

Public Ivy?

Relevance

- In its December 2010 report, Governor McDonnell's Higher Education Commission referred to “the Commonwealth’s commitment . . . to having a distinctive ‘public ivy’ at William & Mary,”

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- the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011 (§23-38.87) includes in the calculation of the cost of education “adjustments to the funding based on... or specific institutional missions or conditions.”

Definition

- **Public Ivy is a term coined by Richard Moll in his 1985 book *Public Ivies: A Guide to America's best public undergraduate colleges and universities to refer to universities which "provide an Ivy League collegiate experience at a public school price.***

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- Or: "successfully competing with the Ivy League schools in academic rigor... attracting superstar faculty and in competing for the best and brightest students of all races."

Original Public Ivies

- College of William & Mary
- Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)
- University of California
- University of Michigan
- UCC – Chapel Hill
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia

What makes W&M a public Ivy?

- Lowest student-faculty ratio among top public universities
- Second highest graduation rate among public doctoral degree-granting institutions
- Law school acceptance rate of 79% compared to a national average of 64%
- Medical school acceptance rate of 75% compared to national rate of 50%

What makes W&M a public Ivy?

- Eighth-highest producer of Peace Corp volunteers among medium-sized colleges and universities
- Thirteen Fulbright Scholars in 2010-2011, more than any other Virginia College and consistently ranks at the top of Fulbright application-to-award rates.