

# ECSU earns highest ranking in the state



**Under the mentorship of biology professor Vijaykumar Veerappan, Roshani Budhathoki (ECSU Class of 2019) was selected for an undergraduate fellowship by the American Society of Plant Biologists.** [CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

## Annual 'Best Colleges' report ranks the institution 21st among public universities in the North Region, moving it up five spots over last year's rankings

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Eastern Connecticut State University is again the highest ranked institution among Connecticut's four state universities in this year's U.S. News and World Report's edition of "Best Colleges." The 2020 rankings were released Monday.

This is Eastern's highest ranking as it was ranked 21st among public universities in the North Region. Eastern moved up five spots among public institutions over last year's rankings and moved up 13 spots to No. 80 when both public and private institutions were considered.

Other local and state colleges and universities fared well in the survey (see breakout information). The United States Coast Guard Academy was ranked second in regional colleges for the North Region, behind only Cooper Union. Mitchell College was tied

for 36th in that category. Connecticut College was tied for 46th for national Liberal Arts Colleges.

The North Region includes colleges and universities from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, and is known as the most competitive among the four regions that make up the U.S. News and World Report ranking system.

Regional universities are ranked based on 15 criteria that include peer assessment, graduation and retention rates,

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class size, faculty resources, admissions selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

“Given the uncertain times facing the higher education community, I am delighted to see Eastern achieving its highest

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ranking ever,” Eastern President Elsa Nunez said in a statement.

“This is a testament to our commitment to high standards and the faculty and staff’s focus on

providing students with personal attention.”

This year’s U.S. News and World Report rankings included reviews of upward of 1,400 schools nationwide and are available at [www.usnews.com/colleges](http://www.usnews.com/colleges). They will also be published in the Best Colleges 2020 Guidebook, published by U.S. News & World Report and available on newsstands on Oct. 15.