Montana colleges help few students leap up the economic ladder

Colleges are viewed by many families as key to improving financial standing, but public data shows campuses do not help students move up the economic ladder significantly. The mobility rates below show how many students earned incomes two quintiles higher than their parents did. In other words, when nationwide incomes are divided into five groups, how likely is a student to jump up by two brackets?

Campus - National Rank out of about 2,000

- Vaughn College, NY - 1st
- CUNY City College Of New York - 2nd
- CUNY Bernard M. Baruch College, NY - 3rd
- Texas A&M International - 4th
- California State University, Los Angeles - 5th
- MSU - Northern - 174th
- Montana Tech - 189th
- Helena College - 209th
- Miles Community College - 326th
- University Of Montana Western - 379th
- Rocky Mountain College - 438th
- Great Falls College - 555th
- Carroll College - 837th
- Dawson Community College - 772nd
- Flathead Valley Community College - 969th
- MSU - Billings - 887th
- Montana State - 1,133th
- University Of Montana - 1,464th

Source: Opportunity Insights at Harvard University, New York Times