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**UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON RANKS SECOND, EARNS BEST VALUE SLOT
IN ANNUAL *U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT* RANKINGS**

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton has tied with Drake University for second place on the list of best Midwest regional universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual list of best colleges in the nation. It's the highest rank that UD has achieved.

The University was also noted as a best value in the Midwest, tied for fourth place with Drake and Valparaiso University. UD ranked eighth in 1994 and 10th in 1995 in the magazine's evaluation of value.

UD, the largest independent university in Ohio and among the 10 largest Catholic universities in the nation, is consistently recognized in the magazine's "America's Best Colleges" publication. The University was ranked third among Midwest regional universities in 1997 and 1998, fourth in 1994 and 1996, and fifth in 1995.

"We're extremely pleased that we have been recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* and that our ranking has improved," said Chris Muñoz, associate provost for enrollment management at UD who also serves on the national advisory committee for the *U.S. News'* college rankings. "We hope prospective students find it helpful as they begin their college selection process."

Rankings such as these can help students narrow their range of choices, Muñoz said, but prospective students need to determine what characteristics are important to them and then seek colleges that meet their specific profiles. Campus visits are essential in helping prospective students make a final college choice, he said.

Creighton University in Nebraska was ranked first on the list of best Midwest regional universities. Other Ohio schools noted on the top 10 Midwest list were John Carroll University

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in fifth place and Xavier University, which tied for seventh place.

U.S. News bases its regional university rankings on academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

On the best value list for Midwest regional universities, Drury College in Missouri was first, John Carroll University was second and Calvin College in Michigan was third. Baldwin-Wallace College, tied for 14th with three other schools, was the only other Ohio school on the list.

The value rankings, according to the magazine, relate the cost of attending a college or university to its quality — higher academic quality coupled with lower cost to students equals a better deal.

The edition of the magazine featuring highlights of this year's evaluation will hit the newsstands Monday, Aug. 23. The college guidebook, containing rankings of more than 1,400 schools, will be available Tuesday, Aug. 24.

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