

UW-Stevens Point: Ranked among top Midwest public universities

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is again ranked among the best public universities in the Midwest, according to U.S. News and World Report.

The magazine's 2021 rankings place UW-Stevens Point as 14th among regional public universities in the 12 states in its Midwest region. The university was recognized for solid reputation among peer institutions, low student-to-faculty ratio and retention of first-year students.

"We are particularly proud of our ranking on social mobility," said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. This ranking, new last year, measures mobility of students who typically are from low-income families. The ranking is based on two key factors and looks at graduation rates of students who receive federal Pell grants. UW-Stevens Point is second among Wisconsin public and private universities on social mobility, according to U.S. News rankings.

"A bachelor's degree opens opportunities for meaningful professions and higher wages – more than \$1 million during a career, according to the PEW Research Center. A high quality, affordable education levels the playing field for many UW-Stevens Point students so they pursue their purpose," Patterson said.

UW-Stevens Point also was among the 10 Wisconsin public and private universities to make Money magazine's list of best colleges for the cost.

[The 2020 list](#) includes more than 700 colleges and universities nationwide with graduation rates at or above the median. Universities were then ranked based on

26 factors in three categories: quality of education, affordability and outcomes.

Money magazine cited UW-Stevens Point's good graduation rate, low student-faculty ratio, good PELL recipient outcomes, lower net price compared to peers, graduate debt repayment/default rates. More than 80 percent of students with financial need receive grants. UW-Stevens Point graduates have positive earnings growth over their careers.

"UW-Stevens Point is consistently ranked for quality education, helpful faculty and great value. We offer the tremendous learning environment and competitive cost that appeals to students," Patterson said. "UWSP provides a solid return on your education investment."

To view the 2021 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings, visit www.usnews.com/best-colleges.

Established in 1894, UW-Stevens Point is located on a 400-acre campus in Central Wisconsin. More than 100 program options at the bachelor's and graduate level provide world-class opportunities in the arts, natural resources, business, health care, education, humanities and the sciences. Approximately 8,100 students attend UW-Stevens Point, which has a 280-acre nature reserve and is located in a city voted among the Best College Towns in the nation. UW-Stevens Point also has branch campuses in Marshfield and Wausau.