

## **BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE RECOGNIZED BY THE CARDINAL NEWMAN GUIDE ONCE AGAIN**

BELMONT, N.C. (September 9, 2014) – In today’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 college of the South. This ranking is up two from last year’s ranking of 39<sup>th</sup>.

“National recognition of our small, private, Catholic college is both gratifying and exciting,” said President Dr. Bill Thierfelder. “To be recognized as one of the best colleges by any measure is a testament to our faculty, our staff and our students – and the hard work they do in service of the college and each other.”

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).