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Ms. Sheila Cross Reid
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Re: BZA Case Number 16553: The George Washington University Campus Plan

Dear Ms. Reid and Members of the Board:

The number one goal of the George Washington University (GWU), according to BZA Case No. 16553, it to become a top-tier academic institution. Just what is a top-tier university? It is one of the best 50 colleges and universities according to the US News and World Report (US News). Currently, GWU is ranked in the second tier, or not one of the Top 50 schools. There are many factors the US News uses to determine which schools make the Top 50. This information is available on the US News web site - http://www.usnews.com.

In researching my testimony, I discovered some very interesting statistics. Most of the schools in the Top 50 have smaller undergraduate populations than GWU's current undergraduate population. Thirty-five of the Top 50 are private universities. It is from these 35 schools that I draw evidence. The total full-time and part-time undergraduate population at the 35 schools is 219,740 students. The average number of undergraduates at the 35 schools is 6278. According to the US News, GWU's current undergraduate population is 8695. Clearly, for GWU to help its chances in becoming a Top 50 school it will have to lower its total undergraduate population.

A second interesting fact from the US News ranking survey is the percentage of undergraduates housed on-campus. Thirty-two of the 35 schools reported information. The average percentage living off-campus is 27%. Princeton, the number 1 school, has 3% of its students living off-campus. At Harvard, the number 2 school, it is also 3%. Yale, the number 3 school, has 17% of its students living off campus. At GWU, 43% of the undergraduates live off-campus. GWU does not offer housing to graduate students.

Based on this information, the Office of Planning report, and the position of ANC 2A, I request you deny the application. Thank you for your attention.

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National Universities Top 50

Rank	School	Overall score	Graduation rank		1999 predicted grad rate		1999 overperf. (+) / underperf. (-)		% of classes under 20	Student to faculty ratio	Selectivity rank			Top 10% of high school class		Financial res. rank	Alumni giving rate	
