

St. Norbert College: Top performer in U.S. News & World Report rankings for social mobility

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De Pere, Wis.: St. Norbert College is ranked among the top 100 national liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News & World Report rankings for Social mobility. St. Norbert is tied for 87th in the ranking.

Social mobility measures how well schools graduated students who received Pell Grants. (Those typically coming from households whose family incomes are less than \$50,000 annually, though most Pell Grant money goes to students with a total family income below \$20,000.)

“We appreciate this recognition and are proud to be among the nation’s best liberal arts colleges,” said St. Norbert President Brian Bruess. “It’s our mission to graduate outstanding citizens who make a difference in the lives of others.”

Economically disadvantaged students are less likely to finish college, even when controlling for other characteristics. But some colleges are more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants.

For the second consecutive year, U.S. News published a distinct social-mobility ranking for all schools. The social-mobility ranking is computed from two ranking factors assessing graduation rates of Pell-awarded students (collectively they account for a total of 5 percent of the institution’s overall ranking).

The only Norbertine college in the world, St. Norbert is a four-year, Catholic liberal arts institution nestled beside the Fox River in De Pere, Wis., neighboring Green

Bay. Founded in 1898, the college became coeducational in 1952. Today the residential campus serves approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, hailing from throughout the United States and nearly 20 countries.

Recent years have seen record enrollments and unprecedented investments in the St. Norbert campus. The academic excellence of the college is nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, Princeton Review and others.

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