

# Report: D.C. Ranked 4th-Best College City

A new report identifies Washington as the nation's fourth-best metropolitan area to attend college, behind New York, San Francisco and Boston.

The 2009-2010 College Destinations Index, released Tuesday by the American Institute for Economic Research, identifies the 75 best places in America for college study, ranked according to academ-

ic environment, quality of life and professional opportunities.

The report groups cities by size. The D.C. region is ranked among metropolitan areas with at least 2.5 million residents, beating out such locales as Seattle (fifth) and Chicago (12th).

Baltimore, home to Johns Hopkins University, ranks seventh.

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