Howdy!

The good news just keeps coming for Texas A&M and A&M System schools. You may recall that the Wall Street Journal previously reported Texas A&M University as the second best school for recruiting graduates for jobs. And, according to PayScale, the median starting and mid-career salaries for Texas Aggies are tops in Texas for public universities and perennially in the top 20 nationally.

Here are just a few more highlights from the last couple of weeks, and we're sure there is more to come as the summer progresses:

What do Bruce D. Broussard '84, David Cordani '88 and Greg C. Garland '80 have in common besides their Aggie rings? They are all CEOs of companies ranked in the top 100 on this year's FORTUNE 500 list of America's largest publicly held companies. And according to US News and World Report, with three CEOs in the top 100 Texas A&M is tied with Cornell, Harvard, Princeton, and Yale. And yes, we're the only Texas school to have that distinction. US News and World Report's full story is below, along with their table highlighting U.S. schools that awarded at least two undergraduate degrees to the Fortune 100 CEOs. You know the old saying: "What do you call an Aggie five years after graduation? Boss!" And here's the proof. Whoop!

Congratulations to Bruce Broussard, Chairman and CEO of Humana; David Cordani, President and CEO of Cigna; and Greg Garland, Chairman and CEO of Phillips 66 for their outstanding achievements. You have made all Aggies proud.

Colleges That Gave Fortune 500 CEOs Their Start

U.S. News & World Report
By Delece Smith-Barrow
A college degree won't guarantee career success, but getting one can be a step in the right direction toward becoming an industry leader.

Of the 100 CEOs leading companies at the top of this year's Fortune 500 list, at least 97 have a bachelor's degree. U.S. News looked at the educational backgrounds of the CEOs from the top 100 companies on the Fortune 500 list, which was released June 4. The educational background for three CEOs could not be confirmed.

Where the CEOs earned their degrees varies as much as the types of companies they lead.

Irene Rosenfeld, one of the few women on the list, studied psychology at Cornell University on her way to becoming chairwoman and chief executive officer at Mondelez International, which makes snacks such as Chips Ahoy! and Ritz crackers, and was ranked No. 91 by Fortune.

On the other end of the academic spectrum, Donnie Smith studied animal science at University of Tennessee on his journey to becoming president and CEO at Tyson Foods, which is famous for stocking grocery store shelves with chicken, beef and pork. Tyson was ranked No. 83 by Fortune.

At least 55 CEOs studied topics more typically associated with being a moneymaker, such as business, accounting and engineering, and many did so at top-ranked National Universities. These universities offer a full range of programs for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

Fortune magazine annually ranks companies by their total revenues within their respective fiscal years.

A table highlighting U.S. schools that awarded at least two undergraduate degrees to the Fortune 100 CEOs is below. The rank of their school is also included. The table is sorted by total number of degrees awarded per institution.

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<th>School (state)</th>
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University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 2 27 (tie), National Universities
University of Missouri-St. Louis 2 29, National Universities
University of North Carolina-Charlotte 2 RNP*, National Universities
University of Pennsylvania 2 201 (tie), National Universities
8 (tie), National Universities

*RNP denotes an institution that is ranked in the bottom one-fourth of its ranking category. U.S. News calculates a rank for the school but has decided not to publish it.


The original article may be found here.

Newsweek also weighs in with a story on "The Top Ten Public Schools For Getting A Well Paid Job." Texas A&M ranks eighth on this list that looks at graduates who are earning more at mid-career, more likely to pay off student loans, and landing jobs in well-paying occupations.

The Top Ten Public Schools For Getting A Well Paid Job

Newsweek
By Siddharth Kulkarni and Jonathan Rothwell

In our new report, "Beyond College Rankings," we score two- and four-year U.S. colleges by their "value-added," meaning the degree to which students do better than expected given their personal characteristics and the kind of school it is.

We define "doing better than expected" in three ways: earning more at mid-career, being more likely to pay off student loans and landing jobs in well-paying occupations.

Private schools, it seems, have a leg up. In terms of the first measure—mid-career earnings potential—41 of the top 50 four-year schools are private.

But many public schools make it a race. The list of the top 10 public schools (also in terms of later earnings) includes some household names like Berkeley and Texas A&M, but also some smaller schools that may not be well known outside their respective regions.
The "predicted" column shows what you would expect a student at a school of this type to be making at mid-career. The "actual" column shows what they're actually earning. And the difference, which in these cases is pretty substantial, represents the college's value-added.

**Top 10 public institutions by value-added (measured by mid-career earnings)**

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<th>College Name</th>
<th>Actual Median Mid-Career Salary</th>
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<td>Virginia Military Institute</td>
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<td>Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus</td>
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<td>Oregon Institute of Technology</td>
<td>$86,500</td>
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<td>University of Massachusetts-Lowell</td>
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What drives a college's success? Much of it can be attributed to the school's technical orientation. The curriculum at SUNY Maritime College, for example, is exclusively focused on technical degrees like marine transportation, engineering and operations, which lead to high-paying careers. Other top public schools include institutes of technology and polytechnic universities.

