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**U.S. News and World Report Announces New Rankings for Simon's Rock:
#1 for Best Undergraduate Teaching (tied); #2 in Most Innovative Schools (tied)**

GREAT BARRINGTON, MA—The U.S. News & World Report 2023 Best Colleges rankings have awarded Bard College at Simon's Rock top-tier rankings in a number of categories. Within the Regional Colleges North ranking, Simon's Rock was tied #1 for Best Undergraduate Teaching and tied #2 in Most Innovative Schools. Simon's Rock was also tied #32 in Regional Colleges North and #41 in Top Performers on Social Mobility.



The colleges for Best Undergraduate Teaching were based on nominations by college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans who participated in a peer assessment survey focusing on their view of schools with strength in undergraduate teaching. Similarly, the Most Innovative Schools received the most nominations in a peer assessment survey based on colleges thought to be making the most innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology, or facilities.

View the full list [at this link](#).

About Simon's Rock

[Bard College at Simon's Rock](#) is the only college in the country specifically designed for highly motivated students ready to enter college after the 10th or 11th grade. Simon's Rock offers a challenging program in the liberal arts and sciences, taught exclusively in small seminars by supportive, highly trained faculty, who are leading scholars in their fields. The College grants degrees in more than 35 majors. The Princeton Review's *Best 380 Colleges* rates academics at Simon's Rock higher than Harvard and Princeton.

[Bard Academy at Simon's Rock](#) is the nation's first two-year boarding and day program designed to prepare 9th and 10th graders to start college early. A student entering Bard Academy as a high school freshman will earn an Associate of Arts degree from Bard College at Simon's Rock after only four years and a Bachelor of Arts degree after only six years. The Academy curriculum is designed and taught by students' future college professors who are leading scholars in their fields.

[The Bard Queer Leadership Project](#) (BQLP) is a revolutionary, new Bachelor of Arts degree program designed for, and by, LGBTQIA+ college students to elevate LGBTQIA+ students and college graduates into leadership roles in school and across the workforce while serving as a space for actualizing educational practices designed for students to thrive. The centerpiece of BQLP is a four year dual major B.A. degree combining Queer Leadership with a second academic field.

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