

Lee ranked in nation's 50 best community colleges

Lee College is one of the 50 best community colleges in the country, according to the results of a nationwide study released this week by personal finance website, WalletHub.

Lee College was one of four community colleges in Texas to be ranked among the top 50 community colleges in the country on the WalletHub list, compiled through an analysis of 670 institutions nationwide. Community colleges in the study were compared across four dimensions: cost and financing, classroom experience, education outcomes and career outcomes.

Lee College was 45th overall on the WalletHub list, ranking 12th in the education outcomes category that measured first-year retention rates, graduation rates and credentials awarded. The college ranked 29th in cost and financing, which measured factors including tuition and fees; the amount of local, state, and federal aid; and the school's per-pupil spending.

The WalletHub list is not the first time Lee College has ranked highly in a nationwide study. In May, the Brookings Institution ranked Lee College second in the nation for contribution to the economic success of its graduates — placing in the top one percent of all community colleges in the United States. In 2014, PayScale ranked Lee College fourth among U.S. two-year institutions for graduate earning potential, and Community College Week recognized the college as one of the top associate degree producers in the country.