

NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR WINSTON-SALEM

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- *One of Forbes’ Best Places for Business and Careers – 2014 (Forbes)*
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- *One of Forbes’ 19 Opportunities Cities in the United States - 2014 (Forbes)*
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/erincarlyle/2014/09/18/forbes-opportunity-cities-19-places-where-it-may-be-easier-to-make-your-mark/>
- *Top 10 Most Affordable, Big Cities in the United States (The Simple Dollar)*
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<http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/best-cities-for-professional-women/>
- *Top 25 Best Places to Retire in 2013 (Forbes)*
<http://www.forbes.com/pictures/mjf45qlmi/winston-salem-north-carolina/>
- *Most Affordable City in the United States (2012 Mercer Cost of Living Survey)*
<http://www.mercer.com/press-releases/cost-of-living-rankings>
- *#6 on List of Top 25 Best Places to Retire (CNNMoney - 2012)*
<http://money.cnn.com/gallery/retirement/2012/10/16/best-places-retire.moneymag/6.htm>
- *Ten Cheapest U.S. Cities to Live In – June 2012 (Kiplinger)*
<http://www.kiplinger.com/slideshow/real-estate/T006-S001-10-cheapest-u-s-cities-to-live-in/index.html?cid=32>
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- *No. 2 Best Downtown in America (Livability.com - 2011)*
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- *One of America's Best Downtowns: (Forbes/Yahoo Travel - 2011)*
<http://www.forbes.com/pictures/efel45eddf/winston-salem-n-c;>
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- *One of America's 50 Best Cities (Businessweek - 2011)*
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- 4th Least Expensive Location for a Data Center (*Bloomberg Businessweek – Boyd Co - 2011*)
http://www.bizjournals.com/triad/blog/2011/05/price-is-right-in-w-s-for-data-centers.html?ed=2011-05-12&s=article_du&ana=e_du_pub
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<http://www.bizjournals.com/triangle/blog/2010/11/survey-w-s-cheap-chapel-hill-pricey.html>
- 18th Cheapest City in the World for Expensive Living (*Bloomberg Businessweek - 2011*)
<http://images.businessweek.com/slideshows/20110712/world-s-cheapest-cities-for-expensive-living-2011/slides/9>
- 17th Least Expensive City in the World for International Business and Least Expensive in G8 Nations (*Bloomberg Businessweek - 2010*)
http://www.businessweek.com/globalbiz/content/jun2010/gb20100629_696577.htm
- 18th Best Place for Business and Careers (*Forbes - 2008*)
http://www.forbes.com/lists/2009/1/bizplaces09_Best-Places-For-Business-And-Careers_Rank.html
- Top 2 Metro Economic Growth Potential for 2009 - Under 200K Population (*Business Facilities Magazine*).
<http://digitaledition.qwinc.com/publication/?i=21120>
- Top Seven Intelligent Community of the Year for 2008 (*Intelligent Community Forum*)
- 13th Best Place for Affordable Homes (*Money - 2008*)

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- One of the Best Places for Business and Careers (*Forbes* - 2008)
http://www.forbes.com/lists/2008/1/bestplaces08_Best-Places-For-Business-And-Careers_Rank.html
- One of the Best Places to Live and Launch (*Fortune Small Business* - 2008)
<http://money.cnn.com/magazines/fsb/bestplaces/2008/top100/index.html>
- One of Six “Back from the Dead” Cities (*Fortune Small Business* - 2008)
http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2008/fsb/0803/gallery.back_from_dead.fsb/index.html
- One of Top 10 Places to Retire (*The Wall Street Journal-MarketWatch*, 2010)
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/the-top-10-places-to-retire-2010-02-25>
- One of Top 10 “Value Towns” for Retirees (*Dr. Warren Bland*)
<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/top-10-value-towns-retirees/story.aspx?quid={A993A0C3-326F-4D21-B681-283A287445AA}>
- One of Top 25 Locations for Biotechnology (*Business Facilities Magazine*) link broken
http://www.businessfacilities.com/bf_03_11_cover5.asp
- One of Top 20 Cities for Quality of Life (*Business Development Outlook Magazine*)
- Top 10 Digital City (*Center for Digital Government*) – 2011 10th Consecutive Year
<http://www.govtech.com/e-government/2010-Digital-Cities-Survey-Winners-Announced.html>
<http://www.centerdigitalgov.com/international/story.php?docid=92301>
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<http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2011/nov/25/1/winston-salem-high-point-ranked-among-best-digital-ar-1646517/?referer=http://search.yahoo.com/search?ei=UTF-8&fr=crmas&p=winston-salem+digital+city&shorturl=http://bit.ly/sP6FUq>

