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Upland, Indiana—Taylor University has been ranked number one in the Midwest according to the newly-released *U.S. News & World Report* survey, *America's Best Colleges*. In this newest ranking, Taylor and Calvin College tied for the number one spot.

The Taylor ranking appears in the category *Best Regional Colleges-Midwest*. It marks the 11th time in the past 12 years Taylor has been number one or shared that honor, and is also the 22nd consecutive year Taylor has been ranked among the region's top three.

Criteria employed by *U.S. News* include graduation and retention rates, peer assessment of excellence, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni giving.

The Midwest region's top five included Taylor and Calvin (tied for number one), College of the Ozarks (3), Augustana (4), and Ohio Northern University (5).

Among the Midwest region's top 10 institutions, Taylor ranked first in retention rate, and predicted and actual graduation rates. Taylor's rankings were also influenced by its ability to attract students from the top 25 percent of their respective graduation classes, as well as peer assessment scores (which measure the ratings of Taylor by other college administrators), and alumni giving rate.

Taylor also was listed among several *U.S. News* companion surveys including: *Best Value—Regional Colleges Midwest*, *Most Innovative Schools—Regional Colleges Midwest*, and *Undergraduate Teaching—Regional Colleges Midwest*.

“*America’s Best Colleges* is among the most widely used and highly regarded surveys gauging the effectiveness and value of college education in America today,” said Taylor’s President, Dr. Paul Lowell Haines. “We are grateful for this recognition of Taylor University by *U.S. News* and its editorial team. This ranking success is shared by each student, faculty and staff member, alumnus, parent, friend and member of the Taylor community.

“The *U.S. News* ranking is a qualitative and impartial survey that recognizes, in our case, the tradition of excellence which is embedded in the Taylor University culture,” Haines added. “Taylor has historically been able to attract students who are among our nation’s best and brightest—young men and women who are serious about their academics and serious about their faith. Once here, those students are mentored by some of the finest faculty in the country—98 percent of whom hold terminal degrees in their respective disciplines. These students not only thrive in the classroom and social settings, but also graduate and go on to impact the world in the fields of education, business, law, medicine, ministry, government, social services, the fine arts, and a whole host of other professional endeavors.”

Taylor has also appeared in college rankings compiled by the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Princeton Review, and Washington Monthly. Additional ranking services such as Open Doors, CollegeConsensus.com, and Niche.com have also highly ranked Taylor University. Learn more here: www.taylor.edu/distinctions.



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