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U.S. News & World Report has ranked Northwestern University as having one of the best business, law, engineering and education schools in the state. VINCENT ALBAN/REUTERS

U.S. News & World Report ranks top grad schools in Illinois

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Thinking of going to graduate school? If so, you may be interested to know which colleges in Illinois ranked in the latest U.S. News & World Report.

Illinois colleges can be found nearing the top of national lists.

The publication released rankings on April 7.

Rankings are available for several types of schools, but we took a look at business, law, medical research, engineering, master of nursing, and education schools, and how Illinois schools match up.

Best business schools

1. University of Chicago (Booth), Chicago
#3 in Best Business Schools
2. Northwestern University (Kellogg), Evanston
#4 in Best Business Schools (tie)
3. DePaul University (Kellstadt), Chicago
#123-134 in Best Business Schools
4. Bradley University (Foster), Peoria
Unranked in Best Business Schools
5. Dominican University (Brennan), River Forest
Unranked in Best Business Schools

Best law schools

1. University of Chicago, Chicago
#2 in Best Law Schools (tie)
2. Northwestern University (Pritzker), Chicago
#9 in Best Law Schools (tie)
3. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign
#46 in Best Law Schools (tie)
4. Loyola University Chicago, Chicago
#77 in Best Law Schools (tie)

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AG warns of investment scams circulating on Meta

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Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul issued an investor alert April 6, warning all Illinoisans about the prevalence of fraudulent investment schemes on Meta platforms, including on Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

Raoul's office issued a news release late Monday afternoon, saying scammers are "increasingly using deceptive advertisements and "deepfake" technology to lure investors into high-stakes scams to defraud them of their savings."

"There is a worrying trend of bad actors using social media to purposely lure consumers into investment groups intent on scamming them out of their hard-earned money," Raoul said in the release. "I recommend all Illinoisans who are regularly on social media platforms learn about these scams and review our tips to avoid becoming a victim."

Raoul then offered advice on how to spot and avoid "pump and dump" scams, confidence scams and fraudulent cryptocurrency schemes and encouraged anyone who may have been a victim of these types of scams to report it to the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Bureau or call one of the Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotlines: 1-800-386-5438 in Chicago, 1-800-243-0618 in Springfield and 1-800-243-0607 in Carbondale.

According to Meta, the company launched new tools on Facebook, Messenger and WhatsApp to help protect its more than 3.5 billion daily users against scams.

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25 things to do this weekend in Rockford area

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The weekend brings Roscoe Restaurant Week, the final home Rockford IceHogs game of the regular season and the Young Artists Show: Youth Division, along with fundraisers, live music and more to the Rockford area.

Roscoe Restaurant Week

What: Explore the Roscoe dining scene. From crave-worthy classics to creative new flavors, participating restaurants will offer exclusive menu items and special pricing. Support favorite local spots or discover a new go-to. Snap a photo while you dine and share it on the official Facebook Event page for a chance to win gift cards from participating restaurants. Winners will be selected at random throughout the event.
When: Noon April 10 – 11 p.m. April 18
Where: Restaurants in Roscoe

Rockford IceHogs

What: The Rockford IceHogs host the Iowa Wild in their last home game of the regular season. It's a Screw City Night, along with $2 beers and $2 soft drinks.
When: 7 p.m. April 10
Where: BMO Center, 300 Elm St., Rockford
Cost: $27-$63

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"Blue" by Emu Rickard, a seventh-grader at Marshall Middle School.
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