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LHU Physician Assistant Program ranked by U.S. News & World Report

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. - The Lock Haven University Physician Assistant Program has received national recognition by U.S. News & World Report. LHU is ranked 34th in a field of 127 schools offering the physician assistant graduate degree in the independent media outlet's 2007 annual college rankings.

The rankings are based on peer assessment, retention and graduation of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving, according to the organization's Web site. They are designed to reflect the quality of students, faculty and resources of providers of higher education, as well as signal how well these institutions educate students.

Walter Eisenhower, director of the LHU Physician Assistant Program, described several factors have contributed to the LHU's national notoriety:

- Over 300 satisfied program graduates who are fully prepared for clinical practice have spread word of the high quality of education they have received.
- The early and continuing use of laptop computers in the classroom as a tool to access current medical information serves as a model for other programs.
- Students and graduates enjoy the modular curriculum format that has served as a national model.
- The program received a six-year accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant in 2005.
- The faculty serves on state and national educational and governmental boards and committees, including leadership positions within the American Academy of Physician Assistants and the Physician Assistant Education Association.

"In summary, it is not just one thing that makes the program outstanding, but rather the culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work," Eisenhower said. "The program's underlying philosophy of preparing competent compassionate healthcare providers for the 21st Century, coupled with remaining on the cutting edge of physician assistant educational delivery, have led to this recognition by our peers at other institutions and by U.S. News & World Report."