

## *U.S. News and World Report -- Best Colleges: Up-and-coming National Universities*

This spring, for the first time, U.S. News asked the experts who respond to its annual peer assessment survey to identify schools that fit this profile. The 70 that received the most nominations range from household names like the University of Southern California to Grand Valley State in Allendale, Mich., and Salve Regina, a 2,000-student Catholic university in Newport, R.I.

<u>George Mason University</u> Fairfax, VA	Rank 1	<u>University of California--Riverside</u> Riverside, CA	Rank 9
<u>Clemson University</u> Clemson, SC	Rank 2	<u>University of North Carolina--Charlotte</u> Charlotte, NC	Rank 9
<u>University of Southern California</u> Los Angeles, CA	Rank 3	<u>University of South Carolina--Columbia</u> Columbia, SC	Rank 9
<u>Arizona State University</u> Tempe, AZ	Rank 4	<u>University of California--Irvine</u> Irvine, CA	Rank 14
<u>University of Maryland--Baltimore County</u> Baltimore, MD	Rank 5	<u>University of California--San Diego</u> La Jolla, CA	Rank 14
<u>Drexel University</u> Philadelphia, PA	Rank 6	<u>University of South Florida</u> Tampa, FL	Rank 14
<u>Portland State University</u> Portland, OR	Rank 7	<u>Ball State University</u> Muncie, IN	Rank 14
<u>University of Central Florida</u> Orlando, FL	Rank 7	<u>Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis</u> Indianapolis, IN	Rank 14
<u>University of San Diego</u> San Diego, CA	Rank 9	<u>Northeastern University</u> Boston, MA	Rank 14
<u>Azusa Pacific University</u> Azusa, CA	Rank 9	<u>Ohio State University--Columbus</u> Columbus, OH	Rank 14