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08.20.2009 | Campus and Community *U.S. News and World Report* listed the University of Dayton as one of the nation's top values in the magazine's 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges list released Thursday, Aug. 20. The University of Dayton ranked 36th on the "Great Schools, Great Prices" list.

"Our inclusion on the list validates that our transformative education, innovative and challenging curricula, and learning-living community make the University of Dayton one of the best values in higher education," University of Dayton President Daniel J. Curran said. "We educate students in a community of challenge and support. They engage the world, developing both a critical mind and a compassionate heart."

Only 50 schools made the "Great Schools, Great Prices" list, which include all eight Ivy schools, Notre Dame, Boston College and Georgetown.

"The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal," according to *U.S. News*. "We work on the premise that the most significant values are among colleges that are above average academically."

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 University of Dayton continued to rank among the top-tier national universities and one of the 10 best Catholic universities in the *U.S. News & World Report's* overall rankings. The University of Dayton tied for 110th place among 262 universities nationally offering a wide range of undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees. Among national Catholic universities, it tied for seventh, up a spot from last year. Among national private universities, it tied for 56th place.

The University has attracted a number of high-profile national rankings and accolades. 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.

The National Survey of Student Engagement showed that the University of Dayton receives stellar ratings in areas such as level of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student-faculty interaction, enriching educational experiences and supportive campus environment. The University also is one of 10 religiously affiliated colleges nationally that excels at helping students "find purpose and meaning in life," according to *Putting Students First: How Colleges Develop Students Purposefully*.

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