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3 universities in Nashville rank among best

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Three area schools landed in the top 20 on lists in the *U.S. News and World Report* annual rankings of the nation's best colleges and universities, released today by the magazine.

Vanderbilt University came in at No. 17 on the overall list, its best showing since the rankings began and up a slot from last year.

Belmont and Lipscomb universities appeared on the "Best Universities-Master's" list for the southern region. Belmont came in at No. 7, up four slots from last year, and Lipscomb at 21.

Both also appeared on the magazine's "Top Up-and-Coming Schools" list for the South, Belmont at No. 2 and Lipscomb at No. 13.

Harvard and Princeton tied for the No. 1 spot on the overall list, followed by Yale.

More rankings, how they are determined and several other schools across Tennessee are included in the magazine, on newsstands Monday.
