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WESTMONT NAMED A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION **National Guide Honors Institutions with** **Student-Centered Approach to Undergraduate Education**

In a higher education landscape often dominated by rankings and test scores, Westmont College has been recognized for what truly matters: a transformative undergraduate experience. For the 2025-26 academic year, Westmont has been named a College of Distinction, a prestigious designation awarded to schools whose commitment to engaged, experiential education sets them apart.

This recognition is based on Colleges of Distinction's unique evaluating criteria known as the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes. Through extensive research and interviews, Colleges of Distinction identifies institutions that make a meaningful impact on students' lives, not just ones that fight their way to the top of rankings lists.

"Westmont has crafted a campus culture where students are empowered to take ownership of their learning," said Tyson Schritter, Chief Operating Officer at Colleges of Distinction. "Its programs reflect the kind of innovation and intentionality that prepare students for life after graduation."

Unlike rankings that focus on prestige-driven metrics, Colleges of Distinction highlights schools that champion educational impact. That includes everything from first-year seminars and collaborative projects to undergraduate research, global learning, and internships. Westmont's inclusion is a result of its commitment to these high-impact practices and the personalized support it offers students throughout their college journey.

"We've never believed in ranking schools," Schritter continued. "Our goal is to celebrate institutions that help students find their place, their purpose, and their potential. Westmont stands out for creating an environment where students thrive not just academically, but as whole people."

To view Westmont's profile or learn more about its programs, visit collegesofdistinction.com/school/westmont-college.



About Colleges of Distinction:

Since 2000, Colleges of Distinction has been committed to recognizing schools across the United States for their exceptional contributions to higher education. Member institutions within the Colleges of Distinction consortium distinguish themselves through their unwavering focus on providing an outstanding undergraduate experience. Their website offers dynamic college profiles, customized tools, and valuable resources for students, parents, and high school counselors. For more information and to discover how to become a College of Distinction, visit CollegesofDistinction.com.

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