

The Accounting Department Celebrates its *U.S. News & World Report* Ranking as the 17th Best Accounting Program in the Nation

The faculty and students of the Accounting Department were delighted to learn that The University of Scranton's accounting program continues to climb in the national rankings. According to the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* list, The University of Scranton's accounting program is ranked 17th in the nation.

While the University's accounting program has long been highly ranked as one of the top programs in the Northeast, two years ago the program jumped from a top regional program to a top national program. This jump to national recognition occurred in the 2015 rankings when the program was ranked as the 24th best accounting program in the entire nation.

In 2016, the faculty and students were delighted to see Scranton rise to the 20th best

program in the nation. However, that news of 2015 and 2016 has been superseded by the most recent U.S. News & World Report ranking, which revealed yet another climb.

"This climb, well into the top tier of national rankings, is extremely gratifying as it recognizes our detailed focus on excellence that has long been held by the department," said Dr. Brian Carpenter, who has been a professor in the program since the mid '80s. "It also recognizes the many new initiatives and programs that have been created by the department."

Dr. Carpenter expressed his hope and expectation that the department will likely be in line for further advancement in national rankings as new programs and departmental achievements become more widely known.