Additional Local Recognition

- **Wake Forest University**
U.S. News and World Report’s 2015 Best Colleges guide ranked Wake Forest University 27th among 280 national universities. Wake Forest has been ranked in

the top 30 in the national universities category for 19 consecutive years. The University has been ranked in the top 25 five times. (*U.S. News and World Report - 2014*). http://news.wfu.edu/2014/09/09/media-advisory-u-s-news-ranks-wake-forest-among-top-30-national-universities/?utm_content=bufferac3f&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

- **Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center**
 - One of “100 Great Hospitals in America” – Becker’s Hospital Review, 2014 <http://www.bizjournals.com/triad/news/2014/04/04/wake-forest-baptist-on-100-great-hospitals-list.html>
 - Ranked among “America’s Best Hospitals” in U.S. News & World Report since 1993. Wake Forest Baptist is ranked No. 2 overall in North Carolina and No. 1 in the state for its cancer program. The Medical Center was nationally ranked in four adult specialties: Cancer (20th), Ear, Nose & Throat (42nd), Nephrology (20th) and Pulmonology (43rd) as well as High Performing in eight additional adult specialties: Cardiology & Heart Surgery, Diabetes & Endocrinology, Gastroenterology & GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Gynecology, Neurology & Neurosurgery, Orthopedics and Urology.
 - Brenner Children’s Hospital, the pediatric arm of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, is ranked among the best children’s hospitals in the country according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2014-15 Best Children’s Hospitals rankings Brenner Children’s was ranked in two specialties, neonatology (No. 26) and orthopaedics (No. 39). (US News and World Report). <http://health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/pediatric-rankings>
 - Wake Forest University Office of Technology Asset Management Ranked Number 2 in the Country in Technology Transfer (Forbes) http://www.forbes.com/2008/09/12/google-general-electric-ent-tech-cx_mf_0912universitypatent.html?partner=email
 - Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Named One of the 2007 "Most Wired" Hospitals
 - 149 faculty physicians were listed in the most recent edition of “Best Doctors in America,” nearly 90 percent of the total listed in this region.
 - The Medical Center is ranked 50th among the nation’s hospitals for the number of doctors (26) listed in “America’s Top Doctors.”
 - Ranked among “America’s Best Hospitals” in U.S. News & World Report since 1993.
 - Winner of the Consumer Choice Award, which honors hospitals that consumers rate as having the highest quality and image, for the past eight years.

- One of the first 14 hospitals in the nation to receive Magnet Recognition for Excellence in Nursing Service. First in the Carolinas to be designated and to earn redesignation.
 - Ranked in the 98th percentile for patient satisfaction among peer institutions for the past five years.
 - <http://www1.wfubmc.edu/news/>
- **Wake Forest University School of Medicine**
The School of Medicine placed 19th among the nation's top medical schools in primary care and 42nd among research programs in the annual list of America's "Best Graduate Schools." (2012)
http://www.wakehealth.edu/News-Releases/2012/Wake_Forest_Baptist_Medical_Center_Ranked_Among_Top_for_Medical_Training_Research_Programs.htm?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_content=medicalschoolorankings&utm_campaign=usnwr2012
- **Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Dr. Anthony Atala –**
One of Smithsonian's 40 Things to Know about the Next 40 Years (July 2010)
http://microsite.smithsonianmag.com/content/40th-Anniversary/?utm_medium=internallink&utm_campaign=SmithMag&utm_content=Smithsonian+magazine's+40th+Anniversary&utm_source=relatedarticles
- **WFU Schools of Business**
 - The School of Business part-time Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs were ranked No. 20 in the nation and No. 1 in North Carolina. (*U.S. News and World Report 2014*)
<http://news.wfu.edu/2014/03/12/wfu-business-law-schools-rank-highly/>
 - Ranked among top 10% in the Nation (*U.S. News and World Report 2012*)
<http://business.wfu.edu/newsDetail.aspx?id=930>
 - No. 1 in the nation for undergraduate business program academic quality and No. 19 overall (*BusinessWeek 2012*)
<http://business.wfu.edu/newsDetail.aspx?id=942>
 - Top 50 nationally among Full-time MBA programs and No. 21 for “placement three-months after graduation” (*Financial Times 2010*)
 - No. 1 part-time MBA program in North Carolina and Top 10% nationwide (*U.S. News and World Report 2010*)
 - No. 19 nationally for undergraduate accounting program and No. 34 for undergraduate business program (*U.S. News and World Report 2010*)
 - No. 33 in the nation for the Full-time MBA program (*The Economist 2010*)
 - No. 32 in the nation for social and environmental stewardship (*Beyond Grey Pinstripes 2009*)
 - No. 24 in the nation for Full-time MBA program “average salary plus average bonus” and Top 50 overall (*US News and World Report 2010*)

