

## **Alfred University gets high marks in College Factual value rankings**

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ALFRED, NY – Alfred University has been named one of the nation's "Best Colleges for the Money" in a report released by the educational services company College Factual.

Alfred University is featured in College Factual's 2018 rankings, which are data driven and focused on optimal outcomes for students. The company creates rankings as a way to assist students and parents in researching colleges and universities.

According to the 2018 report on ["Best Colleges for the Money."](#) which reflects overall value, Alfred is ranked among the top five percent in the nation. AU also ranked among the top five percent in value rankings for the Middle Atlantic Region and New York state.

The "Best Colleges for the Money" ranking "identifies which colleges and universities offer the best bang for your buck – delivering quality education and economic value," College Factual explains on its website. "To create this ranking we compare the academic quality of a school, as indicated in the Best Colleges rankings, to the cost of obtaining an undergraduate degree from each institution. The higher the quality of the school and the lower it costs, the better the bargain."

Alfred University was ranked 60th out of 1,325 institutions included in College Factual's national "Best Colleges for the Money" list. Among the factors College Factual uses to determine the rankings are: average yearly cost, average number of years to graduate, total degree cost, and affordability ranking.

"This rating from College Factual affirms what we have been saying: Alfred University does offer a remarkable, quality education at an affordable price," said Alfred University President Mark Zupan. "But the Alfred experience is also of inestimable value in other ways: the leadership our students develop through athletics and co-curricular activities; the network of alumni who help with career decisions and placement; the mentorship of faculty and staff; and the community that creates lifelong friendships."

Nine academic programs at Alfred University are listed among the top five percent in the country in terms of value: business administration, criminal justice, engineering, finance, fine arts, marketing, materials science engineering, political science, and psychology. Alfred University's biology, communication studies, chemistry and performing arts programs were listed among the top 10 percent in the nationwide best values rankings.