

**PRINCETON REVIEW'S ANNUAL COLLEGE RANKINGS  
BASED ON 122,000 STUDENT SURVEY  
NOW OUT IN "THE BEST 371 COLLEGES – 2010 EDITION"**

**▣ 62 Ranking Lists Report Top 20 Colleges in Categories from  
 Profs to Financial Aid to Food**

**▣ Only Guide with Financial Aid and Green Ratings of Colleges**

NEW YORK, July 27, 2009, Time TBD /PRNewswire/— According to a survey by The Princeton Review that asked 122,000 students at 371 top colleges to rate their schools on dozens of topics and report on their campus experiences, the best professors are at Davidson College (NC). However, the college at which students are happiest with their financial aid – the issue many parents care most about – is Swarthmore College (PA). Colgate University (NY) takes top honors as the most beautiful campus while Virginia Tech serves the best campus food and Smith College (MA) has the best dorms.

The Princeton Review's student survey-based ranking lists report the top 20 colleges in these categories and over 50 others in the 2010 edition of its annual college guide "The Best 371 Colleges " (Random House / Princeton Review, \$22.99), on sale tomorrow. Other ranking lists in the book reveal the schools at which students most highly rated their administrators, campus career center services, and athletic facilities.

The book also has unique ratings -- scores from 60 to 99 – on each college's profile in eight categories including Financial Aid, Fire Safety, and Green – a rating based on environmental and sustainability-related practices and policies. The book's ranking lists, school profiles and ratings will post on [www.PrincetonReview.com](http://www.PrincetonReview.com) today.

"Each of our 371 'best' colleges offers great academics," says Robert Franek, V.P. / Publisher, The Princeton Review. "However, we don't rank these schools academically. Our goal is to help students find and get into the best school for them. That's why we offer 62 ranking lists based how students at these schools rated their campus experiences, plus ratings on institutional data we collect on issues important to applicants. It's all about the fit."

**Other ranking lists in the book and #1 colleges on them are:**

- ▣ Best Career Services – University of Florida
- ▣ Best Classroom Experience – Pomona College (CA)
- ▣ Most Conservative Students – Texas A&M University (College Station)
- ▣ Most Liberal Students – Warren Wilson College (NC)
- ▣ Most Politically Active Students – George Washington University (DC)
- ▣ Top Party Schools – Penn State University
- ▣ Top Stone-Cold Sober Schools – Brigham Young University (UT)
- ▣ Least Religious Students – Bennington College (VT)
- ▣ Race / Class Relations Friendliest – University of Miami (FL)
- ▣ Gay Community Most Accepted – New York University
- ▣ Best Athletic Facilities – University of Maryland at College Park
- ▣ Everyone Plays Intramural Sports – University of Notre Dame (IN)
- ▣ Best Town-Gown Relations – Clemson Univ. (SC)

### **About the rankings and survey:**

The 62 ranking lists are based on surveys of 122,000 students (325 per campus / average) at the 371 schools in the book during the 2008-09 and/or previous two school years. The 80-question survey asks students about their school's academics, administration, campus life, student body, and themselves. Almost all of the surveys were completed online at <http://survey.review.com>.

### **About the ratings:**

The ratings are scores from 60 to 99 (the highest) based largely on institutional data collected during 2008-09. Categories include Admissions Selectivity, Financial Aid, Fire Safety, and Green – a rating The Princeton Review developed with ecoAmerica, a non-profit environmental agency. Honor Rolls in the book salute 13 schools that received Financial Aid ratings of 99, 15 that received Green ratings of 99, and 15 that received Fire Safety ratings of 99.

### **About the book:**

"The Best 371 Colleges" also has a section listing "Great Colleges for 15 of the Most Popular College Majors" and The Princeton Review list, "100 Best Value Colleges for 2009." Annually published since 1992, it is one of 165 Princeton Review books published by Random House. No school has ever paid a fee to be in the book.

The Princeton Review is an education services company also known for its test-prep courses, tutoring, and other resources for college and graduate school-bound students. Its corporate headquarters are in Framingham (MA) and editorial offices are in New York City. The company is not affiliated with Princeton University and not a magazine.

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