- *No. 2, The Wall Street Journal* - The Wall Street Journal included Wake Forest in its ranking of the world's best business schools for the second consecutive year. Wake Forest placed No. 2 among the nation's top regional business schools. The survey included the opinions of 4,430 corporate recruiters who hire MBA graduates.
- *Top 38, BusinessWeek* - BusinessWeek ranks Wake Forest's full-time MBA program among the top 38 business schools in the nation. This comprehensive, biennial ranking incorporates input from recent graduates, opinions of corporate recruiters and a measurement of faculty quality. The magazine surveyed 16,565 MBA graduates from the Class of '06 and 426 companies that recruit MBAs. BusinessWeek also tallied faculty members' academic journal entries in 20 top-level publications, which accounts for 10 percent of a school's rank.
- *NO. 55, U.S. News & World Report* - Wake Forest's full-time MBA program is ranked No. 55 by U.S. News & World Report. The magazine surveyed 425 MBA programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). This ranking is based on a survey of business school deans and MBA program directors, a survey of corporate recruiters and company contacts who hire MBAs, job placement success and student selectivity.
- **Wake Forest University School of Law**
 - Ranked 31st Best Law Schools in the Country (*U.S. News and World Report 2014*)
 - <http://news.wfu.edu/2014/03/12/wfu-business-law-schools-rank-highly/>
 - One of Best Value in Law Schools – (*National Jurist - 2011*)
 - Top 10 Best Law School – *US News and World Report*
<http://grad-schools.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-graduate-schools/top-law-schools/wake-forest-university-03120>
- **Winston-Salem State University**
 - Winston-Salem State University has been ranked for a sixth consecutive year among Top Public Southern Comprehensive Colleges -Bachelor's category in the 2007 America's Best Colleges issue of U.S. News and World Report magazine. In this year's ranking, WSSU again placed number two in the category. WSSU has been ranked either number one or number two in this category since 2002. The rankings are part of the magazine's 2007 annual ranking of top universities in the nation. The ranking marks the sixth showing by WSSU in the publication's Best Colleges rankings in the past seven years.
- **UNC School of the Arts**
 - 6th Best Drama School in the World (Hollywood Reporter – 2014)
 - <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/25-best-drama-schools-2014-706880>
 - 3rd Best High School Drama Program (Hollywood Reporter –2014)

- http://www.bizjournals.com/triad/blog/2014/06/hollywood-reporter-pegs-uncsa-drama-school-at-no-6.html?ana=e_du_pub&s=article_du&ed=2014-06-04&u=g3yEnMG+B4nA2KYF/IHUeVHKGlR&t=1401910935
 - 12th Best Film School in the World (*Hollywood Reporter* - 2011)
<http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2011/aug/10/uncsas-film-school-gets-national-ranking-ar-1284853/>
 - One of Top 100 (41st) Best Values in Public Colleges (Kiplinger - 2012)
<http://www.uncsa.edu/pressreleases/releases2012/Jan2012/kiplingers2012.htm>
 - UNCSCA's Moving Image Archives is reported to be the 5th largest film archive in the United States (*Yes Weekly* 2012)
- **Salem College**
 - Money magazine has named Salem one of the top 10 "Best Buys" among women's colleges seven years in a row. (Also ranked in the top 150 "Best Buys" for all colleges and universities in the U.S and one of the top 25 "Best Buys" among liberal arts colleges in the Southeast.)