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UA makes U.S. News' top 100 list; ASU ranked 121st

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The University of Arizona held steady at 96th in U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings of 262 public and private U.S. universities that offer a wide range of undergraduate degrees as well as master's and doctoral degrees.

Arizona State University ranked 121st, but landed on a new list this year - "Up and Comers" - innovative institutions that college officials identify as poised to move up in the rankings.

UA tied for 96th with five other schools, but when ranked against other public universities, UA placed 45th in a five-way tie out of the top 50 public universities in the national category. UA ranked 45th last year. ASU did not make the top 50.

The magazine's ranking formula takes account of factors such as SAT scores, peer reputation, selectivity and alumni giving. The latest edition hits newsstands Monday, but was to be published Friday on the magazine's Web site.

Harvard University returned to the No. 1 spot among public and private universities for the first time in 12 years. Princeton slipped to No. 2, ending eight straight years of at least sharing the top ranking. Yale follows at No. 3, and MIT and Stanford tied for fourth.

The University of California, Berkeley, is the highest-ranked public university and ranked No. 21 overall.

UA's Eller College of Management was ranked 25th out of 51 schools for best business programs, in a five-way tie that included ASU's W.P. Carey School of Business. The University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School ranked first.

Eller tied for fifth among business schools with an entrepreneurship specialty and ranked fourth among those with management information systems programs. ASU's Carey school ranked fourth among business schools with a supply chain management/logistics speciality.

UA ranked 49th in a two-way tie for best engineering programs at universities that offer doctorate degrees. ASU tied with eight other schools at 38th. There were 77 universities in that ranking.

Northern Arizona University tied with 13 other schools for 38th for best undergraduate engineering programs.

ASU West ranked 32nd in a three-way tie in the West region for best master's programs. UA was not ranked. There are 572 universities nationwide in the master's category.

The U.S. News rankings remain the best-known but have spawned a range of competitors. The latest includes Forbes.com, which published its first-ever rankings this month, focusing on student achievement and ranking Princeton at the top.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RANKINGS

Top-ranked national universities in 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" from U.S. News & World Report (last year's ranking in parentheses).

1. Harvard University (2)
2. Princeton University (1)
3. Yale University (3)
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (7)
4. Stanford University (4)
6. California Institute of Technology (5)
6. University of Pennsylvania (5)
8. Columbia University (9)
8. Duke University (8)
8. University of Chicago (9)

96. University of Arizona (96)

121. Arizona State University

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