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PSU ranked among the Best in the Midwest

U.S. News and World Report has once again selected Pittsburg State University for inclusion on its list of the best first-tier regional universities in the Midwest. U.S. News released its "2018 Best Colleges" rankings today.

For U.S. News, the Midwest includes the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

In determining the rankings, the publication considers factors such as peer assessment, first-year student retention rates, graduation rates, class size, student-faculty ratio, SAT and ACT scores, acceptance rates and alumni giving.

The rankings noted that at PSU, the student-faculty ratio is 18:1, and 44.8 percent of its classes have fewer than 20 students. The average freshman retention rate, an indicator of student satisfaction, is 73 percent.

The rankings also noted that PSU offers numerous student services, including nonremedial tutoring, placement services, and health services, as well as campus safety and security services like 24-hour foot and vehicle patrols, 24-hour emergency telephones, lighted sidewalks, and controlled dormitory access.

Those who work and learn on campus say they weren't surprised by the announcement — not because PSU has been on the list so many times in the past, but because of their first-hand knowledge of what they believe makes the university one of the best.

For Jacob Lehman, that included state-of-the-art equipment and hands-on learning. As a prospective student in mechanical engineering, he visited other universities and then visited PSU's Kansas Technology Center.

"There was no comparison," he said. "It had nice, well-equipped labs which was very exciting to me. I was always a hands-on person, so that was very appealing."

He liked it so much, he became a faculty member at the KTC and enjoys providing students with the same kind of learning he had.

Sage Brown, who earned a Bachelor's of Art in Psychology in December 2016, said the university helped him to grow into his professional life.

"I met so many different people from so many different cultural backgrounds, and this allowed me to be both competent and effective in the metropolitan professional world where I now work," Brown said.

Howard Smith, associate vice president for enrollment management and student success, said a recent comment by Marisa Page, a student in graphic communications, made to him "summed it up perfectly."

"She said, 'The professors aren't being nice for the day. They actually, genuinely care about you and about your grades, your life and your future'," Smith recalled. "To me, that's what we're referring to in our mission statement when we say Pitt State provides a transformational experience for our students."

Best Business School

The "Best Colleges 2018" guidebook, available for pre-order, will start shipping on Sept. 25 and be in stores on Oct. 10.



Pittsburg State University is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school in the 2017 edition of its "Best 294 Business Schools." *The Princeton Review* has also recognized the PSU Kelce College of Business as **No. 4 in the U.S., for family-friendly business schools**. For the Family Friendly category, the Review examined student answers to survey questions concerning how happy married students are, how many students have children, how helpful the school is to students with children, and how much the school does for spouses of students. The Princeton Review is a privately held education services company headquartered in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Kelce College of Business among nation's best for families

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“It’s really cool every single year,” said KCOB Dean Paul Grimes said of the ranking. “We take great pride in providing a family-friendly environment, and consistently being ranked in the top five nationwide means a great deal.”

Pitt State is joined in the top five by Brigham Young University, the International Institute for Management Development and Dartmouth College. Other institutions in the top 10 include the University of North Carolina, Duke University, Indiana University, Rice University and the University of Notre Dame.

For the Family Friendly category, the Review examined student answers to survey questions concerning how happy married students are, how many students have children, how helpful the school is to students with children, and how much the school does for spouses of students.

Along with being among the most family-friendly schools, the Kelce College of Business was also named by the Review as one of the top 294 business colleges in the nation.

“Students looking for a quality school located in a quiet area that is great for learning are encouraged to check out” the Kelce College of Business, the Review wrote.

The Review cited an unnamed student who wrote, “There is an excellent diversity of professors at PSU. Even though I am a non-traditional student, I feel that I have really grown academically and personally due to the guidance of the PSU professors.”

The Princeton Review is a privately held education services company headquartered in Framingham, Mass. It is known for its classroom and online test-prep courses, tutoring services, and line of 150 books published by Random House, Inc. The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University.

High Quality, High Value Education at the Kelce College of Business

The Kelce College of Business at Pittsburg State is among the nation's leading business schools for quality, high standards, and value. With a mission of offering a well-rounded, world-class education that engages students and prepares them for a future in the business world, the Gladys A. Kelce College of Business stands out as one of the premier business colleges in the country.

The Kelce College of Business is:

- **Accredited by the AACSB**
- Annually ranked among the Best Business Schools in the country by the Princeton Review
- Ranked among the top 5 Family Friendly business schools in the country.