Small schools did well: Seven of the top 20 colleges had graduating classes under 600.

Small College, Big 36

Hartford, Conn. 485 9 1.86% Grads of this liberal-arts school seemed to favor MBA programs.

Middletown, Conn. 585 35 5.98% Close to the Crimson: Pre-business association has field trip to Harvard.

West Point, N.Y. 5,720 28 0.65% 113

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J. 164 26 0.44% Lighter on law than most in our top 50.

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa. 19 0.22% 173

Barnard College, New York, N.Y. 559 47 0.98% 16

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 621 49 0.84% 471

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 1,942 110 5.70% 82

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. 2,500 119 4.75% 26

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va. 3,100 6 2.90% 6

Barnard College, New York, N.Y. 840 31 1.69% One of the best on our list at getting kids into business school, including Harvard Business School, where eight alums started this fall.

High School Graduation Rates

Despite the widespread impression that the percentage of high school graduates who go on to college has been rising over the past several years, our survey showed that many small schools have been holding their own.

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

University of Texas, Austin, Tex.

Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, Fla.

Concord College, (W. Va.)

Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.

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