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09.01.2009 | Hot Topics  Washington Monthly magazine gives the University of Dayton high marks for instilling in students a duty to service, helping students graduate and encouraging graduates to seek advanced academic degrees. The magazine released its college rankings in its September/October issue.

"In our eyes, America’s best colleges are those that work hardest to help economically disadvantaged students earn the credentials that the job market demands," Washington Monthly editors wrote. "They're the institutions that contribute new scientific discoveries and highly trained Ph.Ds. They're the colleges that emphasize the obligations students have to serve their communities and the nation at-large."

In the service category, the University ranked 29th and 34th, respectively, for the percentage of students in ROTC and graduates who go on to serve in the Peace Corps relative to school size. In the social mobility category, the University ranked 33rd for achieving a nine-point difference between predicted and actual graduation rates and 80th on the "bachelor's to Ph.D." list.

Overall, the University of Dayton ranked 114th on Washington Monthly's list of 258 national universities. It also is a top 10 Catholic university, according to the rankings. The University jumped 24 spots since the Washington Monthly's last ranking in 2007.

This ranking comes on the heels of other recently released national rankings.

U.S. News & World Report listed the University as a national top-tier university and top 10 national Catholic university. U.S. News also listed the University as one of the nation's top values on its "Great Schools, Great Prices" list. Only 50 schools made the list, which include all eight Ivy schools, Notre Dame, Boston College and Georgetown. U.S. News also listed the University of Dayton among its "A+ Schools for B Students." This is the second straight year the University of Dayton made this list of schools that the magazine says deserve a closer look.

The Princeton Review's 2010 edition of The Best 371 Colleges listed the University of Dayton as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education. The University made The Princeton Review's lists for "Easiest Campus to Get Around," "Happiest Students" and "Everybody Plays Intramural Sports."

The University also made Forbes.com's list of the top 15 percent of American colleges and universities.

Entrepreneur magazine ranked the School of Business Administration's entrepreneurship program fourth in the nation.

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