

Clemson ranks 25th in new U.S. News list

USC's international business program keeps number one spot

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Clemson University ranked 25th among the nation's top public universities, and the University of South Carolina maintained its top slot as the national leader in undergraduate international business programs, according to U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking released today.

The rankings appear in the magazine's 2012 "America's Best Colleges Guide."

Clemson has been as high as 22nd among national public universities and last year was 23rd.

Although the university's decade-long goal to be in the top 20 remains elusive, Clemson President James Barker said being in the top 25 for four consecutive years is "a significant accomplishment" and "a tribute to the hard work of Clemson faculty, staff, students and alumni."

USC was ranked 54 in the list of national public universities.

On the full list of national public and private universities — headed by Harvard, Princeton and Yale universities — Clemson ranked 68th, USC ranked 111th and South Carolina State University ranked 150th.

USC's Darla Moore



| 2012 college rankings | |
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| National Universities (public and private) | |
| Clemson University | 68 |
| USC | 111 |
| S.C. State | 150 |
| National Universities (public) | |
| Clemson University | 25 |
| National Liberal Arts Colleges | |
| Furman University | 42 |
| Wofford College | 64 |
| Presbyterian College | 121 |
| Erskine | 144 |
| International business undergraduate programs | |
| USC Moore School of Business | 1 |

School of Business' international undergraduate program earned the No. 1 ranking for the 15th consecutive year, and the school moved up one spot to 42 for overall business education nationally.

"Our faculty and staff continue to lead with our innovative curriculum and programming in ways that clearly resonate with students, employers and our loyal alumni," Dean Hildy Teegen said.

Furman University ranked 42nd in the National Liberal Arts College category. Wofford

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College was 64th, Presbyterian was 121st and Erskine was 144th, rounding out the South Carolina schools in the top tier of that category.

Furman President Rod Smolla said the ranking is "what we have long known — that Furman is among the nation's leading liberal arts universities," although it has shunned the ranking in recent years due to the emphasis on peer evaluation by administrators of other schools.

"We don't put too much emphasis on rankings because they can't tell the whole story about a college. There are many wonderful schools that do not make the top listings,

Clemson's climb to the top 20

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| 2007 | 30 |
| 2008 | 27 |
| 2009 | 22 |
| 2010 | 22 |
| 2011 | 23 |
| 2012 | 25 |

and each family needs to consider the larger picture and determine what is the best fit for their students," Smolla said.

The Citadel ranked fifth among regional Southern universities. College of Charleston was 11th; Converse College was 17th, and Winthrop University was 21st.

USC-Aiken ranked first, and USC-Upstate ranked third among top public regional colleges in the South. Among all regional colleges, public and private, USC-Aiken ranked 14th; Coker College ranked 18th; Anderson University ranked 23rd, and North Greenville University ranked 30th.

USC-Upstate was 33rd and Newberry College was 47th among the top 50 listed for that group.

Furman, USC and Clemson were on short lists of programs to look for. Furman received kudos for its undergraduate research and creative projects. Clemson was noted for writing in the disciplines and learning communities, and USC was noted for learning communities and its first-year experience.