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NEW LONDON, Conn., – The U.S. Coast Guard Academy was recently included in the Princeton Review's "The Best Value Colleges: 200 Schools with Exceptional Return On Investment for Your Tuition Investment" publication, which recommends institutions considered the nation's best for academics, affordability and career prospects, the academy announced in a Jan. 31 release.

According to the publication, the colleges were selected based on a return on investment rating score that includes institutional data from 658 institutions, student surveys, and alumni surveys covering starting and mid-career salaries as well as career social impact.

The publication states, "With a student body of about 1,000, it's easy to see why graduates of the Coast Guard Academy form such a lifelong dedication to the school and each other."

A student survey quotes a cadet saying, "I will have a guaranteed job once I graduate. And I am now part of the military family that takes care of its own."

The academy is a top military college, granting Bachelor of Science degrees in one of nine engineering or professional majors. Cadets pay no tuition and receive a monthly stipend totaling approximately \$12,000 per year. Graduates also earn a commission as an ensign and serve in the U.S. Coast Guard.