

MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE RANKED AMONG NATION'S BEST

Other CUNY institutions also fare well in nationwide surveys

CUNY's William E. Macaulay Honors College is rated highest among all public university honors colleges and programs in the nation and Guttman Community College is named the number one community college in New York State, according to recent surveys.

And four CUNY colleges – City, Baruch, Queens and Hunter — place in the top 100 of public colleges nationally for return on investment (the cost of attending vs. debt and earnings after graduation), according to Forbes magazine. That's a natural, considering the tremendous head start that CUNY alumni have due to the university's low tuition, which allows eight out of 10 students to graduate debt-free.

No public honors college or program scored higher than Macaulay Honors College in the forthcoming book, "Inside Honors: Ratings and Reviews of Sixty Public University Honors Programs." Publisher publicuniversityhonors.com gave Macaulay its coveted highest score of "5 mortarboards." This was the first time that the organization considered Macaulay. It



Photo: Macaulay Honors College at CUNY

evaluated colleges with criteria that included the number of honors classes offered, overall class size, ratio of staff to students, priority registration and prestigious awards received.

Macaulay opened in 2001 and enrolls more than 2,000 students. It offers exceptional students a personalized education that draws on the vast resources of the nation's largest urban public university.

"All of us who are part of the Macaulay community of scholars — students, faculty, academic advisors, staff, and campus directors — take great joy in working together to build a transformational experience for extraordinary people. This top rating is recognition that we are on the right

track," Macaulay Dean Mary Pearl said.

Stella and Charles Guttman Community College is ranked the best community college in New York State by EDsmart, publisher of Best Community Colleges — garnering the only perfect 100 in its scoring system.

Founded four years ago, Guttman offers associate degree programs as part of an innovative model that emphasizes experiential education, learning communities, instructional teams and a balance between being "high tech" and "high touch."

Fifty-one percent of its 2012 inaugural class have now earned their associate degrees — a metric significantly higher than the national norm.

EDsmart based its rankings of 121 two-year colleges in New York State — primarily CUNY and SUNY — on factors including retention rate, transfer rate, graduation rate and net price.

Forbes magazine's 2016 rankings of 600 public and private colleges and universities places City 62nd among public colleges, Baruch 74th, Queens 80th and Hunter 83rd. Forbes rankings assess what students get out of college by looking at the compensation that alumni earn after graduation, student debt, student satisfaction, graduation rate and academic success.

In other rankings, City, Hunter and Queens Colleges were included by the Center for World University Rank-

ings. This is the only global university ranking that measures the quality of education and training of students, as well as the prestige of the faculty members and the quality of their research, without relying on surveys and university data submissions. The list included 1,000 colleges from around the world.

U.S. News & World Report ranks Baruch College #5 among top public institutions and #20 overall, both for the Regional Universities in the North category .

The Chronicle of Higher Education's 2016 Almanac recently listed John Jay College of Criminal Justice 7th among more than 600 universities nationwide in terms of greatest increase in research grant dollars for the fiscal years 2005 – 2014, and 12th in terms of greatest increase in federal research dollars for the same period.

CUNY is the first and largest university system in America to be named Military Friendly in 2016 in recognition of its programs for veterans, members of the armed forces leaving military service, and their military spouses.

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