WITC ranks 4th best two-year college in nation

College ranked in top ten for past nine years

Although the school year is only a few days old, students at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College’s four campuses have reason to be especially optimistic. A study by Washington Monthly ranks WITC fourth among two-year colleges nationwide.

In 2007, Washington Monthly combined results from a nonprofit organization called the Community College Survey of Student Engagement with graduation rates published by the U.S. Department of Education to create the first-ever list of America’s best community/technical colleges – which ranked WITC seventh. In 2010, new information was compiled and WITC moved up to sixth. This year the list was updated with new CCSSE data ranking roughly 700 community/technical colleges nationwide in order to identify the 50 best community/technical colleges of 2013.

WITC President Bob Meyer states that the board, administration and staff are extremely proud of and pleased with the ranking.

“The movement up in the rankings is confirmation that the College’s strategic plan and continuous improvement activities are making a difference for our students,” Meyer said. “These results show how incredibly committed WITC’s entire staff is to making the students’ experience at WITC outstanding and rewarding.”

According to the Washington Monthly report, the CCSSE survey is comprised of more than 100 questions on a range of topics including teaching practices, student workload, interaction with faculty, and student support. The CCSSE combines the results of those questions into aggregate “benchmark” scores in five categories: “Active and Collaborative Learning,” “Student Effort,” “Academic Challenge,” “Student-Faculty Interaction,” and “Support for Learners.” The benchmark scores are standardized to range from 0 to 100 with an average score of 50.

WITC’s highest CCSSE scores were reflected in the “Active and Collaborative Learning” category. The WITC benchmark for “Student-faculty Interaction” was also quite high.

“WITC is a great place to get a quality education at an affordable cost,” said WITC early childhood education student Tarissa Deragon. “The staff, faculty and my fellow classmates make me happy about
coming to school. I’m confident in the education I’m getting here, knowing it will prepare me for whatever path I choose in the future.”

The *Washington Monthly* ranking supports WITC’s recent graduate follow-up survey. Ninety-seven percent of the graduates were satisfied with the training they received at WITC and that they would recommend WITC to a friend or family member.


Ranked fourth best two-year college in the nation by *Washington Monthly* magazine, WITC serves the educational and career needs of more than 25,000 residents of Northwestern Wisconsin each year. With multiple campuses, WITC offers career-focused associate degree programs, technical diplomas, short-term certificates, customized business training, and a wide array of courses for personal or career enrichment. WITC is a member of Wisconsin Technical College System. For more information, call 800.243.WITC or visit witc.edu. WITC is an Equal Opportunity/Access Employer and Educator.