			Reputation score	Freshman retention rate		1999 actual grad rate		Faculty res. rank		% with 50 or more		% of full-time faculty		SAT/ACT 25th-75th percentile	Acceptance rate		Alumni giving rank	
	Sort by: Rank																	
1	Princeton University (NJ)	100.0	4.9	2	99%	92%	96%	+4	5	71%	13%	6/1	92%	3	1360-1540	92%	11%	14	1	66%
2	Harvard University (MA)	99.0	4.9	1	96%	94%	97%	+3	6	70%	14%	8/1	90%	1	1400-1590	90%	11%	8	5	47%
2	Yale University (CT)	99.0	4.9	3	98%	93%	94%	+1	10	78%	9%	7/1	90%	2	1380-1550	95%	16%	4	3	49%
4	California Institute of Technology	97.0	4.7	27	92%	96%	82%	-14	1	78%	6%	3/1	96%	4	1450-1580	100%	18%	1	9	41%
5	Massachusetts Inst. of Technology	96.0	4.9	10	97%	94%	91%	-3	13	70%	12%	7/1	90%	6	1390-1560	94%	19%	3	7	43%
6	Stanford University (CA)	94.0	4.9	6	98%	91%	90%	-1	19	69%	13%	8/1	79%	5	1360-1550	88%	15%	9	16	37%
6	University of Pennsylvania	94.0	4.5	13	96%	87%	90%	+3	3	69%	7%	7/1	90%	9	1310-1490	91%	26%	7	10	40%
8	Duke University (NC)	93.0	4.6	7	97%	89%	92%	+3	7	68%	7%	8/1	98%	13	1300-1500	88%	28%	11	6	45%
9	Dartmouth College (NH)	91.0	4.4	5	96%	90%	94%	+4	20	58%	9%	9/1	86%	10	1350-1530	87%	21%	10	2	52%
10	Columbia University (NY)	90.0	4.7	14	97%	89%	91%	+2	16	67%	9%	7/1	94%	7	1300-1500	87%	14%	15	22	32%
10	Cornell University (NY)	90.0	4.6	12	96%	87%	91%	+4	14	73%	11%	13/1	98%	18	1270-1460	80%	33%	16	17	36%
10	University of Chicago	90.0	4.7	25	94%	89%	81%	-8	2	69%	3%	4/1	95%	24	1290-1490	79%	48%	13	20	35%
13	Northwestern University (IL)	88.0	4.4	10	96%	85%	92%	+7	12	68%	9%	7/1	94%	17	1300-1470	83%	32%	18	30	29%
13	Rice University (TX)	88.0	4.2	16	95%	91%	88%	-3	4	66%	8%	8/1	91%	11	1310-1520	86%	27%	24	11	39%
15	Brown University (RI)	87.0	4.4	7	97%	87%	93%	+6	30	59%	13%	11/1	94%	8	1290-1490	86%	17%	28	8	43%
15	Johns Hopkins University (MD)	87.0	4.6	18	95%	89%	87%	-2	37	50%	18%	9/1	91%	23	1280-1490	73%	33%	2	36	28%
15	Washington University in St. Louis	87.0	4.1	20	96%	83%	86%	+3	11	72%	9%	7/1	90%	22	1270-1440	79%	34%	5	15	37%
18	Emory University (GA)	86.0	4.0	21	92%	83%	86%	+3	9	68%	7%	6/1	94%	20	1280-1430	90%	42%	12	12	39%
19	University of Notre Dame (IN)	85.0	3.9	4	98%	80%	95%	+15	17	54%	11%	13/1	89%	15	1260-1430	83%	35%	51	4	48%
20	University of California – Berkeley *	83.0	4.8	29	95%	81%	82%	+1	35	58%	16%	17/1	92%	12	1200-1430	98%	27%	42	86	18%

