

## **Alfred University among 'great schools at great prices' on US News list**

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Alfred University is second among the best master's degree-awarding institutions in the North region when it comes to a quality academic program at an affordable price, according to the 2003 edition of US News and World Report's "Best Colleges" issue, due on newsstands next week. The magazine looks at academic quality and the average cost of attendance to determine what it calls "Great Schools at Great Prices." "The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal," according to US News. Alfred University, it found, awards need-based financial aid to 85 percent of its students, bringing the average cost of attending to \$13,790. "We are delighted that US News and World Report recognizes that Alfred University offers an excellent education and opportunities for personal growth at an affordable price," said President Charles M. Edmondson. The "Best Colleges Guide" ranks Alfred University 11th overall among the master's level institutions in the North region. This is the 15th year in a row that Alfred University has ranked among the top 15 colleges and universities in the region. All of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland are included in the North region. "When we consider the level of competition in the North region, which contains some of the oldest and some of the finest colleges and universities in the country, I am pleased that Alfred University consistently ranks in the top tier of those institutions," said Edmondson. US News and World Report ranks colleges and universities according to the degrees they offer, from national doctoral institutions to regional comprehensive colleges that offer baccalaureate degrees, but no advanced degrees. Alfred University is ranked among the master's degree universities in the North because it offers a full range of undergraduate degrees, as well as an appreciable number of master's degrees, but not enough doctoral degrees to place it among the national research universities. There are more than 1,400 colleges and universities in the U.S. Of those, 572 are considered to be regional master's degree universities.