Clemson again ranked among top US schools

CLEMSON: Recognized for engineering, business schools

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CLEMSON — Clemson University is ranked the 23rd best national public university by U.S. News & World Report in the publication's annual rankings, marking the ninth consecutive year the school has ranked in the top 25 in the publication's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges."

"The latest U.S. News rankings confirm what so many of us associated with this great university have known for years: Clemson offers one of the very finest educational experiences in the country," Clemson president Jim Clements said. "Our outstanding faculty and staff continue to provide life-changing educational opportunities for our students, and it is extremely gratifying to see their effort, along with the support of our incredible alumni base, continue to be recognized in this way."

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The U.S. News rankings measure institutions' performance on up

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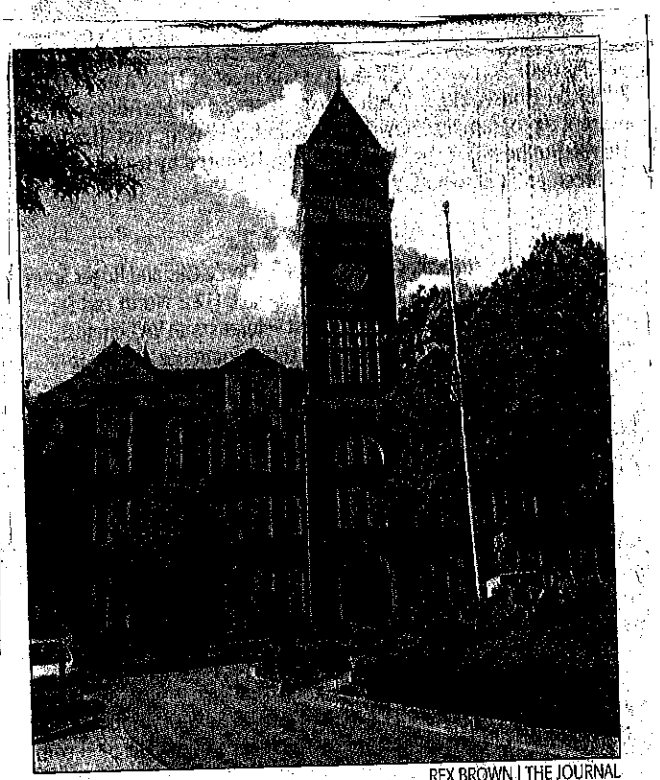
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to 16 measures of academic quality, as well as on how they are perceived by their peers. The rankings emphasize outcomes, with graduation and retention rates accounting for 30 percent of the score. The top schools all have high six-year graduation rates and strong freshman retention rates.

Clemson's total score across all measures tied its highest mark ever thanks to strong showings in a number of categories. Of note, Clemson's average six-year graduation rate is 81 percent, which is well above the national average of 59 percent and good enough to put it 19th in that category.

Clemson ranked No. 20 in the percentage of students who placed in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes, and Clemson graduates' generosity put the school at the top of the alumni-giving rate category in sixth place.

Ranked 66th among all national universities, Clemson also was recognized for its outstanding engineering and business schools — ranking No. 53 and No. 63, respectively, for those undergraduate programs. The school was also ranked again as one of the top 50 best colleges for veterans.



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Clemson University ranked highly in a number of categories in U.S. News & World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges."