Baruch College is a dynamic community of scholars and distinguished professionals who educate one of the most diverse student populations in the United States. The College dates back to the 1847 founding of the Free Academy, the first free public college in the nation, and has carried on a tradition of academic excellence, accessibility, and opportunity for students from every corner of New York City, the metropolitan region, and around the world.

THE AUSTIN W. MARXE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS offers BSPA, MPA, Executive MPA, MIA, and MS in Education degrees while serving as a research engine for governmental and nonprofit entities at the local, state, and national levels.

THE GEORGE AND MILDRED WEISSMAN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES has more than 50 areas of study that blend rigorous theory with practical experience. Degrees include BA, BS, MA, MS, and PhD.

THE ZICKLIN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS has renowned faculty experts across the business spectrum and acclaimed AACSB-accredited programs leading to BBA, MBA, MS, Executive MBA and MS, and PhD degrees.

PRESIDENT S. DAVID WU, PHD, joined Baruch College on July 1, 2020 as the eighth president. An accomplished scholar, a technology innovator, and a bold and visionary academic leader, Dr. Wu’s career spans over 30 years at major private and public institutions. He holds a professorial appointment in the Zicklin School of Business, with areas of expertise in optimization, game theory, and econometrics.

As he leads Baruch into a new era, Dr. Wu’s aim is to challenge higher education isomorphism—the gravitational pull toward status quo and stagnation, rather than change and innovation—and expand Baruch’s national reach. The College offers a rare amalgam of academic achievement and upward mobility for diverse students from all echelons of society. With national rankings and accolades affirming what is now a distinctive niche, he believes that Baruch will emerge as a new model for higher education: Institutions that insist on academic excellence at the highest level while concurrently expanding their base to support historically underserved students to succeed in such a rigorous intellectual environment.
Baruch College is nationally recognized for supporting the social mobility of students from low-income backgrounds. For the fourth year in a row, CollegeNET ranked Baruch #1 out of more than 1,300 U.S. colleges on its annual Social Mobility Index, which analyzes “how effectively they enroll students from low-income backgrounds and graduate them into well-paying jobs.” The Chronicle of Higher Education also listed Baruch #1 for social mobility among four-year public institutions. Money magazine ranked the College #5 among the “50 Best Public Colleges” in the U.S. and U.S. News & World Report placed Baruch #3 for “Least Debt, Class of 2017” among regional universities in the north. The Education Trust has recognized Baruch as a “standout institution” for graduating Pell Grant (low-income) students at a rate 18 percent higher than the national average.

Honors & Rankings

**U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (NORTH REGION)**

- #5 Top Public Schools for third consecutive year
- #20 Best Regional Universities
- #3 Least Debt, Class of 2017
- #9 Schools With the Most International Students
- #11 Most Innovative Schools

**U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT (NATIONWIDE)**

- #62 Best Undergraduate Business Programs (#40 among public institutions)
- #52 2020 Best Graduate Schools: Full-Time MBA
- #39 2020 Best Graduate Schools: MPA

**THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

- #1 Colleges with the Highest Student-Mobility Rates
- Most Selective Four-Year Public Colleges and Universities in U.S
- Top 20 four-year public colleges with the greatest racial and ethnic diversity

**FORBES MAGAZINE**

- #12 Best-Value Colleges 2018: 300 Schools Worth the Investment
- America’s Top Colleges 2018

**KIPLINGER’S PERSONAL FINANCE**

- #2 Colleges with the Lowest Average Graduating Debt
- #27 Best Value, Public Colleges for in-state students
- #44 Best Value, Public Colleges for out-of-state students
- #122 Best Value, All Colleges

**MONEY MAGAZINE**

- #1 Best Public Colleges in the Northeast
- #5 50 Best Public Colleges in the U.S.
- #3 Best Colleges for Business Majors
- #8 727 Best Colleges in America

**THE PRINCETON REVIEW**

- Best Value Colleges

**COLLEGE CHOICE**

- Top 20 Public Colleges and Universities
- Named one of 25 Best Colleges in New York

**COLLEGENET**

- #1 Social Mobility Index for fourth consecutive year
- Social Mobility Innovator for 2017 and 2018

**WALL STREET JOURNAL/TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION**

- #5 Environment

**WASHINGTON MONTHLY**

- #14 Best Bang for Your Buck in the Northeast

Updated July 2020. Each ranking is the most recent available from the issuing organization.