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The University of Dayton's School of Engineering graduate program moved up two spots to No. 62. in the *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking released today.

This is the second consecutive appearance for the University of Dayton's engineering school on *U.S. News'* "Best Graduate Schools" list.

The University's School of Engineering graduate program ranks second among Catholic colleges and universities, behind the University of Notre Dame. The University of Dayton is third among Ohio colleges and universities, behind The Ohio State University and Case Western Reserve University. It is 10th in the magazine's East North Central region that includes Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

"We are proud that others recognize the momentum we continue to build with our faculty, programs and research," said Malcolm Daniels, interim dean of the University of Dayton School of Engineering. "This ranking affirms our spot as a national leader in engineering graduate education, not just among Catholic, Ohio or Midwest colleges and universities."

The University of Dayton tied four other schools for the 62nd spot.

U.S. News surveyed 198 engineering schools that grant doctoral degrees. The rankings take into account peer and corporate recruiter assessments, selectivity, entrance exam test scores, and research expenditures and activity.

This year's U.S. News ranking is the latest in a string of accolades for the University's School of Engineering.

The latest National Science Foundation figures lists the University of Dayton first among Catholic universities and in the top 30 among all universities in performing engineering research. The University is second in the nation in conducting materials research among all colleges and universities. The figures, released in summer of 2008, are from fiscal year 2007.

The last Faculty Scholarly Productivity Index, released in 2007, ranked the University's graduate materials engineering program third in the nation. The survey of more than 200 research universities is based on faculty publications, citations and financial and honorary awards.

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