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20	University of Virginia *	83.0	4.4	9	97%	80%	91%	+ 11	28	50%	14%	16/1	95%	19	1210-1410	82%	34%	64	31	29%
22	Vanderbilt University (TN)	82.0	4.1	31	91%	81%	81%	None	8	69%	5%	9/1	93%	37	1220-1400	66%	61%	19	26	30%
23	Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	80.0	4.2	41	91%	83%	78%	- 5	15	67%	10%	10/1	95%	27	1270-1460	71%	38%	21	37	27%
23	Georgetown University (DC)	80.0	3.9	15	96%	83%	90%	+ 7	63	54%	13%	12/1	83%	14	1250-1450	78%	23%	21	23	30%
25	Univ. of California – Los Angeles *	78.0	4.3	30	96%	74%	80%	+ 6	69	43%	28%	18/1	90%	16	1170-1400	97%	29%	27	137	13%
25	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor *	78.0	4.5	24	95%	77%	82%	+ 5	45	51%	16%	16/1	92%	34	26- 30	63%	64%	41	134	13%
25	U. of North Carolina – Chapel Hill *	78.0	4.2	28	95%	72%	80%	+ 8	57	42%	12%	14/1	97%	29	1140-1360	68%	39%	31	41	26%
28	Wake Forest University (NC)	77.0	3.4	23	93%	85%	86%	+ 1	31	60%	2%	11/1	93%	32	1210-1390	66%	49%	6	13	38%
29	Tufts University (MA)	76.0	3.6	19	96%	83%	86%	+ 3	27	69%	7%	8/1	88%	25	1250-1430	70%	32%	39	27	30%
30	College of William and Mary (VA)*	75.0	3.8	17	96%	80%	88%	+ 8	34	45%	10%	12/1	93%	26	1230-1410	74%	45%	136	33	28%
31	Brandeis University (MA)	73.0	3.6	33	91%	81%	81%	None	32	71%	7%	9/1	87%	35	1220-1420	65%	52%	37	19	35%
31	Univ. of California – San Diego *	73.0	3.8	35	94%	74%	79%	+ 5	60	48%	27%	19/1	94%	21	1160-1360	99%	41%	23	200	7%
33	New York University	72.0	3.7	53	89%	75%	72%	- 3	18	64%	10%	12/1	75%	28	1230-1420	61%	32%	38	105	15%
33	University of Rochester (NY)	72.0	3.4	37	93%	75%	74%	- 1	21	64%	10%	12/1	94%	49	1230-1410	57%	66%	17	58	22%
35	Georgia Institute of Technology *	71.0	4.1	71	86%	83%	69%	- 14	84	26%	16%	13/1	100%	38	1220-1415	60%	69%	35	21	35%
35	Univ. of Southern California	71.0	3.8	54	93%	68%	70%	+ 2	58	54%	16%	11/1	86%	31	1160-1370	70%	37%	44	44	24%
35	Univ. of Wisconsin – Madison *	71.0	4.3	44	91%	69%	75%	+ 6	95	37%	20%	13/1	91%	48	25- 29	46%	74%	56	133	13%
38	Boston College	70.0	3.5	22	94%	78%	87%	+ 9	82	39%	10%	13/1	80%	33	1200-1370	62%	35%	99	32	28%
38	Case Western Reserve Univ. (OH)	70.0	3.6	45	91%	82%	73%	- 9	37	50%	15%	8/1	97%	41	1220-1440	67%	71%	25	25	30%
38	Lehigh University (PA)	70.0	3.2	26	93%	74%	80%	+ 6	29	51%	6%	12/1	94%	50	1156-1341	56%	48%	53	14	38%
41	University of California – Davis *	69.0	3.8	40	91%	66%	76%	+ 10	106	32%	28%	19/1	95%	42	1060-1280	95%	63%	40	152	12%
41	University of California – Irvine *	69.0	3.6	42	92%	61%	74%	+ 13	52	41%	23%	18/1	91%	43	1035-1255	95%	61%	47	188	9%
41	U. of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign *	69.0	4.2	38	92%	73%	75%	+ 2	157	29%	18%	16/1	94%	46	25- 28	51%	71%	62	118	14%
44	Pennsylvania State U. – University Park *	68.0	3.9	32	93%	66%	80%	+ 14	163	32%	20%	18/1	95%	64	1080-1300	42%	49%	89	68	21%
45	Tulane University (LA)	66.0	3.5	52	86%	76%	72%	- 4	41	52%	9%	9/1	81%	61	1191-1393	52%	78%	46	67	21%
45	Univ. of California – Santa Barbara *	66.0	3.5	61	88%	56%	67%	+ 11	51	43%	21%	20/1	94%	36	1080-1290	95%	53%	127	120	14%
45	University of Washington *	66.0	4.0	55	90%	64%	72%	+ 8	158	38%	16%	11/1	93%	97	1040-1280	39%	77%	42	122	14%
45	Yeshiva University (NY)	66.0	2.9	42	83%	79%	92%	+ 13	22	67%	2%	15/1	91%	92	1080-1300	N/A	79%	20	62	22%
49	Pepperdine University (CA)	65.0	3.0	58	85%	69%	72%	+ 3	24	70%	1%	13/1	76%	44	1150-1350	64%	35%	57	83	18%
49	Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. (NY)	65.0	3.6	49	90%	79%	73%	- 6	86	35%	16%	18/1	92%	59	1180-1370	54%	78%	74	61	22%
49	University of Texas – Austin *	65.0	4.1	81	88%	67%	66%	- 1	75	40%	18%	19/1	97%	55	1080-1300	48%	63%	147	146	12%

