URI School of Education breaks into top 100 among best public graduate schools by 2021 U.S. News & World Report

Kingston, R.I. XXXX – The School of Education in URI’s Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Education and Professional Studies has ranked number 94 among public research universities nationally by the 2021 U.S. News & World Report listing of Best Public Graduate Schools for Education.

The College had not ranked in the top 100 in recent years.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings serve as a primary indicator for academic quality. The current rankings were released on March 17, 2020, as part of the U.S. News & World Report’s annual campus compass report. Schools are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence.

Terry Deeney, professor of education and director of URI's graduate programs in the School of Education said, “This is a collective accomplishment for everyone in our college who does research, teaches, and works to attract and support top-notch graduate students into our masters and doctoral programs.”

Julie Coiro, associate professor and co-director of URI's Ph.D. in Education program added that over the past four years, a series of efforts have been set in motion to envision rigorous and flexible programs that “meet the changing needs of students hoping to make a difference in Rhode Island and beyond.”

Based at the Kingston campus, URI’s School of Education prepares future professionals in the field of education across multiple specialties in the field of education, offering teacher certification degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate level Degree offerings include bachelor’s, master’s and PhD, in addition to graduate certificates.

Like many universities, The Feinstein College’s School of Education has made improving U.S. News & World Report rankings a strategic goal, along with improving levels of local engagement, national respect and global involvement in its academic, administrative and instructional activities.
“After three years as dean of the College, I am proud that the efforts of our faculty, staff and students are being recognized by the *U.S. News & World Report,*” said R. Anthony Rolle, dean of the college.

“Being ranked in the top 100 among U.S. public institutions is a recognition that will inspire positive changes in student achievements, as well as URI’s research, granting and community engagement efforts that will influence national conversations on educational improvement,” Rolle added.

First published in 1983, U.S. News & World Report’s rankings are based upon information collected from educational institutions via an annual survey, government and third party data sources, and school websites. It also considers opinion surveys of university faculty and administrators outside the school.