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Jackson State University outranks Yale, Princeton in national study

(JACKSON, Miss.) — *Washington Monthly* magazine ranked Jackson State University No. 37 among 242 institutions of higher learning across the country — outranking Yale (No. 38), Howard (No. 62) and Princeton (No. 78) universities, according to a study released this month. The overall ranking considers social mobility, research and service ratings.

“This ranking is especially important to Jackson State because it looks at our ability to serve the underserved,” says President Ronald Mason Jr. “Our intense research offerings and service learning opportunities provide the perfect training environment for all students.”

This year’s ranking is up nine slots from the previous year when JSU was No. 46.

According to the study, the social mobility rating measures the percentage of students receiving Pell grants and the university’s graduation rate.

The research rating measures the amount of federal research dollars, the rate at which students go on to receive Ph.D.s. and the number of doctoral degrees awarded by the university.

The service rating is a reflection of the numbers of students serving in U.S. Army and Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps programs, the percentage of alumni in the Peace Corps, and the percentage of federal work-study grant money spent on community service projects.

To view the entire report, visit *Washington Monthly* online:
<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/features/2007/0709.natlrankings.pdf>

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About Jackson State University

Jackson State University, founded in 1877, is a historically black, high research activity university located in Jackson, the capital city of the state of Mississippi. Jackson State's nurturing academic environment challenges individuals to change lives through teaching, research and service. Officially designated as Mississippi's Urban University, Jackson State continues to enhance the state, nation and world through comprehensive economic development, health-care, technological and educational initiatives. The only university in the Jackson metropolitan area, Jackson State is located near downtown, with three satellite campuses throughout the city. For more information, visit www.jsums.edu.