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## Higher Education Excellence and Distinction Award Recipient

Insight Into Academia is proud to announce the 61 recipients of the 2025 Insight Into Academia Higher Education Excellence and Distinction (HEED) Award. Now in its fourteenth year, the HEED Award is the only national award honoring U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to excellence and belonging throughout their campuses.

The colleges and universities selected for this honor have proven their dedication to excellence and belonging in higher education through initiatives, programs, and outreach; student recruitment, retention, and completion; and hiring practices for faculty and staff. They go above and beyond in supporting all populations both on campus and in their community and are exemplars of social justice advocacy.

By providing students with inclusive learning environments, these institutions ensure that their graduates are innovators and leaders for today's global workforce. By providing their faculty and staff with opportunities to advance in inclusive work environments, they ensure that scholars and employees of all backgrounds can achieve thriving careers. Each HEED Award recipient's efforts span race, ethnicity, gender and gender identity, national origin, religion, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, and more.



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