



Flint Hills Technical College Ranked as Top in Country

Flint Hills Technical College was ranked in 2013 as one of the top technical/community colleges in the country by three separate ratings systems.

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Bankrate.com ranked FHTC as No. 4 in the country out of the top 10 technical/community colleges. Bankrate undertook the task of ranking two-year community colleges and technical centers around the country to see where students could get the best, affordable start in their college careers.

According to the Bankrate.com website, "Community colleges serve nearly half of all U.S. undergraduate students and play a crucial role in both workforce development and as a springboard to a four-year education. But few are recognized for just how far they go to serve students."

Using data from the National Center for Education Statistics,

Bankrate ranked more than 900 public two-year institutions to determine the best and brightest schools. The rankings were based on six criteria: graduation rate; student retention rate; the student-faculty ratio; the school's in-state tuition and fees; the percentage of full-time first-time undergraduates receiving financial aid; and the average amount of grant aid they received from federal, state and private sources combined. The data cover full-time freshman students who entered college in fall 2008.

Bankrate selected FHTC as No. 4 based on dedication to 70 percent hands-on training and partnerships with local businesses, specifically the partnership with Kansas State University and Emporia Public Schools to build the Jones Education Center.

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2014 Military Friendly Schools® Designation

Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, named Flint Hills Technical College to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools® list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

The Military Friendly Schools® media and website, feature the list, interactive tools and search functionality to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The colleges, universities and trade schools on the 2014 list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services to those who served.

Currently, FHTC assists approximately 30 students who are receiving veteran's benefits through the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Aspen Institute College Excellence Program

Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program named Flint Hills Technical College as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2015 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize funds.

The Prize, awarded every two years, is the nation's signature

recognition of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges and recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas: student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings, and high levels of access and success for minority and low-income students.

The Aspen Institute identified the top 150 community colleges through an assessment of institutional performance, improvement, and equity on student retention and completion measures.

Flint Hills Technical College and 149 other community colleges were selected from a national pool of over 1,000 public two-year colleges using publicly available data on student outcomes. The formula used to select the colleges was devised by expert analysts at the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems in consultation with an expert advisory committee convened by the Aspen Institute. The data focus on student retention and completion, considered from three perspectives:

- Performance: retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 "full-time equivalent" students
- Improvement: awarded for steady improvement in each performance metric over time
- Equity: evidence of strong completion outcomes for minority and low-income students

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