

UCSD ranks sixth nationally in annual survey

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The University of California, San Diego is ranked as the sixth best public university in the nation in the 12th annual edition of America's Best Colleges issued today by U.S. News and World Report.

The guide rated 1,400 schools, designating 50 as best among the largest and best known national universities, and 50 as best among the public national universities.

Of the 50 state-supported universities, the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Virginia tied for the number one rank, followed by the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, third; UCLA and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor tied for the fourth spot, and UCSD at sixth.

UCSD is the only institution among the top ranks to be founded in the post-WW II era. The San Diego campus moved up from a seventh place ranking last year, topping such public institutions as the University of Wisconsin, University of Illinois and Pennsylvania State. Other UC rankings included UC Davis, tied at 11th and UC Santa Barbara, at 14th.

Among the nation's top national universities, both private and state-supported, UCSD ranked 32nd, up one rank from last year's survey. Harvard, Princeton and Yale tied for first in this category, followed by MIT and Stanford.

To determine the rankings, the publication polled 1,400 four-year accredited colleges and universities on attributes such as academic reputation, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance and alumni giving rate.

The rankings will be available today on U.S. News Online, <http://www.usnews.com>; the guidebook and U.S. News magazine will be on newsstands Aug. 24.

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