universities, both slight  
improvements. In addition, UB moved into the  
top 100 Best Value Schools, rising 27 spots to  
claim No. 100.

“From the students’ perspective, this means  
that at UB they have the opportunity to learn  
from faculty who are leading scholars in their

fields and they can participate in research projects that have the potential to change people's lives," said A. Scott Weber, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "We're also very proud that UB's national standing shines a light on the Buffalo region and the great people who live and work here."

The rankings take into account assessments of more than 1,900 institutions nationwide, as well as federal data.

UB also came in the top 10 among national universities **in terms of international students** (14% of UB's students are from other nations). Its School of Engineering and Applied Sciences ranked No. 66 among peers, while the School of Management came in at No. 81 among public and private accredited business schools.

Among regional universities, Canisius College ranked as the best value in the state and the

third-best value in the northern United States (up two spots from 2020). That takes into account academic quality and net attendance cost, which factors in need-based financial aid.

“Accessibility and affordability have been part of the Canisius mission for nearly 150 years,” President John Hurley said. “These latest rankings reinforce that commitment and speak to the value of our faculty, staff, students, alumni and benefactors, all of whom help

support the exceptional academic experiences our students receive in and beyond the classroom.”

In the overall rankings among regional universities in the north, Niagara University moved up nine spots to No. 23. It and St. Bonaventure University also ranked in the top 10 in terms of value — at Nos. 7 and 6, respectively. Niagara also was among the best colleges for veterans, as ranked by access to



financial aid and was second for international students, with 17 percent of the student body born elsewhere; the university does operate a campus in Ontario.

“Recognition such as this is testament to the critical work we are doing to provide a transformational, engaging education that leads to successful outcomes for our graduates, and demonstrates the importance of Niagara’s commitment to academic

excellence and accessibility to higher education," said President James Maher.

Hilbert College came in at No. 14 among regional colleges in the north for social mobility. It also made the overall rankings for the first time, coming in at No. 40. College administrators say a change in the ranking criteria, including less weight for standardized tests that are optional for admission there, plays a part.

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