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## Dominican Praised as Marin Ranks in Top Spot in California

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The ranking was based on 2010 U.S. Census data in seven different categories, including unemployment rate, median household income, median rent, median home price, percent of families below the poverty line, high school graduation rate, and average commute time. The survey was released by Movoto.

The news was reported by several California papers, including the Marin Independent Journal, the San Jose Mercury News and the Contra Costa Times.

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Each year Dominican educates about 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students. Its students come from throughout the United States. However, many of Dominican alumni remain in Marin long after graduation, contributing to its local economy as entrepreneurs, teachers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, and therapists.

“Education is central to Marin’s high quality of life,” Dominican President Mary B. Marcy said in the newspaper story. “When we invest in new facilities and programs we consider how our investments will impact both our students and our greater community.”

Next year, Dominican will open a state-of-the-art health sciences facility in [Meadowlands Hall](#) that will help meet a growing local demand for highly skilled medical professionals. In addition, the University’s [Andrew P. Barowsky School of Business](#) is forming global partnerships that will result in new opportunities for students and local businesses.

Service to the Marin community is central to Dominican’s mission. Each year its students contribute thousands of hours working with local non-profit agencies, schools, and medical facilities. President Marcy said Dominican transforms lives – of its own students and of the greater community.

Marin ranked first in low unemployment rate, high median household income, median home price, and median rent. It also had the second lowest number of families below the poverty line. The survey determined that Marin is a “hub of culture, natural beauty, and just plain awesome.”

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