* denotes a public school. N/A means not available.

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School	Princeton University(NJ)	Harvard University(MA)	Yale University(CT)	California Institute of Technology
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1746	1636	1701	1891
Religious Affiliation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size	4,672	6,684	5,413	907
Location				
City/State	Princeton, NJ	Cambridge, MA	New Haven, CT	Pasadena, CA
Setting	Suburban	City	City	Suburban
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	6/1	8/1	7/1	3/1
Full-time faculty	92%	90%	90%	96%
Classes taught by TAs	8%	0%	10%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	71%	70%	78%	78%
Classes with 50+ students	13%	14%	9%	6%
Average graduation rate	95%	97%	94%	83%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$25,430	$25,128	$25,220	$19,959
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,206	$7,982	$7,660	$6,180
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	39%	49%	42%	59%
Need-based self-help aid	40%	47%	46%	52%
Merit aid	N/A	17%	N/A	4%
Students whose need was fully met	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average financial aid package	$21,800	$22,369	$23,348	$17,833
Average need-based grant	$17,800	$18,471	$16,619	$16,020
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	11%	11%	16%	18%
Number of applicants	14,875	18,161	13,270	2,894
Average high school GPA	3.82	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1360 -1540	1400 -1590	1380 -1550	1450 -1580
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	99%	96%	98%	92%
Alumni giving rate	66%	47%	49%	41%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
Sorority members	0%	0%	N/A	N/A
Students living off campus	3%	3%	17%	N/A

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School	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Stanford University(CA)	University of Pennsylvania	Duke University(NC)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1861	1885	1740	1838
Religious Affiliation	N/A	N/A	N/A	Methodist
Size	4,300	7,784	9,827	6,368
Location				
City/State	Cambridge, MA	Stanford, CA	Philadelphia, PA	Durham, NC
Setting	City	Suburban	Major City	City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	7/1	8/1	7/1	8/1
Full-time faculty	90%	79%	90%	98%
Classes taught by TAs	2%	4%	5%	12%
Classes with under 20 students	70%	69%	69%	68%
Classes with 50+ students	12%	13%	7%	7%
Average graduation rate	90%	92%	90%	92%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$26,050	$24,441	$25,170	$25,630
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,175	$8,030	$8,076	$7,387
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	52%	40%	40%	34%
Need-based self-help aid	53%	39%	45%	36%
Merit aid	21%	20%	N/A	2%
Students whose need was fully met	88%	98%	100%	100%
Average financial aid package	$21,895	$21,575	$22,324	$19,563
Average need-based grant	$16,327	$18,130	$16,406	$15,011
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	19%	15%	26%	28%
Number of applicants	9,136	17,919	17,666	13,407
Average high school GPA	N/A	3.90	3.86	3.90
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1390 -1560	1360 -1550	1310 -1490	1300 -1500
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	97%	98%	96%	97%
Alumni giving rate	43%	37%	40%	45%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	45%	17%	22%	29%
Sorority members	30%	12%	16%	42%
Students living off campus	4%	1%	38%	19%

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School	Dartmouth College(NH)	Columbia University(NY)	Cornell University(NY)	University of Chicago
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1769	1754	1865	1892
Religious Affiliation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size	4,057	7,763	13,669	3,844
Location				
City/State	Hanover, NH	New York, NY	Ithaca, NY	Chicago, IL
Setting	Rural	Major City	City	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	9/1	7/1	13/1	4/1
Full-time faculty	86%	94%	98%	95%
Classes taught by TAs	1%	0%	0%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	58%	67%	73%	69%
Classes with 50+ students	9%	9%	11%	3%
Average graduation rate	94%	90%	90%	83%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$25,653	$24,974	$24,850	$25,239
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,557	$7,732	$8,279	$8,205
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	43%	38%	46%	50%
Need-based self-help aid	47%	40%	48%	52%
Merit aid	7%	N/A	N/A	6%
Students whose need was fully met	100%	100%	100%	100%
Average financial aid package	$23,331	$21,365	$21,450	$21,967
Average need-based grant	$17,909	$17,568	$16,100	$16,452
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	21%	14%	33%	48%
Number of applicants	10,259	13,012	19,949	6,844
Average high school GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1350 -1530	1300 -1500	1270 -1460	1290 -1490
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	96%	97%	96%	94%
Alumni giving rate	52%	32%	36%	35%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	48%	N/A	22%	12%
Sorority members	40%	N/A	19%	5%
Students living off campus	15%	N/A	44%	34%

