

# **US News Ranks USC No. 23 in Nation**

## ***USC's Historic Rise in Rankings Continues***

The University of Southern California continues its historic rise in national academic rankings, with *US News & World Report* this year naming the university No. 23 in the nation for the category "Best National Universities."

At 23rd, USC was tied with Carnegie Mellon University. *US News's* ranking lists USC among only five institutions in the American West in the top 25; the magazine also included Stanford (No. 5), Caltech (No. 7), UC Berkeley (No. 22), and UCLA (No. 25).

"USC's rise in academic quality over the past two decades has been unprecedented, and this year's rankings help confirm this," said USC President C. L. Max Nikias. "But our goal is to continue our momentum — and even to escalate it — in order to make this one of the most productive and influential universities in an epoch of global change."

From 1991 to date, USC has risen 28 places in the *US News* ranking. Moreover, USC was also rated as having among the most economically diverse student bodies in the country. USC was listed as third in that category, behind UCLA and UC Berkeley.

To create its rankings, the magazine annually compiles data on 16 indicators of quality, including academic reputation as rated by university leaders, admissions directors, and high school counselors across the nation.

The views of high school counselors were included in the ranking for the first time; among national universities, USC was ranked No. 22 by counselors. USC came in 39th in the category "Great Schools, Great Prices," among universities listed for offering the best value. College administrators also voted USC No. 11 on a list of "Up-and-Comers," among institutions that have made promising and innovative changes recently.

USC was also featured by *US News* in the category "Internships," recognizing schools that require or encourage students to take internships to augment classroom instruction.

Two USC schools were also singled out in the ranking for quality: USC's Marshall School of Business was ranked No. 10 nationally, and was listed as No. 4 in Entrepreneurship and No. 5 in Real Estate. The USC Viterbi School of Engineering was rated 26th overall.