



Chestnut Hill, Mass. -- The annual *US News & World Report* survey of American colleges and universities has ranked Boston College 34th among the nation's 262 national universities in its August 22 issue.

Boston College, which moved up one place in the rankings this year, saw its faculty resources rank improve from 69th last year to 52nd, its graduation and retention rate improve from 20th to 19th and its selectivity score move from 29th to 28th.

The University also improved to 38th from 43rd in the "Great Schools Great Prices" category, reflecting the University's commitment to meeting the full demonstrated need of all of its accepted students. In addition, the Carroll School of Management also moved up to 25th from 27th in the "Best Business Schools" rankings.

Boston College, Notre Dame (18th) and Georgetown (23rd) remain the only Catholic universities in the top 50. California boasted the most schools in the top 50 with nine, followed by Massachusetts with five (Harvard, MIT, Tufts University, Brandeis University and Boston College).

The rankings saw Harvard move into the top position, replacing last year's top finisher Princeton. Yale, MIT and Stanford rounded out the top five.

*US News'* complete guidebook, containing rankings of all colleges and universities can be accessed online at <http://www.usnews.com>.