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University of Minnesota, Morris Named a 2014 Best Value Public College by Kiplinger's Personal Finance

Summary: Praised for Strong Academic Record and Great Economic Value

(December 11, 2013)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has again been named to [Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of 100 best values](#) in public colleges for 2014. The ranking cites four-year schools that combine outstanding education with economic value.

Morris ranked in the top 100 colleges because of its high four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, abundant financial aid, low sticker price, and overall value. It is one of only two [Minnesota colleges](#) on this year's list, the other being the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

"Kiplinger's bases its rankings on academics and affordability, two qualities for which Morris is well known," said Bryan Herrmann, director of admissions. "We are honored to be cited as a best value college, and we will continue to work to make a Morris liberal arts education a superb financial value for students."

Kiplinger's assesses quality according to a number of measurable standards, including the admission rate, the percentage of students who return for sophomore year, the student-faculty ratio and the four-year graduation rate. Cost criteria include low sticker prices, abundant financial aid and low average debt at graduation. Many schools, like Morris, have appeared on the list multiple times, a testament to the consistent value these colleges provide.

"The college landscape today is very different—tuition increases and student debt dominate the national conversation surrounding higher education," said Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger's Personal Finance. "This year's top 100 schools have made admirable strides to maintain academic integrity and standards while meeting the financial needs of their students."

The annual public school rankings appear in Kiplinger's February 2014 issue—on newsstands December 31, 2013—and online now at kiplinger.com/links/college. Web visitors will find special features, including a tool that lets readers sort by in-state and out-of-state cost, average debt at graduation, and admission rate, a slide show of the top ten schools, [archives](#) of previous years' rankings, and an FAQ about the ranking methodology. In addition, Kiplinger's top 200 private colleges and universities for 2014—announced in October 2013—are featured in the [College Rankings special report](#).

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Through personal and academic discovery, the University of Minnesota, Morris provides opportunities for students to grow intellectually, engage in community, experience environmental stewardship and celebrate diversity. A renewable and sustainable educational experience, Morris prepares graduates for careers, for advanced degrees, for lifelong learning, for work world flexibility in the future, and for global citizenship. Learn more about Morris at morris.umn.edu or call 888-866-3382.

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