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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan moved up three spots to No. 47 in *Washington Monthly*'s 2013 College Guide's annual ranking of 255 national liberal arts colleges. In addition, the magazine introduced a new ranking, which is based on the "economic value students receive per dollar," called the "Best Bang for the Buck Rankings," and Wesleyan was also No. 47 on that list.

"While there are many different college rankings, *Washington Monthly*'s effort is among the better ones, because they attempt to measure how universities and their graduates contribute to society and the value we deliver," said Illinois Wesleyan President Richard F. Wilson. "One of the weaknesses of other ranking systems is the lack of attention to the impact of the collegiate experience on students while enrolled and the impact of those students on society following graduation."

Washington Monthly's annual ranking is based on three "public good-based" criteria: recruiting and graduating low-income students, including the net price of tuition after financial aid; producing cutting-edge scholarship and producing graduates who move on to earn PhDs; and civic engagement, in their communities and nationally. The new "Best Bang for the Buck Rankings" are based on students receiving Pell Grants, graduation rates, student loan default rates and net price after financial aid.



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