

The University of Mary Washington

has had a remarkable year in terms of national rankings for both quality and value. These independent evaluations of our institution speak to the dedication of our faculty and staff and their efforts to provide a world-class learning environment for our students.

The quality of our programs has received many accolades this year.

- **PARADE** magazine's *College A-List* for the 2010-2011 academic year says UMW "combines the very best personalized community qualities of a liberal arts college with the diversity and curricular breadth of a university."
- In the **Forbes.com** 2010 listing of *America's Best Colleges*, UMW ranked 121st out of 600 undergraduate institutions that the magazine considers to be the best in the nation.
- In a national survey conducted by the American
 Enterprise Institute called "Diplomas and
 Dropouts," UMW had the third highest graduation rate among "very competitive" Southern schools.
- **Princeton Review** included UMW in its 2011 edition of *The Best 373 Colleges* in the nation.
- In the most widely read annual college ranking,
 U.S. News and World Report's 2011 Best
 Colleges guide, UMW ranked 13th in the South among master's-granting institutions, and fifth among public institutions.
- In the 2010 **Peace Corps** annual list of *Top Producing Colleges* and *Universities*, UMW is ranked No. 2 among small colleges and universities. Currently, 23 alumni volunteer for the Peace Corps.

The University of Mary Washington is a public bastion of the liberal arts in Virginia. It's "not too big and not too small," and it offers "a private school education at half the cost."

- The Princeton Review



Strolling among the university's elegant buildings of red brick with white columns has led more than one pleased parent to declare, "Now this is what a college should look like." Indeed, for an aura of history and tradition, few schools stack up to this small college in Fredericksburg, a site of Civil War action and the boyhood town of George Washington.

- Fiske Guide to Colleges

Not only has our quality been recognized, so too has the value of our education.

- The highly selective **Fiske Guide to Colleges** 2011 edition named Mary Washington one of the top 21 "Best Buys" in public education in America the only higher education institution in Virginia, Maryland, or Washington D.C., to make the list.
- Wiplinger's Personal Finance magazine named UMW one of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges for 2010. UMW ranked 38th when using in-state tuition costs to calculate the listing and the 42nd best value when comparing out-of-state tuition costs.
- Similarly, **Forbes.com** in its list of *America's Best Values* ranked UMW the 13th best public college and 58th among all universities in the nation.
- **Princeton Review** included UMW in its list of the *100 Best Value Colleges for 2010*, featuring the top 50 public and top 50 private colleges and universities in the U.S.
- **Reader's Digest** online magazine, *Shine*, called Mary Washington "A Top Financial Find."

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