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**PRINCETON REVIEW RANKS WORCESTER STATE COLLEGE
AS ONE OF "AMERICA'S BEST VALUE COLLEGES"**

(WORCESTER – March 30, 2006) Worcester State College (WSC) is one of the nation's best value undergraduate institutions according to *The Princeton Review*. The New York-based education services company features the school in the new 2007 edition of its book, *America's Best Value Colleges* (Random House / Princeton Review, \$18.95), on sale March 28, 2006.

The guide profiles 150 colleges with excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and relatively low costs. It includes 103 public and 47 private colleges in 40 states. *The Princeton Review* chose the colleges for the book based on data the company obtained from administrators at 646 colleges, and its surveys of students attending them.

"In these challenging economic times when middle class families are struggling with the high cost of education, this should be welcome news to the citizens of central Massachusetts that their local state college has been ranked a 'best value'," says WSC President Janelle C. Ashley.

Worcester State College is the only Massachusetts state college to receive this distinction. Other schools from Massachusetts that received the distinction are UMass-Amherst, UMass-Boston, UMass-Lowell, Williams College, and Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering.

Robert Franek, V.P.-Publishing of *The Princeton Review*, says, "We considered over 30 factors to rate the colleges in four categories: Academics, Tuition GPA (the sticker price minus average amount students receive in scholarships and grants), Financial Aid (how well colleges meet students' financial need), and Student Borrowing. We recommend the 150 schools in this book

as America's best college education deals for 2006." The Princeton Review has posted a list of the schools in the book on its website www.PrincetonReview.com.

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