



Since 2000, Colleges of Distinction has been a trusted resource for parents and students, guidance counselors across the United States, and colleges and universities who all have one question: What colleges are the best places at which to learn, grow, and succeed?

We believe in the power of education. We are advocates for the American educational system and champions for great colleges. We think the true measure of a college is in its people and ideas, not in its numbers and rankings.

We're motivated to address increased transfer and dropout rates, the need for an educated citizenship in an ever-changing job market, and the stifled education deserts among shifting demographics.

Colleges of Distinction follows a unique approach, going beyond the traditional ranking models that assess colleges based on historic prestige, selectivity, athletic prowess, and size of endowment. Instead, we focus on institutions that deliver our **Four Distinctions** (Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Communities, Successful Outcomes), which we believe are the fundamental elements of an effective undergraduate education.

Through submitted nominations, high school guidance counselors, college administrators, and the Colleges of Distinction selection team itself bring excellent schools to our attention. These schools are then recognized as Colleges of Distinction after a process of extensive research and interviewing to ensure they are in line with our mission. Our methodology for selection includes a mix of qualitative and quantitative information gleaned from expert college presidents, provosts, deans, and administrators around the country.

Our nearly **400 member institutions** ensure that each student is seen as a member of the community throughout a full range of academic offerings.

Searching for a college is a complex, often emotional process. By pre-vetting hundreds of schools, we help you come to know a range of colleges while helping you understand what you want to get out of an education. Who knows? One of the schools that we have come to love may perhaps become your final college of choice.

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