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Webster University Ranks Top in Nation in Granting Graduate Degrees to Minority Students

Webster University, a worldwide university headquartered in St. Louis, MO with a local campus at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS, awards more graduate degrees to African Americans than any other U.S. higher education institution, according to a July survey published in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* (DIHE). The “Top 100 Degree Producers: Graduate & Professional Degrees 2006” survey is based on United States Department of Education data from the 2004-2005 academic year. DIHE’s ranking is the only national report of graduate degrees awarded to African American, Hispanic, Asian American and American Indian students by U.S. colleges and universities.

Webster University has consistently ranked high since the DIHE’s survey’s inception in 1991. This year, Webster University’s national rankings include:

- #1 Total Minority Master’s Degrees—All Disciplines Combined
- #1 African American Master’s Degrees--All Disciplines Combined
- #1 African American Master’s Degrees—Business, Psychology
- #1 Total Minority Master’s—Psychology
- #1 American Indian Master’s—Psychology
- #1 Hispanic Master’s—Psychology
- #2 Total Minority Master’s—Business
- #4 Hispanic Master’s—Business
- #5 American Indian Master’s—Business
- #6 American Indian Master’s—All Disciplines Combined

- #7 African American Master's—Health Professions & Related Clinical Services
- #8 Hispanic Master's—All Disciplines Combined
- #9 African American Doctorate—Business
- #10 Asian American Master's—Psychology
- #13 Asian American Master's—Business
- #16 Total Minority Doctorate—Business
- #34 Total Minority Master's—Health Professions & Related Clinical Services
- #40 Asian American Master's—All Disciplines Combined
- #47 African American Master's—Social Sciences & History
- #50 Hispanic Master's—Health Professions & Related Clinical Services

Founded as a small liberal arts college in 1915, Webster University now serves 23,000 students worldwide from its headquarters campus in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. The university operates campuses throughout the United States and in Austria, China, England, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Thailand.

Since 1984, *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* (formerly *Black Issues in Higher Education*) magazine has been the nation's premiere publication about minorities in American higher education. Reaching more than 200,000 readers biweekly, DIHE has been recognized and award for its in-depth news coverage, insightful commentary, provocative special reports and original research.

Since 1976, Webster University at McConnell Air Force Base has served the educational needs of military and civilian students in the Wichita area. Webster's strong academic reputation, worldwide locations and accessibility, and emphasis on personal attention to each student are keys to its success. "Getting to know our students, being a part of the communities where our extended campuses are located, participating in local Chambers of Commerce and business efforts—all of these distinguish Webster University and its students," says Senior Director Chris Heilman.

"Being noted as 'Top in the Nation in Granting Graduate Degrees to Minority

Students' is wonderful not only because it distinguishes Webster University," Heilman says, "but more importantly, because it heralds the efforts, talents and excellence demonstrated by minority students around the world."

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