

12 STRAIGHT YEARS: US NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKS ROCKY TOP 10

RMC ALSO RANKED TOP 10 FOR 'GREAT SCHOOLS, GREAT PRICES'

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BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College is not just one of the top 10 best colleges in the West, according to the recent US News & World Report rankings. It is also one of the best bargains in the West.

The annual rankings of colleges and universities nationwide by U.S. News & World Report was released Wednesday. They will be included in the Best Colleges book published for 2011.

Rocky Mountain College, for the 12 consecutive year, was ranked in the first tier, top 10 of best regional colleges in the West. The rankings are based on criteria that ranked Rocky high for freshmen retention, graduation rate, small class sizes, faculty to student ratio, percent of full time faculty, and percentage of alumni giving.

U.S. News & Report utilizes Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which focuses “almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts (which account for fewer than half of all bachelor’s degrees granted) and in fields such as business, nursing, and education.”

For the ranking in the separate category Great Schools, Great Prices, Rocky was ranked for offering students the best value. “The calculation used here takes into account a school’s academic quality, as indicated by its 2011 U.S. News ranking, and the 2009-2010 net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid,” according to U.S. News & World Report. “The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the deal.”

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