

# Cashing in on tuition dollars



## Bang for the bucks

Smart Money magazine used data from PayScale.com to calculate "average payback," which is the ratio of what graduates earn in their early and mid-careers compared to tuition and fees.

### TOP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rank	School	Avg. payback
1.	U. of Georgia	338%
2.	Texas A&M	315%
3.	U. of Texas (Austin)	306%
4.	Georgia Tech	263%
5.	U. of Washington	225%
6.	Rutgers	214%
7.	U. of Illinois*	210%
8.	Clemson	201%
9.	Purdue	197%
10.	U. of N.C. (Chapel Hill)	190%

\*Urbana-Champaign.

### IVY LEAGUE SCHOOLS

Rank	School	Avg. payback
1.	Princeton	132%
2.	Dartmouth	131%
3.	Yale	127%
4.	Harvard	124%
5.	U. of Penn	124%
6.	Cornell	115%
7.	Columbia	112%
8.	Brown	108%

\*Ties resolved by exact figures.

SOURCE: Smart Money Magazine

## Survey: Clemson education pays off

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CLEMSON — Clemson University ranked eighth nationally in a new SmartMoney survey of the best colleges for making money.

The survey, which compares tuition costs to earning power of graduates, finds public universities outpace Ivy League schools in return on investment.

Leading the pack was

the University of Georgia, with a 338 percent average payback. Clemson, with a 201 percent payback, outpaced the top Ivy League school, Princeton University, which had a 132 percent payback.

The ranking was among 10 points Clemson President Jim Barker listed in an address to faculty and staff members Wednesday as reasons Clemson can look forward to a bright future.