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Whitman College makes Forbes' top 20 list

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SEATTLE – Washington state's Whitman College is the highest rated college in the Pacific Northwest, according to Forbes Magazine.

In its best colleges report, Forbes ranks the U.S. Military Academy at West Point as the best college in the country.

West Point beat out No. 2 Princeton and third-place California Institute of Technology in the America's Best College report.

The magazine cites the work ethic and drive to succeed at West Point, and the fact that cadets graduate without student debt since they get a free education.

West Point was ranked No. 6 by the magazine in 2008.

Whitman College ranks 20th on the national list. Reed College is the highest ranking Oregon school at No. 44. The College of Idaho ranks at 108th, the highest position for any school from the Gem State.

Complete list of Northwest colleges on Forbes' list

20 - Whitman College - WA

44 - Reed College - Ore

58 - George Fox University – Ore

108 - College of Idaho - Idaho

143 - Univ. of Puget Sound - WA

153 - Pacific University - Ore

165 - Linfield College - Ore

179 - Univ. of Washington, WA

198 - Whitworth University - WA

214 - Pacific Lutheran University - WA

232 - Lewis and Clark College - Ore

249 - Brigham Young Univ. - Idaho - Idaho

358 - Seattle University - WA

402 - Washington State Univ. - WA

424 - Western Washington Univ. - WA

451 - Seattle Pacific Univ. - WA

457 - Portland State Univ. - Ore

464 - Boise State Univ. - Idaho

467 - Oregon State Univ. - Ore

515 - Corban College - WA

522 - Univ. of Portland - Ore

533 - Oregon Institute of Technology - Ore