

Cairo University Ties for Lead in CMA Exam Completers in 2001

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candidates by college or university was in the September 2001 issue of *Strategic Finance*, which reported the top 20 colleges and universities producing CMA exam completers through December 2000. This report updates that information based on the exam completers for the year 2001 and cumulative completers through December 2001.

Table 1 shows the college and university rankings based on the number of exam completers from January 2001 to December 2001 with comparison to the rankings based on completions from January 2000 to December 2000. As in past years, the grouping of the colleges and universities

in the top 25 is extremely tight. There are actually 38 colleges and universities listed because of ties in every position, including 23 colleges and universities tied for the 16th through 38th positions.

As in previous years, the current-year positions show considerable volatility in the rankings based on year 2001 completers compared with year 2000 completers. Only 11 of the 38 colleges and universities listed in the current year appeared in the December 2000 report. This year, Cairo University joined the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and Indiana University Bloomington in sustained leadership in annual

TABLE 1—Colleges and universities with the highest number of CMA exam completers: January 2001 through December 2001 compared to January 2000 through December 2000

Jan. through Dec. 2001 Rank	School	Jan. through Dec. 2000 Rank	Jan. through Dec. 2001 Rank	School	Jan. through Dec. 2000 Rank
1	Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt	5	16	George Mason University	
1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	9	16	Grand Valley State University	17
1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1	16	Illinois State University	9
4	Indiana University Bloomington	3	16	Oregon State University	
4	Western Washington University		16	Portland State University	
6	Bentley College		16	Syracuse University	
6	University of Connecticut, Storrs		16	University of Akron	
6	University of Washington		16	University of Arizona	
6	Western Michigan University		16	University of Cincinnati	
6	Wright State University		16	University of Georgia	
11	Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt		16	University of Massachusetts Amherst	
11	Erasmus University, Rotterdam, Netherlands		16	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	
11	Pennsylvania State University	2	16	University of Northern Iowa	5
11	Seattle University	9	16	University of Phoenix	
11	University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan	5	16	University of South Carolina, Columbia	
16	Auburn University		16	University of South Florida	
16	California State University, San Diego	9	16	University of Western Ontario	
16	Cornell University		16	Utah State University	
16	Davenport University		16	Winona State University	

CMA completers. Five of the colleges and universities listed in the top 25 for year 2001 completers are poised to displace colleges and universities from the historical top 25 rankings with as few as three more completers.

This year there are five international institutions among the top 25 rankings, compared to two in the year 2000 rankings. In 2000, about 8% of the CMA completers were from international institutions from 19 countries. In 2001, more than 13% of the completers represented international institutions from 22 countries.

The staff of the Institute of Certified Management Accountants reports that about 25%-30% of the candidates sitting for the CMA exam are now international candidates. The CMA completers from international institutions in 49 countries now represent 4.1% of all CMA completers that can be identified by school. Clearly, the CMA is becoming the leading international credential in management accounting.

Table 2 compares the college and university positions based on the cumulative number of CMA exam completers as of December 2001 to those as of December 2000. The rankings in this table show much more stability than those in Table 1. Indeed, the first 14 places are the same as in 2000—a testament to the sustained production of CMA com-

TABLE 2—Colleges and universities with the highest number of CMA exam completers: Inception through December 2001 compared to December 2000 totals

December 2001 Rank	School	December 2000 Rank
1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	1
2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	2
3	Indiana University Bloomington	3
4	University of Texas at Austin	4
5	Pennsylvania State University	5
6	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	5
7	University of Washington	7
8	University of Northern Iowa	8
9	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	9
10	Northern Illinois University	10
11	Michigan State University	11
12	Pace University	12
13	University of South Carolina, Columbia	13
14	Bentley College	14
15	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	16
16	Arizona State University	16
17	California State University, San Diego	15
18	Ohio State University	18
19	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	
20	University of Iowa	20
21	Brigham Young University	18
21	New York University	
23	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	
23	Wayne State University	
25	DePaul University	

pleters by most of those colleges and universities. This year, Table 2 expands the rankings to the top 25 colleges and universities in order to be consistent with the ranking of the top 25 colleges and universities in passing rates published in the November 2002 issue of *Strategic Finance*.

While no colleges and universities slipped from the top 25 list, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater had a fairly dramatic jump to number 19. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill moved up from 16 to 15, California State University, San Diego slipped from 15 to 17, and Brigham Young University dropped from 18 to 21. The rankings are so tightly packed that many of the colleges and universities shown in Table 1 were able to increase their rankings by 10 to 20 places. The University of

Jordan jumped 36 places with its CMA completers in 2001.

The list of colleges and universities represented continues to expand with the growing participation of international candidates. As of December 2001, more than 1,200 colleges and universities are represented among the successful completers of the exam, up from 1,100 in 2000.

As prior reports have indicated, the ICMA files did not record CMA exam completers' educational reference prior to 1992. Many are still unidentified. Colleges and universities may be able to reflect their historical support of the CMA program more accurately by encouraging alumni to

verify their educational credentials in the ICMA records. If you received your certification prior to 1992, please send your educational information, including name, Social Security number or IMA member number, and name and location of your college/university (to distinguish between colleges and universities with the same name and initials) by mail to: ICMA, CMA/CFM Data Update, 10 Paragon Drive, Montvale NJ 07645; by fax to (201) 474-1606; or by e-mail to icma@imanet.org.

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