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# Excellence

# SOME THINGS WE ARE DOING WELL

### **Introduction to Excellence**

Each of the 28 colleges and universities, many founded in the 19th century, has its own history and its own priorities which, though sharing in the goals spelled out in the recent Jesuit General Congregations, express themselves in the language and culture of their local environment.

Already aware of the national rankings in *U.S. News and World Report* and *The Washington Monthly*, we wanted to know what excellence looks like on the home front. We wrote to every college and university president and invited all to send us a brief report on something they were doing of which they were particularly proud. It could be a scholarly breakthrough, an athletic conquest, a new imaginative program — whatever they wished to put forward. The results follow. **RASsj**