

BACK TO SCHOOL  SURVEY

PARADE's  
**College  
 A-List**

State Schools

Small public schools

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
College of Charleston	Charleston, S.C.	10,147	\$10,314/\$23,172
The College of New Jersey	Ewing, N.J.	6135	\$13,549/\$22,935
New College of Florida	Sarasota, Fla.	825	\$5347/\$27,598
St. Mary's College of Maryland	St. Mary's City, Md.	2000	\$13,630/\$25,023
SUNY Geneseo	Geneseo, N.Y.	5000	\$6400/\$14,300
University of Mary Washington	Fredericksburg, Va.	4397	\$7862/\$19,590
University of North Carolina-Asheville	Asheville, N.C.	3700	\$4722/\$17,544

These schools combine the communal feel of a small liberal-arts college with the breadth of choice offered by a big university. New College of Florida, for example, has so few undergrads that students get “a private-college experience at a public-university price,” one counselor says.

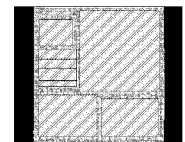
\*A single figure indicates that the fee is the same in-state and out-of-state.

Large public schools

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
Miami University of Ohio	Oxford, Ohio	14,671	\$12,198/\$26,988
SUNY Stony Brook	Stony Brook, N.Y.	16,395	\$6488/\$14,388
University of Georgia	Athens, Ga.	26,142	\$8736/\$26,946
University of Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	18,514	\$8190/\$25,830
University of Texas at Austin	Austin, Tex.	39,000	\$8986/\$29,916
University of Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	14,297	\$10,836/\$33,782
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Madison, Wis.	28,690	\$9050/\$24,300

Large public universities provide the best of both worlds for students seeking individual attention as well as a rich social scene. A counselor notes that “with great outdoor activities, a big sports atmosphere, and frats, the University of Oregon can be all things to all people.”

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## Private Schools

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Centre College</b>	<b>Danville, Ky.</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>\$40,750**</b>
<b>College of Wooster</b>	<b>Wooster, Ohio</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>\$36,250</b>
<b>Elon University</b>	<b>Elon, N.C.</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>\$26,827</b>
<b>High Point University</b>	<b>High Point, N.C.</b>	<b>3900</b>	<b>\$35,400**</b>
<b>Marist College</b>	<b>Poughkeepsie, N.Y.</b>	<b>4200</b>	<b>\$27,150</b>
<b>Stonehill College</b>	<b>Easton, Mass.</b>	<b>2424</b>	<b>\$32,620</b>
<b>Whitman College</b>	<b>Walla Walla, Wash.</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>\$38,770</b>

Private schools encourage more contact between professors and students, which can lead to job opportunities after graduation. Students are less likely to fall through the cracks. At Stonehill, for example, not showing up for class can result in a phone call from the professor.

\*\*Tuition figure includes room and board.

## Arts Programs

Name	Specialty	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Alfred University</b>	<b>ceramics</b>	<b>Alfred, N.Y.</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>\$14,762/\$20,314</b>
<b>Barnard College</b>	<b>theater</b>	<b>New York, N.Y.</b>	<b>2356</b>	<b>\$38,868</b>
<b>Chapman University</b>	<b>film</b>	<b>Orange, Calif.</b>	<b>4476</b>	<b>\$37,500</b>
<b>Connecticut College</b>	<b>theater, dance</b>	<b>New London, Conn.</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>\$43,990</b>
<b>MICA</b>	<b>studio arts</b>	<b>Baltimore, Md.</b>	<b>1714</b>	<b>\$34,550</b>
<b>Stetson University</b>	<b>music</b>	<b>DeLand, Fla.</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>\$31,374</b>
<b>University of Dallas</b>	<b>studio arts</b>	<b>Irving, Tex.</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>\$26,100</b>

Whether students choose to study at a conservatory like Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) or a liberal-arts school like Barnard, they'll receive a high-quality education. Connecticut College, for instance, offers students the chance to train for a semester at a European conservatory.

## Combined Bachelor's/Graduate Degree

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Case Western Reserve University</b>	<b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	<b>4228</b>	<b>\$38,028</b>
<b>Clark University</b>	<b>Worcester, Mass.</b>	<b>2190</b>	<b>\$36,100</b>
<b>Howard University</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>7400</b>	<b>\$17,100</b>
<b>Rollins College</b>	<b>Winter Park, Fla.</b>	<b>1750</b>	<b>\$37,640</b>
<b>Saint Louis University</b>	<b>St. Louis, Mo.</b>	<b>8119</b>	<b>\$30,330</b>
<b>University of Alabama at Birmingham</b>	<b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	<b>10,646</b>	<b>\$11,612/\$26,396</b>
<b>University of Rochester</b>	<b>Rochester, N.Y.</b>	<b>5066</b>	<b>\$40,282</b>

A combined degree can save money in the long run. Rollins College's Accelerated Management Program, one counselor suggests, "is perfect for students who have always known what they wanted to be and are ready to hop onto a fast track toward a career."