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School	Northwestern University(IL)	Rice University(TX)	Brown University(RI)	Johns Hopkins University(MD)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1851	1912	1764	1876
Religious Affiliation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size	7,842	2,785	6,108	4,287
Location				
City/State	Evanston, IL	Houston, TX	Providence, RI	Baltimore, MD
Setting	Suburban	Major City	City	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	7/1	8/1	11/1	9/1
Full-time faculty	94%	91%	94%	91%
Classes taught by TAs	3%	1%	1%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	68%	66%	59%	50%
Classes with 50+ students	9%	8%	13%	18%
Average graduation rate	91%	90%	92%	88%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$24,648	$15,762	$26,374	$24,930
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,471	$6,850	$7,346	$8,185
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	45%	34%	37%	29%
Need-based self-help aid	45%	27%	39%	39%
Merit aid	7%	28%	4%	5%
Students whose need was fully met	100%	100%	100%	81%
Average financial aid package	$19,985	$14,490	$20,655	$22,436
Average need-based grant	$14,047	$10,563	$15,220	$16,183
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	32%	27%	17%	33%
Number of applicants	15,460	5,740	14,756	9,494
Average high school GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.90
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1300 -1470	1310 -1520	1290 -1490	1280 -1490
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	96%	95%	97%	95%
Alumni giving rate	29%	39%	43%	28%[4]
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	32%	0%	6%	25%
Sorority members	36%	0%	2%	25%
Students living off campus	33%	37%	22%	35%

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School	Washington University in St. Louis	Emory University(GA)	University of Notre Dame(IN)	Vanderbilt University(TN)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1853	1836	1842	1873
Religious Affiliation	N/A	Methodist	Roman Catholic	N/A
Size	6,509	6,215	8,014	5,780
Location				
City/State	St. Louis, MO	Atlanta, GA	Notre Dame, IN	Nashville, TN
Setting	Suburban	Major City	City	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	7/1	6/1	13/1	9/1
Full-time faculty	90%	94%	89%	93%
Classes taught by TAs	0%	13%	8%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	72%	68%	54%	69%
Classes with 50+ students	9%	7%	11%	5%
Average graduation rate	86%	87%	94%	82%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$24,745	$24,532	$23,357	$24,712
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,724	$7,868	$5,920	$8,324
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	49%	36%	38%	32%
Need-based self-help aid	41%	35%	39%	32%
Merit aid	15%	17%	4%	14%
Students whose need was fully met	100%	90%	86%	98%
Average financial aid package	$20,679	$19,873	$17,992	$23,905
Average need-based grant	$15,395	$14,285	$12,309	$14,225
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	Most selective	More selective
Acceptance rate	34%	42%	35%	61%
Number of applicants	17,109	9,850	10,010	8,494
Average high school GPA	N/A	3.70	N/A	3.57
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1270 -1440	1280 -1430	1260 -1430	1220 -1400
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	96%	92%	98%	91%
Alumni giving rate	37%	39%	48%	30%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	no	yes
Fraternity members	22%	30%	0%	31%
Sorority members	21%	35%	0%	47%
Students living off campus	23%	35%	17%	15%

