

National website identifies Alfred University as one of its 25 'Great Value Colleges' for animal-loving students
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GreatValueColleges.net, a website designed to assist students in finding the best degree suited to them, has listed Alfred University (AU) at number eight on its list of “25 Great Small Colleges for Animal Lovers.”

AU leads the three New York State colleges cited and is the only private NYS institution listed - with the State University of New York (SUNY) at Canton positioned at number nine and SUNY Oswego at 16. In making the list, AU is recognized as a Great Value College by the website.

“Choosing the best college can be difficult for animal lovers,” maintains GreatValue Colleges.net “because most school do not allow pets, and not many schools offer many or any- animal-related degree programs.”

In its listing, GreatValue Colleges.net notes that “Although students are not permitted to have pets, Alfred University has its own Daggett Equestrian Center just a few minutes from campus. Through this center and the equestrian studies program, professors teach equine theory classes in subjects like equine science and course design, as well as English and Western riding and draft horse driving.

“Alfred also offers students a great pre-veterinary program with an accompanying pre-vet student organization. Just last year, a handful of Alfred University students were featured in the news for volunteering to help raise and train guide dogs for the blind.”

The website’s list was compiled using information from the National Center for Education Statistics & College Navigator Database as well as the individual schools’ websites. The colleges in this list have student populations under 10,000; AU has approximately 2,300 students.

While choosing the schools, the number of animal-related sports and clubs, the school’s pet policies, the number of animal-related events and places on campus, and the number of animal-focused courses/degree programs were considered.

The GreatValue Colleges.net site notes its mission “is to help students get the best possible education for their money. We seek to accomplish this through high-quality, researched-based articles and rankings covering a broad number of angles ... based on publicly available information from reputable third-party sources; these sources are referenced in each individual ranking, along with the methodology used in developing the ranking.”

To read the GreatValue Colleges.net’s full article, please visit: <http://www.greatvaluecolleges.net/25-great-small-colleges-for-animal-lovers/>