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BENNETT COLLEGE RANKED NINTH IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT LIST OF THE BEST REGIONAL COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH

GREENSBORO, NC —Bennett College was ranked ninth in *U.S. News and World Report* listing Tuesday of the 113 Best Regional Colleges in the South.

“At Bennett, we provide an unique professional development option for our students and leadership opportunities that make Bennett a smart choice,” said Phyllis Worthy Dawkins, interim president of Bennett. “We are working to provide additional options such as distance education and a mini-mester, which offers accelerated courses. We believe we are offering a great education to the women we serve.”

According to *U.S. News and World Report*, regional colleges focus on undergraduate education, but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines; this category also includes schools that have small bachelor's degree programs but primarily grant two-year associate degrees.

The U.S. News ranking system is based on quantitative measures that education experts have proposed as reliable indicators of academic quality, and it's based on U.S. News' researched view of what matters in education. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into a number of categories: graduation and first-year student retention rates, assessment by administrators at peer institutions, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.

Bennett was ranked 17th in *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of the 80 HBCUs it ranked.

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