DePaul’s Ranks on Six of Eight U.S. News Indicators are Highest in 10 Years

U.S. News & World Report published the new “America’s Best Colleges 2015” magazine in August 2014, kicking off another round of rankings and ratings publications. Probably the most well-known, “America’s Best Colleges” has since the 1980s ranked institutions on several variables related to perception of reputation, profile, resources and outcomes. Eight indicators make up the total ranking, ranging in weight from Retention, which accounts for 22.5 percent of the overall score, to Alumni Giving, accounting for 5 percent of the overall score.

In the 2015 publication, DePaul’s overall rank remains the same as last year at 121 out of nearly 400 national universities. Yet the rankings of six of the eight indicators are at their highest point in 10 years, including the two highest weighted indicators: Retention and Faculty Resources.

Additionally, DePaul’s rankings for Alumni Giving and Financial Resources have been steady or have increased over the past five years.

Over the years, the ranking methodology has evolved, with recent methodologies giving more weight to outcome measures and introducing a Counselor Rating indicator to augment but not increase the weight of the Peer Assessment.

![DePaul's Rank on U.S. News Indicators from 2006 to 2015](chart)

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