

## **BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE NAMED A “BEST REGIONAL COLLEGE” BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT**

BELMONT, N.C. (September 15, 2014) – In last week’s release of its annual college rankings, *U.S. News & World Report* once again named Belmont Abbey College one of the Best Regional Colleges of the South. In its 30<sup>th</sup> edition of rankings the publication released today Belmont Abbey College is ranked 37<sup>th</sup> amongst the top regional colleges of the South. This ranking is up two from last year’s ranking of 39<sup>th</sup>.

"I greatly appreciate *U.S. News & World Report* recognizing our dedication to our mission of graduating well-educated, well-formed and well-prepared men and women of excellence and virtue. Our ranking as a top tier college reflects our students’ ability to think clearly and find solutions to the toughest problems," said Dr. Bill Thierfelder, president of Belmont Abbey College. "Belmont Abbey is a place where an English major can become the CEO of a major multinational corporation or a History major can become the youngest member of Congress. But most importantly, they are striving each day to live out our motto: That in all things God may be glorified."

This year's Best Colleges Rankings edition includes data on nearly 1,800 colleges and universities. Eligible schools are ranked on up to 16 measures of academic excellence, including graduation rates, selectivity and freshmen retention, to help families compare schools, narrow their searches and make informed decisions. The 2015 [rankings methodology](#) remains the same as the 2014 edition's.

Belmont Abbey falls into the Regional College category based upon the types of degrees we offer and the fact that we do not have Master’s or Doctoral programs. To view Belmont Abbey’s profile on the *U.S. News & World Report* guide click [here](#).

### About Belmont Abbey College

Founded in 1876 by Benedictine monks, Belmont Abbey College focuses on the development of the whole person in mind, body and spirit. Located just 10 miles west of Charlotte, N.C., the College is currently home to more than 1600 students. For more information, visit [www.belmontabbeycollege.edu](http://www.belmontabbeycollege.edu).