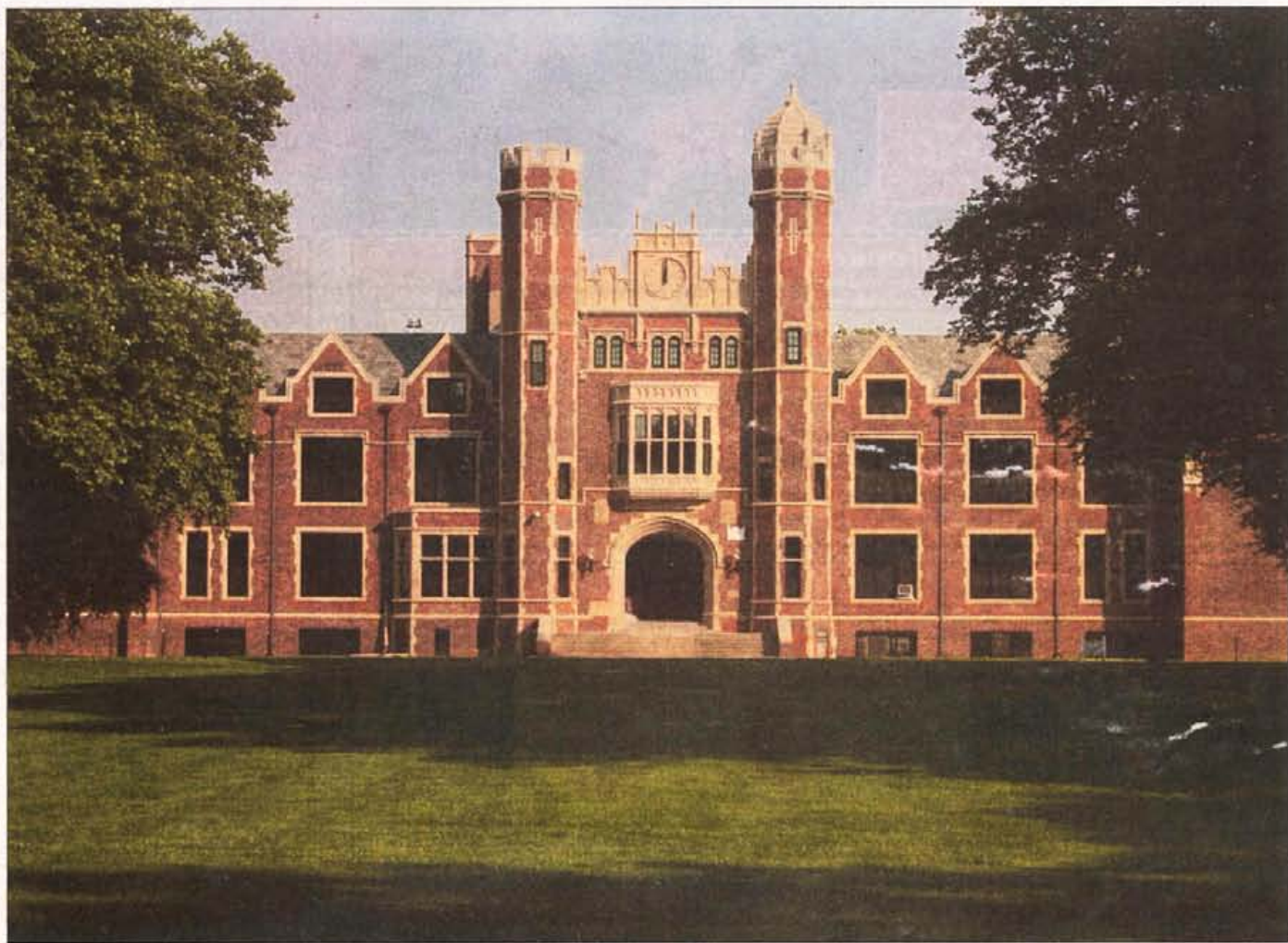


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According to U.S. News & World Report, Wagner College is the only college or university in New York state with four or more "programs to look for" — and only one of seven such schools nationwide. Above is a photo of the college's Main Hall.

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News mag's laurels for Wagner College

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Wagner College was identified in U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges 2014" as the only college or university in New York state with four or more "programs to look for" — and only one of seven such schools nationwide.

The only institutions on the list with more such programs were Stanford University, with five, and Elon (N.C.) University, with seven.

Wagner College placed No. 24 in the U.S. News overall northern regional universities rankings. The college was also cited on the regional universities list of "Up-and-Comers."

A total of 105 colleges or universities across the nation were recognized by the U.S. News survey for one or more of their "programs to look for."

Wagner College was recognized on four such lists:

- First-year experience
- Internships
- Learning communities
- Service learning

"These four program areas are fundamental

components of our signature curriculum, the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts," said Wagner College President Richard Guarasci.

"Since 1998, the Wagner Plan has combined a very strong first-year program with multiple service-learning experiences and three learning communities placed at the beginning, middle and end of the Wagner student's undergraduate career."

"Wagner College's four 'programs to look for' are what the American Association of Colleges & Universities terms 'high impact practices' — those academic components that significantly contribute to a high-quality education,"

said Lily McNair, the college's provost and vice president for academic affairs. "In essence, the Wagner Plan embodies such high-impact practices."

Wagner College appeared for the sixth year in a row on the U.S. News "Up-and-Comers" list of schools in its category — institutions identified by top administrators at other northern regional universities as those that "have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus, or facilities," according to the magazine.

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