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The Princeton Review named the University of Dayton among the top “Colleges That Pay You Back” in a new book that examines academics, affordability and graduates’ career prospects.

The 2018 edition of *Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Schools That Give You the Best Bang for Your Tuition Buck* highlights the University’s cost transparency, student life and career services. It also ranks the University as 17th in the nation for internship opportunities.

It spotlights the University’s innovative fixed net-price tuition plan, which ensures students understand the full cost of a four-year degree upfront. The plan promises undergraduates their financial aid will grow dollar-for-dollar to match any tuition increases — so what they pay their first year is what they’ll pay their senior year. It also eliminates all fees so there are no surprise expenses and “students aren’t left in the dark when it comes to how much they and their families will need to pay,” the book’s editors write.

The editors also include information on graduates’ starting salaries, which average $53,700, according to PayScale.com. They also feature the University’s Flyer First Destination Survey, which recently found 96

A donation of a new wind turbine will boost
percent of graduates were employed or enrolled in graduate school or a service program within six months of graduation.

"We salute the University of Dayton, and all of our Colleges That Pay You Back schools. They stand out for their outstanding academics and their affordability via generous financial aid to students with need and/or comparatively low sticker prices," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's editor-in-chief and lead author of the book. "Students at these colleges also have access to extraordinary career services from their freshman year on, plus a lifetime of valuable alumni support."

Hundreds of data points went into developing The Princeton Review's list. Editors developed a “return on investment” rating based on data including graduation rates, student debt, financial aid and alumni salaries and job satisfaction.


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