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The following is a statement from **Allegheny Conference on Community Development
CEO Dennis Yablonsky** regarding the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon
University being recognized today as among the nation's Top 25 "Best Neighbor" Colleges
& Universities.

> *"On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its
> Affiliates, I congratulate Mark Nordenberg, chancellor at the University of
> Pittsburgh and Jared Cohon, president of Carnegie Mellon University on their
> institutions being named today among the Top 25 "Best Neighbor" Colleges and
> Universities in the nation.*
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> *Being a "best neighbor" college or university is dependent on demonstrated and
> long-standing cooperation and partnership with communities and civic leadership
> for urban redevelopment and renewal.*
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> *In Pittsburgh, institutions of higher education have been chief among the catalysts
> for the region's strategic transformation to a 21st-century economy that capitalizes
> on research, innovation and entrepreneurship.*
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> *The new Pittsburgh's diverse, balanced and knowledge-based economy—recently
> lauded by the White House and global media as 'model'—is inextricably linked to a
> power to imagine and to accomplish that has historically been at the heart of
> Pittsburgh's academic community. A 'model' transformation without our neighbors
> and partners in academia would not have been possible.*
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> *The Pittsburgh region's business community applauds our "best neighbors" and
> transformation partners at both the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon
> University on this distinct honor."*

**The news release for the 2009 Nation's Best Top 25 "Best Neighbor" Colleges and
Universities is available here.**