But schools may have other practices and attributes that are hard to or identify, such as strong alumni networks, the ability to draw stellar faculty (besides by paying more, which we included), or historical connections to particular high-paying firms and industries.

For more details on the "value-added" approach and to see how other schools perform, visit the full report and interactive.

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The original article may be found here.

And within the Texas A&M System, Prairie View A&M University ranks Number One on the Edsmart.org list of the best historically black colleges based on how much students can expect to earn as a starting salary after graduation:

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Top 20 HBCUs by Alumni Starting Average Salary 2015

HBCU Lifestyle
By HBCU Reports

Edsmart.org offers another interesting report that shows students the best black colleges based on how much they can expect to earn after graduation. It will help them choose their college considering the starting salary they can expect upon their entering the workforce. Choosing the right college is important to gain the right path for a successful career.

When choosing a college a lot of students look at the location, the cost involved in going to that college as well as the reputation. However, when choosing a college as a starting point of a chosen career, one important factor should not be overlooked, and that is the starting average salary earned by graduates. Since a prestigious school does not necessarily translate into a higher salary, the college that offers a high starting average salary can be the first choice of students. The statistic offered by Edsmart.org shows not only the annual starting average salary, but also the yearly tuition of the school.

The top 20 Historical Black Colleges are:

20. Norfolk State University
Norfolk, VA
Starting Salary: $40,600
Tuition and Fees: $7,552 (In-state) $20,236 (Out-of-State)

19. Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, NC
Starting Salary: $40,700
Tuition and Fees: $18,236 (In-state) $18,236 (Out-of-State)

18. Grambling State University
Grambling, LA
Starting Salary: $40,800
Tuition and Fees: $6,525 (In-state) $15,744 (Out-of-State)

17. Benedict College
Columbia, SC
Starting Salary: $41,400
Tuition and Fees: $18,288 (In-state) $18,288 (Out-of-State)

16. Bowie State University
Bowie, MD
Starting Salary: $42,100
Tuition and Fees: $7,299 (In-state) $17,875 (Out-of-State)
15. Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, FL
Starting Salary: $42,300
Tuition and Fees: $5,785 (In-state) $17,725 (Out-of-State)

14. Southern University and A&M College
Baton Rouge, LA
Starting Salary: $42,300
Tuition and Fees: $6,630 (In-state) $8,274 (Out-of-State)

13. Morgan State University
Baltimore, MD
Starting Salary: $42,500
Tuition and Fees: $7,378 (In-state) $16,862 (Out-of-State)

12. Winston-Salem State University
Winston-Salem, NC
Starting Salary: $42,800
Tuition and Fees: $5,583 (In-state) $15,113 (Out-of-State)

11. Alabama A&M University
Normal, AL
Starting Salary: $43,300
Tuition and Fees: $9,096 (In-state) $16,596 (Out-of-State)

10. South Carolina State University
Orangeburg, SC
Starting Salary: $44,100
Tuition and Fees: $16,007 (In-state) $19,856 (Out-of-State)

9. Xavier University of Louisiana
New Orleans, LA
Starting Salary: $44,600
Tuition and Fees: $21,552 (In-state) $21,552 (Out-of-State)

8. Hampton University
Hampton, VA
Starting Salary: $46,100
Tuition and Fees: $21,760 (In-state) $21,760 (Out-of-State)

7. Howard University
Washington, DC
Starting Salary: $46,400
Tuition and Fees: $22,970 (In-state) $23,970 (Out-of-State)
6. Tennessee State University
Nashville, TN
Starting Salary: $48,100
Tuition and Fees: $6,930 (In-state) $19,650 (Out-of-State)

5. Morehouse College
Atlanta, GA
Starting Salary: $48,100
Tuition and Fees: $26,090 (In-state) $26,090 (Out-of-State)

4. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Princess Anne, MD
Starting Salary: $48,125
Tuition and Fees: $7,287 (In-state) $16,311 (Out-of-State)

3. North Carolina A&T State University
Greensboro, NC
Starting Salary: $48,800
Tuition and Fees: $5,642 (In-state) $18,402 (Out-of-State)

2. Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL
Starting Salary: $49,400
Tuition and Fees: $19,570 (In-state) $19,570 (Out-of-State)

1. Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, TX
Starting Salary: $50,000
Tuition and Fees: $9,461 (In-state) $20,928 (Out-of-State)

A spokesman for Edsmart.Org said: "The new report allows students looking to go to college to see the best choices available to them regarding starting salary. Our report allows a student to see what previous students are earning after they have graduated. We put the report together to give students more information to help make the choice of colleges much easier."

To find the full rating of top 30 historically black colleges by "alumni" average starting salary, please visit http://www.edsmart.org/hbcu-rankings-by-starting-salary/.

About The Edsmart Report
The new report gives students powerful information to help them decide which is the best college to attend when thinking about starting salary after graduation.

Sources: ReleaseWire, Edsmart
The original article may be found here.

Enjoy reading all of this good news, and thank you for your support of The Texas A&M University System.

John Sharp

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