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ANAC Graduate Programs Improve Their *US News* Rankings

BOSTON, April 7, 2008 — Law, pharmacy and physical therapy are rising stars at Associated New American Colleges.

In *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools," Drake University's College of Pharmacy tied for fifth place among private institutions.

"Drake is committed to having an excellent professional program ranked highly among our peer institutions across the country," said Raylene Rospond, dean of the college. "The improved score demonstrates our commitment to continuous quality improvement."



U.S. News also ranked Arcadia University's Physical Therapy program as seventh in the nation among the more than 200 graduate PT programs. Arcadia, in metropolitan Philadelphia, offers both the entry-level and transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees. All graduates of Arcadia's program to date have passed the licensure examination in their state of choice. Arcadia PT students have taken their profession around the globe, both administering pro bono care and delivering professional instruction for medical personnel in the field. Their next scheduled abroad experience is in Peru in August.

Hamline University's School of Law has moved into the third tier in the *U.S. News* rankings of the nation's best law schools, graduate schools and specialty programs. In addition, Hamline's Dispute Resolution Institute has been ranked in the top five in the nation for the eighth consecutive year.

"Hamline's overall ranking in the third tier reflects a growing national recognition of the educational quality and innovative programs at Hamline, including the successful establishment of our new Health Law Institute, our newly-developing Business Law Institute, the expansion of innovative dual degree programs, and an increasingly strong first-time bar passage rate by our graduates," said Hamline University School of Law Dean Jon Garon.

Hamline joins fellow ANAC members, Drake University and Quinnipiac University, in the third tier of the *US News* rankings of law schools.

Also, Simmons College's library science program was ranked #13, making it the highest-ranked library science program at a small college.

For additional information about the rankings, [visit the U.S. News Web site](#).

About Associated New American Colleges (ANAC)

The Associated New American Colleges (ANAC) was founded in 1995 to promote the intentional integration of the liberal arts and sciences, professional preparation, and civic education in undergraduate and graduate education. Often described as “collegiate universities,” New American Colleges and Universities combine a strong commitment to teaching in a highly personalized liberal arts residential environment with the diverse programs and opportunities of a large research university. New American Colleges and Universities effectively blend classroom and community, coordinating theoretical and experiential learning through undergraduate and graduate research, professional practice and internships, and community economic and social development projects. With a collective enrollment of more than 80,000 students, ANAC’s 21 member colleges and universities are regarded as national models of integrative institutions. For more information, please visit www.anac.org.

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