Value Colleges Releases 2016 Ranking of Top 50 Best Value Big Data Graduate Programs

CHARLOTTE, N.C., March 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Value Colleges (www.valuecolleges.com), an independent online guide to the best values in undergraduate and graduate college education, is pleased to release its Top 50 Best Value Big Data Graduate Programs of 2016 at http://www.valuecolleges.com/rankings/best-big-data-graduate-programs-2016/

Value Colleges' Top 50 Best Value Big Data ranking informs prospective graduate students of the smartest choices for degree programs in data analytics, business analytics, and business intelligence. The top 50 include only regionally accredited, reputable, private and public colleges and universities that offer a strong balance between cost and return.

The top 50 are ranked using the U.S. News & World Report ranking, PayScale, and tuition cost (according to the institution's website).

The top 3 best values for 2016 are Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA, followed by Stanford University in Stanford, California, and Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California.

The entire list can be found below (in alphabetical order):

Bentley University - Waltham, MA
Boston University - Boston, MA
Brandeis University - Waltham, MA
Carnegie Mellon University - Pittsburgh, PA
Case Western Reserve University - Cleveland, OH
Drexel University - Philadelphia, PA
George Mason University - Fairfax, VA
Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, GA
Illinois Institute of Technology - Chicago, IL
Indiana University Bloomington - Bloomington, IN
Kennesaw State University - Kennesaw, GA
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, LA
Michigan State University - East Lansing, MI
New York University - New York, NY
North Carolina State University - Raleigh, NC
Northwestern University - Evanston, IL
Oklahoma State University-Stillwater - Stillwater, OK
Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - Troy, NY
Rutgers University - New Brunswick, NJ
Saint Joseph's University - Philadelphia, PA
Santa Clara University - Santa Clara, CA
Seattle University - Seattle, WA
Stanford University - Stanford, CA
Stevens Institute of Technology - Hoboken, NJ
"Data Analytics is the technical term, but everyone commonly knows it as Big Data," says editor Carrie Sealey-Morris, "not many people know what it means, no one knows exactly where it's going, and there are definitely not enough people doing it." As Sealey-Morris explains, Big Data is just beginning to come together as a course of study. "It's an exciting time, with projected employee shortages estimated well into the millions," she concludes, "so getting into the field now means making a career path where few have trod and no one is likely to get in your way." The Value Colleges Best Values ranking will help students be sure they're getting a smart investment.

Value Colleges is an independent, online resource with one mission: to help prospective students find the best educational value in their chosen field. At Value Colleges, future students can find rankings for the top investments in online and residential college degrees, advice on making the best decisions about finances when in college, and explanations of commonly-misunderstood aspects of college costs.

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