## Business and Accounting

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Babson College</b>	<b>Babson Park, Md.</b>	<b>1898</b>	<b>\$39,040</b>
<b>Bentley University</b>	<b>Waltham, Mass.</b>	<b>4259</b>	<b>\$34,360</b>
<b>Ohio State University</b>	<b>Columbus, Ohio</b>	<b>49,195</b>	<b>\$8706/\$22,278</b>
<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	<b>Dallas, Tex.</b>	<b>6200</b>	<b>\$33,040</b>
<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Philadelphia, Pa.</b>	<b>10,337</b>	<b>\$40,514</b>
<b>University of Southern California</b>	<b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>\$40,384</b>
<b>Villanova University</b>	<b>Villanova, Pa.</b>	<b>6342</b>	<b>\$39,350</b>

These programs offer students real-world experience in and out of the classroom. Bentley is among those with a live Wall Street ticker: Some students trade actively as members of the Bentley Investment Group—and in 2008 were more successful than most institutional investors! But undergrads also use their skills out of the classroom, sometimes in unlikely places. Villanova even has an internship program with the Vatican.

## Great Internship Opportunities

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>George Washington University</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>10,224</b>	<b>\$42,860</b>
<b>Goucher College</b>	<b>Towson, Md.</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>\$34,626</b>
<b>Kalamazoo College</b>	<b>Kalamazoo, Mich.</b>	<b>1350</b>	<b>\$34,017</b>
<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>Boston, Mass.</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>\$36,380</b>
<b>Pacific Lutheran University</b>	<b>Tacoma, Wash.</b>	<b>3305</b>	<b>\$29,200</b>
<b>Pitzer College</b>	<b>Claremont, Calif.</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>\$37,520</b>
<b>Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)</b>	<b>Henrietta, N.Y.</b>	<b>14,045</b>	<b>\$30,282</b>

Internships give students practical work experience that complements their studies. George Washington, for instance, is considered “the place to be for government internships of all sorts,” and RIT offers some form of experiential education for every academic program.

## Flexible Scheduling

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Columbia University</b>	<b>New York, N.Y.</b>	<b>7500</b>	<b>\$39,296</b>
<b>Georgia State University</b>	<b>Atlanta, Ga.</b>	<b>22,384</b>	<b>\$8698/\$26,908</b>
<b>Smith College</b>	<b>Northampton, Mass.</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>\$38,640</b>
<b>Tulane University</b>	<b>New Orleans, La.</b>	<b>7210</b>	<b>\$38,300</b>
<b>University of Houston</b>	<b>Houston, Tex.</b>	<b>28,056</b>	<b>\$16,418/\$21,994</b>
<b>University of Maryland, Baltimore County</b>	<b>Baltimore, Md.</b>	<b>9947</b>	<b>\$9171/\$19,108</b>
<b>University of Redlands</b>	<b>Redlands, Calif.</b>	<b>2950</b>	<b>\$35,240</b>

With their extensive part-time, evening, or weekend classes, these schools are ideal for both college-age and mature students. At Columbia’s School of General Studies, undergraduates can “attend full- or part-time and can change their status semester by semester.”

## Health Sciences

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Baylor University</b>	<b>Waco, Tex.</b>	<b>12,149</b>	<b>\$26,966</b>
<b>Emory University</b>	<b>Atlanta, Ga.</b>	<b>6890</b>	<b>\$38,600</b>
<b>Johns Hopkins University</b>	<b>Baltimore, Md.</b>	<b>4998</b>	<b>\$40,680</b>
<b>Quinnipiac University</b>	<b>Hamden, Conn.</b>	<b>5971</b>	<b>\$34,250</b>
<b>University of Miami</b>	<b>Coral Gables, Fla.</b>	<b>9855</b>	<b>\$36,188</b>
<b>University of Portland</b>	<b>Portland, Ore.</b>	<b>3077</b>	<b>\$30,800</b>
<b>University of San Francisco</b>	<b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	<b>4800</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>

Good health-care programs combine strong academic preparation with a hands-on approach and offer a wide variety of choice. At Quinnipiac, for instance, undergraduates can select from physician-assistant studies, athletic-training programs, and occupational and physical therapy.

