Clemson moves to 21st in college rankings

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CLEMSON — Clemson University ranks 21st among national public universities, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges" for 2014, school officials said late Monday night.

That marks the university's highest rank, and it is the sixth consecutive year the school has been in the top 25.

Also, Clemson ranks eighth among "up-and-coming schools" that have made "the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus or facilities," the school said.

The university also was recognized for writing in the disciplines and senior capstone.

"I am very pleased that Clemson's momentum to the top 20 continues, but it is important to remember why we set such an ambitious goal in the first place," said Clemson President James F. Barker. "It is because U.S. News measures and reports on things that students and parents care about, like class size, graduation rate, freshman retention rate, faculty and student resources."

Clemson was identified as one of 19 colleges and universities in the nation that make writing a priority across all disciplines.

The university also was identified as one of 14 schools excelling in senior capstone -- experiences graduating students participate in to create a project that integrates and synthesizes what they've learned over the course of their undergraduate college years.

Clemson was ranked 59th in engineering schools among all institutions, public and private, whose highest degree is a doctorate.