



FORBES RANKS AMERICA'S TOP COLLEGES WILLIAMS COLLEGE TOPS LIST FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

New York, NY (August 3, 2011) — Williams College tops *Forbes'* annual ranking of America's Top Colleges (*America's Top Colleges*, p. 71) for the second consecutive year. Princeton University retains its No. 2 spot on the rankings (*The 50 Best*, p. 88), which are prepared exclusively for *Forbes* by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity, with a focus on 'the things that matter the most to students: quality of teaching, great career prospects, graduation rates and low levels of debt.' The United States Military Academy edged up to No. 3 from No. 4 in 2010, followed by Amherst College (No. 4) and Stanford University (No.5). The University of Chicago landed at No. 8, up from No. 20 in 2010; Haverford College moved into the No. 7 spot, up from No. 14 last year.

In related coverage, available online at www.forbes.com/top-colleges and in the August 22, 2011 issue, *Forbes* introduces eight young student entrepreneurs who launched their businesses while in college (*All-Star Student Entrepreneurs*, p. 74), plus Ernestine Fu, Silicon Valley's youngest entrepreneur (*Class Act*, p. 72). *Forbes* features a conversation between them and one of the most famous student entrepreneurs of all time: Michael Dell (*Our Startup Summit With Michael Dell*, p. 80).

Harvard tops *Forbes'* related ranking of best business schools (*Is An M.B.A. Worth It?*, p. 92), followed by Stanford, Chicago (Booth), Pennsylvania (Wharton) and Columbia, respectively. Online, the report includes a complete ranking of 650 colleges as well as the top international business schools. The Top 10 colleges according to *Forbes* are:

RANK	NAME/STATE	TOTAL ANNUAL COST	UNDERGRAD POPULATION
1	Williams College, MA	\$ 54,921	2,085
2	Princeton University, NJ	\$ 52,715	5,113
3	United States Military Academy, NY	\$ 0	4,621
4	Amherst College, MA	\$ 54,322	1,744
5	Stanford University, CA	\$ 55,918	6,602
6	Harvard University, MA	\$ 53,950	10,257
7	Haverford College, PA	\$ 55,632	1,190
8	University of Chicago, IL	\$ 57,590	5,114
9	Massachusetts Institute of Technology, MA	\$ 53,210	4,232
10	United States Air Force Academy, CO	\$ 0	4,620

For the complete ranking, methodology, videos and more, visit: www.forbes.com/top-colleges

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