



Ramona junior Natalie Martinez shares her math skills with positive reinforcement and enthusiasm.

Cal State LA ascends in U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges rankings

Cal State LA continues an impressive rise as one of the nation's top regional universities in the U.S. News & World Report 2020 Best Colleges rankings.

Cal State LA ranks 31st among all private and public regional universities in the western United States, jumping 21 spots from the previous year. The university also received strong marks for its undergraduate engineering and business programs, low student debt, and support for veterans. In the past six years, Cal State LA has risen 65 spots among all private and public regional universities in the West, according to the latest rankings.

Among top public regional universities in the West, Cal State LA ranks 12th, a step up from last year's ranking.

"Cal State LA's ascension in the U.S. News & World Report rankings reflects our continuing commitment to student success and academic excellence," said Cal State LA President William A. Covino. "We're proud of our role as one of the premier regional universities in the nation."

Two Cal State LA programs were featured among the nation's best undergraduate programs. The engineering program in the College of Engineering, Computer Science,

and Technology is one of the top 10 in the nation among public, master's awarding institutions, excluding military academies, the rankings show. The business program in the College of Business and Economics continues to be one of the top 10 in California among public institutions. Both programs have been included in the U.S. News & World Report rankings for two decades.

The rankings are based on key measurements, such as graduation rates, alumni giving, class size, and student-faculty ratio, areas in which Cal State LA continues to achieve significant success.

This past academic year, Cal State LA awarded 7,000 degrees, the most in the history of the university. That's an increase of nearly 72% from 10 years ago and up 54% from just five years ago. The university also has hired more than 220 tenure-track faculty in the past six years.

U.S. News & World Report also recognized Cal State LA for its affordability. Those who received bachelor's degrees from Cal State LA have the third lowest debt among graduates of schools in the West. Cal State LA is also listed as one of the top 20 Best Value Schools and among the Best Colleges for Veterans.

Ramona Convent offers free math tutoring

Last month, the math department at Ramona Convent Secondary School held the first session of a free Math Readiness Mentor Program for junior high girls. Participants were paired with a Ramona Convent student to review math concepts being taught at their school and build confidence in their math abilities.

While students were being tutored, a separate meeting was held with parents to discuss high school math readiness. "I started the mentoring program because our students have such a strong foundation in math, and I felt they could make a positive impact on girls from local elementary schools in this subject area," said math teacher Eddie Cortez. Two additional sessions will be offered from 3:30 to 4:45

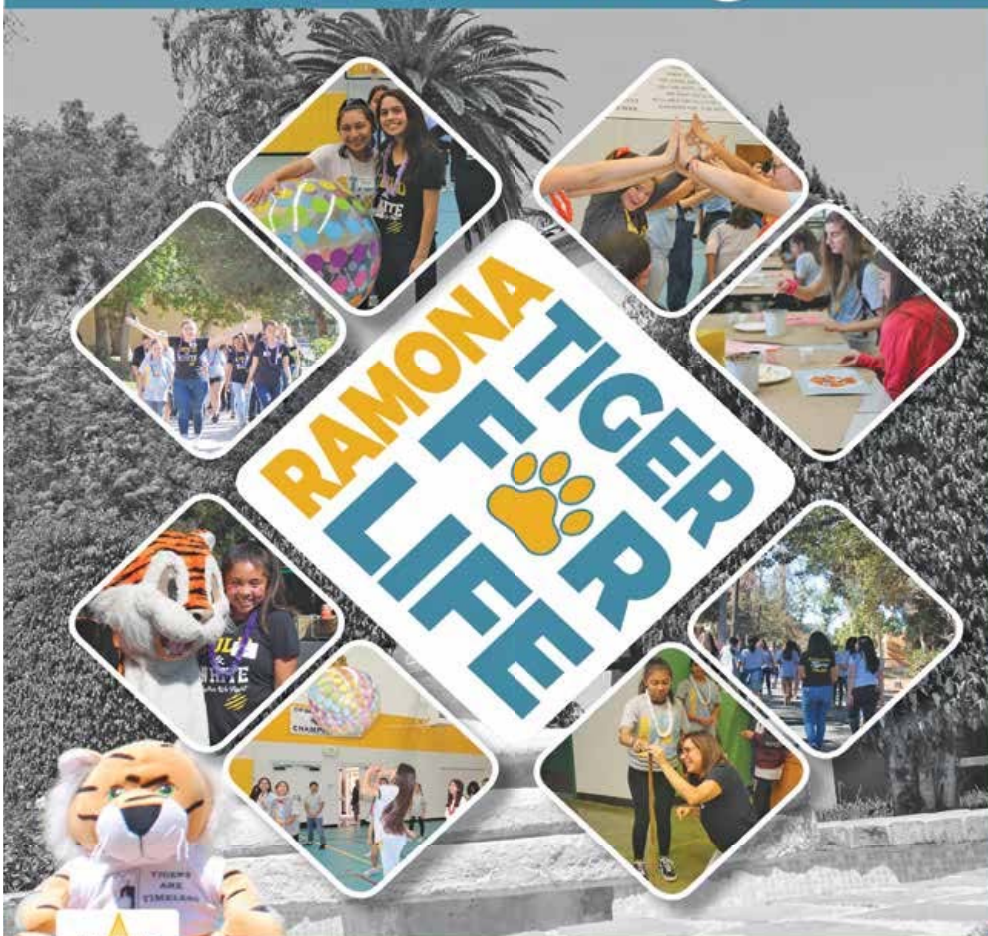
p.m. Oct. 2 and Nov. 6. There is no cost for these tutoring sessions. Please contact Mr. Cortez at ecortez@ramonaconvent.org to sign up.

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