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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan University has been named one of the best 368 undergraduate institutions in the nation by The Princeton Review. Published annually, the 2009 edition of the college guide, titled *The Best 368 Colleges*, features a two-page profile of the University.

Only 15 percent of the 2,500 four-year colleges in the United States have been selected for inclusion in the book, along with two colleges in Canada.

According to Robert Franek, the vice president of publishing for The Princeton Review, “We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics. We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and our visits to schools over the years. We also consider the opinions of independent college counselors, students and parents we hear from year-long. Finally, we work to have a wide representation of colleges in the book by region, size, selectivity and character.”

The New York-based education services company surveyed 120,000 students, including approximately 325 at Illinois Wesleyan. Students completed an 80-question survey, which asked them to rate the University on several topics.

Among the opinions expressed about Illinois Wesleyan was the consensus that the University offers personalized attention, quality faculty and staff, and a comfortable environment in which students can find their own “niche.” Students also reported that “the school encourages exploring multiple interests,” and allows students the opportunity to take an active role in their academic careers.

The guide also includes ratings in eight categories based on numerical scores from 60 to 99. Rankings include quality of life, academics, admissions and a new green rating for which Illinois Wesleyan received a 77.

For additional information, visit The Princeton Review’s Web site at www.princetonreview.com.