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School	Carnegie Mellon University(PA)	Georgetown University(DC)	Wake Forest University(NC)	Tufts University(MA)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1900	1789	1834	1852
Religious Affiliation	N/A	Jesuit institution	Baptist heritage	N/A
Size	5,136	6,361	3,990	4,977
Location				
City/State	Pittsburgh, PA	Washington, DC	Winston-Salem, NC	Medford, MA
Setting	Major City	Major City	Suburban	Suburban
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	10/1	12/1	11/1	8/1
Full-time faculty	95%	83%	93%	88%
Classes taught by TAs	0%	6%	0%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	67%	54%	60%	69%
Classes with 50+ students	10%	13%	2%	7%
Average graduation rate	75%	90%	85%	87%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$23,022	$23,952	$22,410	$25,714
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,028	$9,103	$6,340	$7,680
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	52%	32%	30%	34%
Need-based self-help aid	52%	35%	28%	35%
Merit aid	15%	5%	32%	4%
Students whose need was fully met	42%	100%	52%	100%
Average financial aid package	$15,789	$19,048	$17,451	$19,785
Average need-based grant	$11,723	$12,555	$12,233	$15,729
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	More selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	38%	23%	49%	32%
Number of applicants	14,114	13,244	4,982	13,471
Average high school GPA	3.63	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1270 -1460	1250 -1450	1210 -1390	1250 -1430
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	91%	96%	93%	96%
Alumni giving rate	27%	30%	38%	30%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	no	yes
Fraternity members	13%	N/A	37%	15%
Sorority members	9%	N/A	51%	3%
Students living off campus	40%	33%	18%	25%

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School	Brandeis University(MA)	New York University	University of Rochester(NY)	University of Southern California
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1948	1831	1850	1880
Religious Affiliation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size	3,112	18,204	4,529	15,594
Location				
City/State	Waltham, MA	New York, NY	Rochester, NY	Los Angeles, CA
Setting	Suburban	Major City	Suburban	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	9/1	12/1	12/1	11/1
Full-time faculty	87%	75%	94%	86%
Classes taught by TAs	0%	0%	0%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	71%	64%	64%	54%
Classes with 50+ students	7%	10%	10%	16%
Average graduation rate	81%	71%	77%	69%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$26,166	$24,336	$23,730	$24,123
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$7,189	$9,226	$7,740	$7,610
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	48%	54%	64%	49%
Need-based self-help aid	45%	53%	55%	49%
Merit aid	12%	14%	29%	11%
Students whose need was fully met	92%	N/A	100%	88%
Average financial aid package	$19,589	$15,999	$21,070	$23,393
Average need-based grant	$13,491	$9,811	$16,337	$14,338
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	Most selective	More selective	Most selective
Acceptance rate	52%	32%	66%	37%
Number of applicants	5,792	28,794	8,652	24,650
Average high school GPA	3.50	3.60	N/A	3.80
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1220 -1420	1230 -1420	1230 -1410	1160 -1370
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	91%	89%	93%[9]	93%
Alumni giving rate	35%	15%	22%	24%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	N/A	7%	N/A	15%
Sorority members	N/A	6%	N/A	15%
Students living off campus	15%	52%	N/A	53%

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School	Boston College	Case Western Reserve University(OH)	Lehigh University(PA)	Tulane University(LA)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1863	1826	1865	1834
Religious Affiliation	Roman Catholic (Jesuit)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Size	9,190	3,380	4,605	7,163
Location				
City/State	Chestnut Hill, MA	Cleveland, OH	Bethlehem, PA	New Orleans, LA
Setting	Suburban	Major City	City	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	13/1	8/1	12/1	9/1
Full-time faculty	80%	97%	94%	81%
Classes taught by TAs	0%	5%	0%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	39%	50%	51%	52%
Classes with 50+ students	10%	15%	6%	9%
Average graduation rate	86%	73%	83%	73%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$23,270	$20,260	$24,000	$25,390
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$9,378	$5,815	$6,860	$6,908
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	36%	59%	51%	43%
Need-based self-help aid	44%	50%	50%	35%
Merit aid	4%	31%	4%	23%
Students whose need was fully met	90%	82%	100%	69%
Average financial aid package	$19,267	$17,911	$18,100	$22,948
Average need-based grant	$13,528	$12,106	$13,676	$16,286
Admissions				
Selectivity	Most selective	More selective	More selective	More selective
Acceptance rate	35%	71%	48%	78%
Number of applicants	19,741	4,650	8,853	8,388
Average high school GPA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1200 -1370	1220 -1440	1156 -1341	1191 -1393
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	94%	91%	93%	86%[9]
Alumni giving rate	28%	30%	38%	21%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	no	yes
Fraternity members	N/A	32%	41%	19%
Sorority members	N/A	16%	44%	33%
Students living off campus	24%	27%	31%	56%

