

Alfred University among nation's 'best 361 colleges'

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Alfred University is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education, according the Princeton Review. "It is gratifying to have Alfred University included among the 361 best colleges and universities in the nation," said AU President Charles M. Edmondson. "It is even more gratifying, however, to read the comments from our students. Our students clearly appreciate that Alfred University revolves around close interactions between faculty and students in a caring community that values academic quality." The New York-based firm features Alfred University in its 2006 edition of The Best 361 Colleges. Only 15 percent of the nearly 4,000 colleges and universities in the United States and two Canadian colleges are included in the guide, which features two-page profiles on each of the schools, along with survey-based rankings of the top 20 colleges in various categories. Alfred University is ranked 14th in the nation for "Students Happy with Financial Aid," and 18th for "Best College Radio Station." "Alfred provides a cozy community that students, professors and administrators enjoy," according to the Princeton Review profile. "One student says, 'There is excellent interaction between students and professors; and with small classes, the faculty can devote more time to teaching each individual student.' No wonder the students tell us 'the level of personal connection here, all across the board, is exceptional.'" While Alfred University's rural location might dissuade some prospective students, current students reported to the Princeton Review that "the school is really good about bringing different performers and movies into town every weekend while art shows, visiting lecturers in every division and over a hundred clubs and activities help round out the schedule." The news of Alfred University being included in The Best 361 Colleges followed last week's announcement that US News & World Report ranks AU 14th among master's level institutions in the North, the most competitive of the regions with 111 private colleges and 64 State University of New York units in New York alone; the region includes all of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Additionally, US News ranked Alfred University as second in the North on its list of "best values," what it calls "Great schools at a great price." More information about Alfred University is available on-line at <http://www.alfred.edu> or by calling the Admissions office at 607.871.2115.