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## Miami Dade College named in nation's 'Best Neighbor' list

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[Miami Dade College](#) is the only [Florida](#) institution and only community college in the nation to make the list in the nation's top 25 "Best Neighbor" colleges and universities.

MDC and other institutions were selected for their positive impact on their urban communities, including community service and development, economic help, revitalization projects, cultural renewal efforts and economic assistance.

"Colleges and universities, as well as the towns and cities in which they are located, are now under severe economic pressures. The positive financial impact of higher education on local communities is well-documented," according to a statement by Even S. Dobbelle, president of Westfield State College and creator of the survey and ranking project, "Saviors of Our Cities: Survey of Best College and University Civic Partnerships."

Other winners include the [University of Pennsylvania](#), Tulane University, [George Washington University](#), the University of Southern California, Emory University, and Carnegie-Mellon University.

For more information about the survey, visit [http://www.wsc.ma.edu/Announcements/Top\\_25\\_Saviors.html](http://www.wsc.ma.edu/Announcements/Top_25_Saviors.html)