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School	Yeshiva University(NY)	Pepperdine University(CA)	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute(NY)	Sorry, no match
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	
Founded	1886	1937	1824	
Religious Affiliation	N/A	Church of Christ	N/A	
Size	2,639	3,063	4,926	
Location				
City/State	New York, NY	Malibu, CA	Troy, NY	
Setting	Major City	Suburban	City	
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	15/1	13/1	18/1	
Full-time faculty	91%	76%	92%	
Classes taught by TAs	0%	0%	0%	
Classes with under 20 students	67%	70%	35%	
Classes with 50+ students	2%	1%	16%	
Average graduation rate	78%	71%	71%	
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$16,930	$24,050	$24,215	
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Room/Board	$7,894	$7,290	$8,098	
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	48%	51%	72%	
Need-based self-help aid	42%	48%	61%	
Merit aid	2%	8%	15%	
Students whose need was fully met	27%	33%	63%	
Average financial aid package	$11,666	$21,970	$17,537	
Average need-based grant	$8,110	$15,008	$13,037	
Admissions				
Selectivity	More selective	More selective	More selective	
Acceptance rate	79%	35%	78%	
Number of applicants	1,738	5,219	5,264	
Average high school GPA	3.22	3.79	N/A	
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1080 -1300[3]	1150 -1350[3]	1180 -1370	
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	83%	85%	90%	
Alumni giving rate	22%	18%	22%	
Student Body				
Diversity**	no	yes	yes	
Fraternity members	0%	25%	30%	
Sorority members	0%	25%	20%	
Students living off campus	38%	35%	43%	

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School	George Washington University(DC)	American University(DC)	Catholic University of America(DC)	Howard University(DC)
Public/Private	Private	Private	Private	Private
Founded	1821	1891	1887	1867
Religious Affiliation	N/A	Methodist	Roman Catholic	N/A
Size	8,695	5,533	2,557	6,099
Location				
City/State	Washington, DC	Washington, DC	Washington, DC	Washington, DC
Setting	Major City	Major City	Major City	Major City
Distance from home (miles)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Academics				
Student-to-faculty ratio	11/1	14/1	10/1	7/1
Full-time faculty	73%	70%	79%	94%
Classes taught by TAs	3%	0%	13%	0%
Classes with under 20 students	48%	47%	61%	76%
Classes with 50+ students	11%	3%	4%	4%
Average graduation rate	68%	68%	69%	50%
Cost				
Private tuition and fees	$24,430	$21,399	$19,930	$9,745
Public in-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public out-of-state tuition and fees	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Room/Board	$8,538	$8,372	$8,073	$5,250
Financial Aid*				
Students receiving: Need-based grants	39%	N/A	59%	49%
Need-based self-help aid	34%	N/A	58%	63%
Merit aid	27%	N/A	24%	N/A
Students whose need was fully met	82%	N/A	65%	8%
Average financial aid package	$22,250	N/A	$16,859	$9,361
Average need-based grant	$12,500	N/A	$10,366	$3,995
Admissions				
Selectivity	More selective	More selective	More selective	Selective
Acceptance rate	49%	74%	82%	56%
Number of applicants	14,326	7,554	2,785	6,664
Average high school GPA	N/A	3.20	3.30	N/A
SAT/ACT (25/75 percentile)	1140 -1330	1080 -1280[3]	1050 -1280	870 -1340
Student Satisfaction				
Freshman retention rate	89%[9]	86%	84%	83%
Alumni giving rate	27%	12%	13%	9%
Student Body				
Diversity**	yes	yes	yes	yes
Fraternity members	14%	15%	1%	1%
Sorority members	10%	18%	1%	1%
Students living off campus	43%	39%	36%	43%

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