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# Comments on the Princeton Review College Rankings

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A fun and interesting read that comes out every year is the Princeton Review's annual ranking of "Best Colleges". Here they rank the top colleges in a multitude of categories (62 in total) including best party school, best campus food, and most beautiful campus.

See the highlights of this year's rankings here.

## 10 Quick Takes on the Princeton Review College Rankings

### Colgate University

Colgate placed in having the "Happiest Students" and was ranked in the category of consuming "Lots of Beer". I wonder if there is any correlation there...

### Dartmouth College

Dartmouth was listed in the Princeton Review's Best Value Colleges. Maybe there is some truth to this, as Dartmouth also ranks #1 for students having the highest mid-career median salary of all colleges. Might be worth a look for some of you prospective college students out there.

### New York University

NYU ranked #5 in the "Least Happiest Students" category. What ever happened to "I Love New York"? I wouldn't be very happy either if my school was one of the most expensive schools in the nation.

### Pepperdine University

The school was ranked high as "Most Beautiful Campus" and as "Most Popular Study Abroad Program". If the school is that beautiful, why are so many students leaving it to study abroad?

### Smith College

Smith College was in the top rankings for "Best Quality of Life" and "Most Politically Active Students". You would think if life was that great at Smith College, students wouldn't have to be so politically active...

### Stanford University

Stanford ranked 2nd in "Best Financial Aid" and 4th in "Happiest Students". I'd be pretty happy too if I had my college education paid for.

### United States Coast Guard Academy

The United States Coast Guard Academy ranks in having students that "Study the Most", but also has some of the "Least Happiest Students". OK, that's understandable.

### University of New Hampshire

The University of New Hampshire ranked #2 in the "Lots of Beer" category, and was also listed in the "Greenest Colleges" ranking.

I'm glad to see students at New Hampshire are doing a god job of recycling their beer cans.

#### Best College Newspapers

Six of the Top 9 schools rated with having the "Best College Newspaper" are also ranked as "Jock Schools" and/or in the "Students Pack the Stadiums" category.

Proof that people just read it for the Sports page?

#### Great College Towns

University of Texas-Austin and University of Wisconsin-Madison both ranked well for having "Great College Towns".

Boy they must be, considering both schools are also ranked in the categories of "Lots of Beer", "Lots of Hard Liquor", and "Best Party Schools".

For a more in-depth look at the full rankings and complete profiles of all the schools, check your local bookstores for The Best 371 Colleges, or pick up a copy at Amazon.