

For Immediate Release

CONTACT: Jeremy Solomon, Director of Communications
617-521-2324 jeremy.solomon@simmons.edu

Simmons Climbs in Prestigious *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings

BOSTON (September 13, 2016) – Simmons College rose five spots to #11 in the 2017 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of Regional Universities (North), compared with last year’s rankings. Simmons also climbed three spots from #8 to #5 in the Best Value Schools (Regional – North) category.

“Our combination of rigor, exceptional student experience, value, and range of programs is being recognized by national evaluators,” said President Helen Drinan. “We believe we are achieving the attention our institution deserves.”

Widely considered to be the preeminent ranking service, *U.S. News* publishes annual rankings of thousands of colleges and universities including 643 in the regional university category. Simmons College ranked highly for small class size (71% of classes under 20), student/faculty ratio (10:1), average alumni giving rate (19%), and freshmen in the top 25% of their high school class (72%).

This year Simmons was recognized by several other national rankings organizations, including:

- 2017 The Princeton Review’s Guidebook of “Best 381 Colleges”
- 2016 MONEY Magazine’s Best Value Rankings
- 2016 FORBES list of “America’s Best Colleges”
- 2016 Kiplinger’s 300 Best College Values
- 2016 Nursing School Almanac (#25 nursing school in the U.S.; #15 among private nursing schools; #5 overall in New England)
- 2016 SR Education Group Top Graduate Schools (#28 Social Work; #9 Nursing)
- 2016 College Choice Best Women’s College in the U.S. (#6)

Simmons College (www.simmons.edu) is a nationally recognized private university located in the heart of Boston, and is the preeminent authority on women’s leadership. Founded in 1899, Simmons is the only undergraduate women’s college in Boston, and maintains a history of visionary thinking and a focus on social responsibility. The college offers world-class coeducational graduate programs in nursing and health sciences, including physical therapy and nutrition; liberal arts; life sciences; library and information science; business management; and social work. Follow Simmons on Twitter at [@SimmonsCollege](https://twitter.com/SimmonsCollege) and [@SimmonsNews](https://twitter.com/SimmonsNews).