

AU featured in 'Princeton Review' annual college guide

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Alfred University offers students an outstanding undergraduate education, according to "The Princeton Review, which features AU in the recently released 2007 edition of "The Best 361 Colleges" (Random House/Princeton Review). Only about 15 percent of the four-year colleges in the United States and two Canadian colleges are included in the book. The New York-based education services company provides two-page profiles of each featured institution and student survey-based ranking lists of top 20 colleges in more than 60 categories. In its profile of Alfred University, "The Princeton Review" writes: "Alfred provides a cozy community that students, professors, and administrators enjoy. One student says, 'There is excellent interaction between students and professors; and with small classes, the faculty can devote more time to each individual student.' " Another section of the profile notes: "There's no questioning the high quality of academics at Alfred they are serious about competing for good students." "We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics," said Robert Franek, "Princeton Review's" vice president for publishing. "We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and our visits to schools over the years. We also consider the opinions of independent college counselors, students and parents we hear from and survey yearlong." "Alfred University is pleased to be included in "Princeton Review's" 2007 college guide," said Alfred University President Dr. Charles M. Edmondson. "Our placement underscores what we have always known -- Alfred University gets results. We can demonstrate that. When colleges are ranked according to what they actually achieve, we fare well," he said. The ranking lists in the 2007 edition are based on "The Princeton Review's" survey of 115,000 students (on average about 300 from each campus) attending the 361 colleges in the book. An institution's appearance on these lists is attributable to a high consensus among its surveyed students. In particular, Alfred University ranks 17th on the Students Happy with Financial Aid list, and 18th for Best College Radio Station. "The Princeton Review" posts the book's annual ranking lists on its Web site www.PrincetonReview.com.