## Liberal Arts

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Colorado College</b>	<b>Colorado Springs, Colo.</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>\$38,748</b>
<b>Furman University</b>	<b>Greenville, S.C.</b>	<b>2600</b>	<b>\$37,728</b>
<b>Kenyon College</b>	<b>Gambier, Ohio</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>\$39,420</b>
<b>Occidental College</b>	<b>Los Angeles, Calif.</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>\$39,870</b>
<b>Sewanee: The University of the South</b>	<b>Sewanee, Tenn.</b>	<b>1469</b>	<b>\$35,590</b>
<b>University of Chicago</b>	<b>Chicago, Ill.</b>	<b>5134</b>	<b>\$40,188</b>
<b>Wesleyan University</b>	<b>Middletown, Conn.</b>	<b>2700</b>	<b>\$41,814</b>

The best liberal-arts schools emphasize undergraduate education, providing students with reading, writing, and evaluation skills they can use in any job. At the University of Chicago, “scholars and students engage in creative inquiry and spirited debate that challenge conventional wisdom,” one counselor says.

## Special Needs

Name	Location	Undergraduate enrollment	Annual Tuition* In State/Out of State
<b>Adelphi University</b>	<b>Garden City, N.Y.</b>	<b>4954</b>	<b>\$25,950</b>
<b>American University</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>6241</b>	<b>\$26,180</b>
<b>Curry College</b>	<b>Milton, Mass.</b>	<b>3650</b>	<b>\$29,300</b>
<b>Lynn University</b>	<b>Boca Raton, Fla.</b>	<b>1786</b>	<b>\$29,400</b>
<b>Syracuse University</b>	<b>Syracuse, N.Y.</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>\$34,970</b>
<b>University of Arizona</b>	<b>Tucson, Ariz.</b>	<b>30,346</b>	<b>\$8238/\$24,596</b>
<b>University of the Ozarks</b>	<b>Clarksville, Ark.</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>\$19,930</b>

At these schools, students with special needs receive personal attention in structured programs. Students are assigned a disability-services or academic counselor who helps them get the resources they need—from tutoring to writing assistance to study-skills workshops.

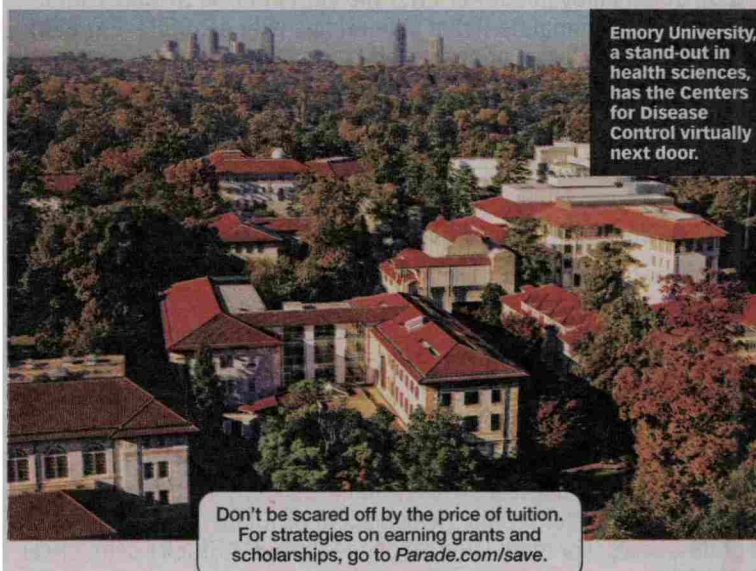
No disrespect to Harvard, Yale, and Princeton, but you don't need to attend a fabled Ivy to get a big-league education. PARADE asked high school counselors across the U.S. to

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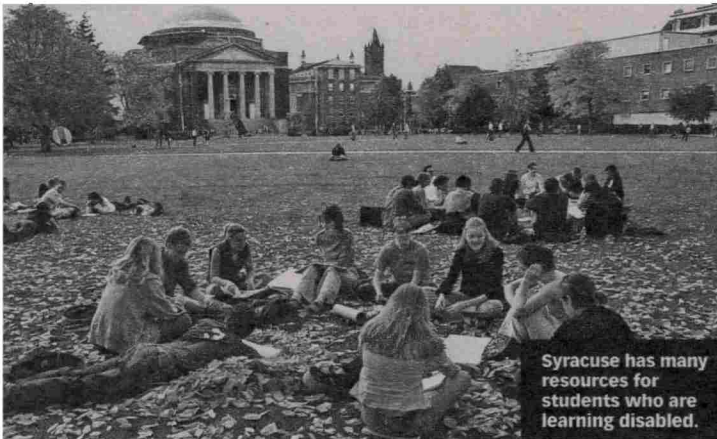
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**Emory University, a stand-out in health sciences, has the Centers for Disease Control virtually next door.**

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