



# ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

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### **Assumption Listed in *Barron's Best Buys, U.S. News & World Report***

**Worcester, MA** (November 2, 2006) - The value of a college education is often debated in the media and in the homes of families across the country. Recently, the College Board released its annual report commenting on the rising cost of education, but pointed out that without it, lifetime earning potential is severely limited.

That is why Assumption College was honored to learn that it has been named as a "Best Value" in the ninth edition of *Barron's Best Buys in College Education*. The publication is in bookstores now.

As a best buy, students and parents can be assured they are receiving a first rate education at an affordable price. According to the book, "Schools covered in this book are moderately-priced ones that provide a high-quality education at bargain prices."

Assumption is the only school in Central Massachusetts that was recognized. Among colleges and universities in Massachusetts that were listed, Assumption was one of six along with Gordon College, Northeastern University, Olin College, Stonehill College, and Suffolk University.

"Assumption College is honored to be recognized by *Barron's* as one of the best 247 values in the country," said Evan Lipp, vice president of enrollment management. "Being recognized reflects the commitment of our faculty, the learning environment, and Assumption's financial aid program. Our faculty have been recognized nationally and are committed to scholarship and teaching with an unusually deep commitment to the individual student. They challenge students to accomplish more than they thought possible leading to 95 percent of our graduates securing jobs or attending graduate school immediately following their undergraduate experience," said Lipp.

The publishers took several factors into consideration when selecting a college as a best buy. Those factors included tuition and fees, outcome potential for graduates, academic programs, campus life, and financial aid. Data was collected from a variety of sources including a student questionnaire. "The 247 colleges chosen represent the best combination of sound data and student satisfaction," according to *Barron's*.

Assumption was also listed again in the 2007 *U.S. News & World Report* "America's Best Colleges" guide. For the last several years, Assumption has been included among the Best Universities—Master's

category, competing against other institutions in the North region. By definition, these institutions provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs, but they offer few, if any, doctoral program. Assumption is ranked 31st for the third consecutive year.

## **About Assumption College**

Assumption College is a liberal arts institution in Worcester, Mass., that was founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption. With 40 majors and 45 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, and professional studies, Assumption College offers an educational experience grounded in the rich Catholic intellectual tradition. Assumption graduates are known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service to their community. For more information, visit [www.assumption.edu](http://www.assumption.edu).

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