



## Albany among top cities for college grads: website report

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The news and opinion site [TheDailyBeast.com](#) has ranked Albany #23 on its list of 25 best cities for college graduates.

Ithaca, N.Y., ranks at the top, followed by Madison, Wisc., and Ann Arbor, MI.

The author of the list, Richard Florida, said he and his team analyzed a Gallup survey of 28,000 Americans in their twenties to figure out the key draws for them in a location after they graduate college.

Among them: ability to meet people and make friends, availability of jobs, availability of outstanding colleges and universities, and amenities like parks and open space to nightlife and culture.

"College towns dominate the top spots," notes Florida, though the list also has its share of big cities.

"[They] provide terrific 'stay-over' locations for new grads who want to maintain their networks, try out their skills or develop new ones. They have high percentages of young, highly-educated singles; they provide an affordable alternative to bigger cities while still delivering a high quality of life; and they've proven to be among the most resilient communities during the economic downturn."

"But do remember: There's no absolute best place for new grads—or anyone else for that matter," Florida continues. "Different strokes for different folks: For every twenty-something that wants to head to the big city there are those who prefer someplace closer to home or a smaller, more affordable community."

Albany's ranking had this description:

*Capital of the Empire State, home to several colleges, and rich with history, Albany is halfway between Buffalo and Boston, New York, and Montreal. It has been investing in its neighborhoods and its cultural life in recent years. Because of its location, it gets a lot of touring acts in addition to its developing local arts scene.*

Here's a sample of the rest of the list:

1. Ithaca, NY
2. Madison, WI
3. Ann Arbor, MI
4. Durham, NC
5. Austin, TX
6. Boulder, CO
7. Washington, DC
8. Boston, MA
9. New York, NY
10. Iowa City, IA

21. Los Angeles, CA
22. Santa Barbara, CA
23. Albany, NY
24. San Jose, CA
25. Seattle, WA