

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE RANKED TOP TEN "BEST COLLEGES"

BILLINGS -- Rocky Mountain College earned a top 10 ranking among Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the West in the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News & World Report.

RMC ranked 8th in the Top Tier out of 319 baccalaureate colleges. This is the 11th consecutive year that RMC has been ranked in the top tier, top 10.

This category focuses on undergraduate education, which offers a range of degree programs -- in the liberal arts, which account for fewer than half of their bachelor's degrees, and in professional fields such as business and nursing. In RMC's case, this includes aviation, equestrian and physician assistant studies. The 319 colleges in this category are ranked within four geographic regions: North, South, Midwest, and West.



"We're very proud to be so highly regarded," said RMC President Michael Mace. "This is further evidence that we are consistently maintaining high educational standards. It demonstrates our commitment to providing the best quality education possible."

Mace was particularly proud of the extent of alumni support that is one of the primary ranking criteria. RMC was first of the top 10 for alumni giving, testimony to how well valued an RMC education is by its graduates.

RMC was in the top 10 for small class size with a student: faculty ratio of 10:1. It also had the highest percentage -- 77 percent -- of classes with fewer than 20 students.

Among other rankings, RMC was in the top 10 for freshmen in the top 25 percent of their graduating class; percent of faculty who are full time; freshmen retention rate; and average graduation rate.

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