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**UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH RECEIVES MULTIPLE TOP CONNECTICUT RANKINGS IN
U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S 2020 NATIONAL COLLEGE REPORT**

***For Connecticut Schools, USJ Ranked:
No. 3 in Best National Universities
No. 2 in Best Value
No. 1 in Social Mobility
No. 1 in A+ Schools for B Students***

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 9, 2019) – The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) received several top Connecticut rankings in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 National College Report.

USJ was recognized as the No. 1 Connecticut university for Social Mobility, No. 1 in A+ Schools for B Students, No. 2 in Best Value and No. 3 in Best National Universities, after Yale University and University of Connecticut.

This news is especially significant as it is USJ's first time in U.S. News & World Report's "National Universities" category after years of being ranked as one of the best colleges in the north region.

"USJ's approach to academic excellence has always rested on students being in small classes taught by full-time faculty in programs that ease them into careers with internships and field experiences in the Hartford region." said President Rhona Free, Ph.D. "We are honored to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report for the accomplishments of the entire University community, but – above all – we are proud of our students for their success in the classroom, workforce, and society."

The U.S. News & World Report 2020 National College Report acknowledged USJ as:

- No. 3 Connecticut University in "Best National Universities" – One of the 10 Best Colleges Categories, this ranking helps determine USJ's placement on the three previous lists, all of which represent the University's dedication to its [core values](#).

- No. 2 Connecticut University in “Best Value Schools” – This list assesses universities based on their academic quality, the percentage of their students receiving scholarships, and the average discount those scholarships afford students.
- No. 1 Connecticut University in “Top Performers on Social Mobility” – This measures a school’s success at supporting and graduating students from [a variety of socioeconomic backgrounds](#). Rankings are not only established based on the comparison of graduation rates of students who received federal Pell Grants and those who did not, but also the evaluation of the broad pool of Pell-eligible students attending the University.
- No. 1 Connecticut University in “A+ Schools for B Students” – USJ was eligible for this list based on its ranking in the “National Universities” category, its rate of retention for first-year students, and fall 2018 admissions data, including students’ high school class standings and standardized test scores.

U.S. News & World Report groups colleges based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Rankings are based on [criteria](#) including graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, admissions selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and peer assessment.

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The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of coeducational undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with opportunities for mentored research, community service, clinical field work, and internships. Programs are taught on the University’s two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph offers degrees with value and values. To learn more, view our website at www.usj.edu.

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