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## NKU makes Top 10 on college ratings Web site

### Students rate professors; give high marks

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**HIGHLAND HEIGHTS** - Professors at Northern Kentucky University have a good reputation with their students.

Students scoring them at [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com) have given such high marks that NKU ranks eighth on the Web site's Top Faculty list, collecting ratings throughout the country.

"The 2008 [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com) rankings mirror the voices of students sitting in classes and listening to professors' lectures," said Carlo DiMarco, vice president of university relations for mtvU, the firm that owns [ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com). "These students have elevated the teachers they feel are the best to the top of these lists."

Jill Easter has been with NKU for 14 years. She teaches developmental reading and writing classes in education.

On a scale of one to five, she received a score of 4.9 in overall quality.

"Jill is an amazing professor who wants all her students to do well. She is very helpful and her assignments are clear to the point," wrote a recent commenter on the site.

Easter said she is pleased with her rating.

"I'm one of those teachers that I really do interact with the students a lot and that's part of my joy and I always get very attached to them.

"So I'm flattered that they think I'm such a good teacher," she said. "I think it's just because I take an interest in what's going on with them and keeping them on track."

While pleased with the ranking, Easter said she doesn't frequent the site.

"I haven't checked in a couple of years and every once in a while I might check it," she said. "I encourage my students to check it when they were registering for classes next term.

"I caution the students that they have to realize that if they check on their professors to be aware that the students who type in this stuff are very positive or very negative with not much in between."

NKU Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Gail Wells was not surprised with the results.

"When students are asked what NKU's greatest strength is, they respond, 'Small classes and faculty who care about us,'" Wells said.

[Ratemyprofessors.com](http://ratemyprofessors.com) claims to have scores on more than 6,000 schools and 1 million professors in the United States, Canada, and England.

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