

## Fiske Guide rates AU as a 'Best Buy'

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For the second year in a row, Alfred University is rated by The Fiske Guide to Colleges, 2011 edition, as a 'Best Buy.' Only 45 colleges and universities nationwide - the top 1 percent - are included on the list as having excellent value for the price. "These institutions - 21 public and 24 private -- fall into the inexpensive or moderate price range with four or five-star academic ratings," say the publishers of the Fiske Guide, one of the nation's most-respected independent college rating services. "Fiske (Edward B. Fiske, the author, was education editor of the New York Times for 17 years) proves that sometimes the price and quality of a university do not go hand-in-hand. The updated guide points students and parents to reasonably priced colleges that should be on their radar" for their academic quality. "We are pleased to again be listed in this very select group of colleges and universities," said President Charles M. Edmondson. He noted U.S. News and World Report ranks Alfred University number two "best value" in the North among master's degree-granting institutions, calling it a "great school at a great price." "To have two independent college-ranking services recognize Alfred University for its quality and value "affirms something we have always known: An Alfred University education and experience is well-worth the money, and that's a credit to our excellent faculty and staff," said Edmondson. "In the life of high school seniors and their parents, the college admissions and selection process can be overwhelming, confusing, and stressful. With more than 2,200 four-year colleges in the United States, finding colleges that match all their needs, including personality, location, size, and sometimes most importantly, tuition, can be a daunting task," according to a press release from the publisher of the Fiske Guide. "For more than 25 years, students and their families have looked to The Fiske Guide to Colleges to help make the most intelligent educational investment they can," the publisher says. "The revised and updated 2011 edition of The Fiske Guide to Colleges (9781402209611; July 2011) by Edward B. Fiske features over 300 of the country's best and most interesting colleges and universities. "The Fiske Guide to Colleges 2011 is fiercely independent. The Fiske Guide accepts no consulting, advertising, or other fees from colleges and has no outside relationship with colleges working on its behalf. The Fiske Guide's only goal is to help future students select the best colleges to reach their own goals," the publisher says. For more information about Alfred University, visit: <http://www.alfred.edu> About... the Author: Edward B. Fiske served for 17 years as Education Editor of the New York Times, during which time he realized that college-bound students and their families needed better information on which to base their educational choices. He wrote The Fiske Guide to Colleges to help them. He co-wrote, along with Bruce G. Hammond, The Fiske Guide to Nailing the SAT, as well as Fiske What to do When for College and The Fiske Guide to Getting into the Right College.