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Forbes names CSU in ranking of Fort Collins as "Best Places for Business and Careers"

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So what has Fort Collins got over Nashville, Austin, San Antonio, Denver and Dallas? Colorado State University.

According to Forbes magazine, Fort Collins is fifth in its list of "Best Places for Business and Careers" - ahead of those cities - partly because of its location near the university. Forbes on Thursday released its top 10 list, which largely focuses on Western cities (six of the 10). As part of the ranking, the magazine mentioned Colorado State University as a key piece that attracts businesses.



Research occurring at CSU was part of the Forbes ranking

From the Forbes ranking about Fort Collins:

"Fort Collins is a large college town, home to Colorado State University. Many high-tech companies including Hewlett Packard, Intel, AMD, Amago, among others, have relocated to Fort Collins to take advantage of the resources of CSU and its research facilities. Up and coming industries within the area include clean energy, bioscience, and agri-tech businesses."

To see the full story on Fort Collins, go to <http://www.forbes.com/places/co/fort-collins/>. The complete Forbes list:

1. Raleigh, N.C.
2. Des Moines, Iowa
3. Provo, Utah
4. Lexington, KY
- 5. Fort Collins, CO**
6. Nashville, Tenn.
7. Austin, Texas
8. San Antonio, Texas
9. Denver, CO
10. Dallas, Texas

Colorado State is recognized as a national research powerhouse with more than \$300 million in annual research expenditures, ranking it second in the nation for federal expenditures by all public universities without a medical school.

In May, Wired magazine's June issue listed Fort Collins as one of "The Emerging Epicenters" for innovation and high-tech job growth in green technology, singling out Fort Collins-based companies VanDyne SuperTurbo, Woodward Inc. and the Colorado State University Engines



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Old Town Fort Collins, a popular asset in the community, is close to campus

Other recent CSU rankings:

- In January, Colorado State University was ranked among the 2011 "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" by Kiplinger's. Kiplinger's methodology for determining the best values in public education includes data on more than 500 top public institutions and ranks quality measures such as admission rate, test scores of incoming freshmen and four- and six-year graduation rates. Also part of the ranking is cost data including tuition, fees, room and board, and financial aid for in-state and out-of-state students. Institutions listed among the top values are based on a combination of academic quality and affordability.
- U.S. News and World Report ranked Colorado State University in the top tier of best universities in the nation in the 2011 "America's Best Colleges" edition. The magazine listed Colorado State in the top tier of public and private doctoral universities, ranking the university No. 60 among public universities, up from No. 64 last year.
- Colorado State is one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education and one of the 120 "Best in the West," according to The Princeton Review, a New York-based education services company. Only 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges surveyed were listed in "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region" at www.PrincetonReview.com. Colorado State also ranked as one of the best overall 373 colleges in the new 2011 edition of Princeton's annual guide.
- Colorado State University's College of Business offers one of the best MBA programs in the nation and in the Western United States, according to The Princeton Review. Colorado State's business college is among 300 colleges listed in the 2011 edition of Princeton Review's "The Best 300 Business Schools."
- Colorado State is on Forbes' America's Best Colleges list for 2010. The ranking lists the best public and private colleges and universities from the student point of view.
- The College of Agricultural Sciences consistently ranks in the top 10 in the country in terms of awards, grants and contracts received.
- Colorado State University ranks third in the nation in the number of undergraduate alumni per capita serving in the Peace Corps and 10th overall among all universities and colleges for the number of alumni serving as Peace Corps volunteers, according to the most recent rankings by the Peace Corps. Colorado State consistently lands in the top 15 among universities and colleges with more than 15,000 undergraduates.

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