

Wall Street Journal: Marquette Is Best University In State; UW-Milwaukee Ranked Only 373rd In Country

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The Wall Street Journal's Ranking Of America's 400 Best Universities Has Marquette University Decisively beating UW-Madison with UW-Milwaukee lagging behind a number of other state universities.

The WSJ, using a variety of criteria, ranks Marquette #56 in the nation. UW-Madison, which used to score highly in these types of rankings, is #79. UW-Milwaukee's score is downright lousy. UW-M is ranked 373rd and is especially hard hit for its putrid 13% graduation rate.

In order, the other Wisconsin schools to crack the Top 400 are: #328 UW-Eau Claire, #349 UW-Whitewater, #366 Lawrence University (Appleton) and #384 UW-River Falls.

No other state university cracked the Top 400. The WSJ's Top Five is typical: #1 Princeton, #2 MIT, #3 Yale, #4 Stanford, #5 Columbia. Harvard finished sixth, which for that university, is actually disappointing. But at least Harvard is 367 spots ahead of UW-Milwaukee.

Alas, my alma mater, UW-La Crosse, couldn't even make the Top 400. Things have obviously deteriorated since my days there.

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