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## **Morris Again Named a Top 10 Public Liberal Arts College**

*Summary: This is the fifteenth consecutive year in which Morris has been recognized.*

(September 10, 2013)-U.S. News and World Report has released its 2014 college rankings, which again lists the University of Minnesota, Morris among the nation's [Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges](#). This is the fifteenth consecutive year in which Morris has been included on this list. Morris also ranked 154th in the top tier of the National Liberal Arts Colleges list.

In addition to the Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges list, Morris was also included on a list of colleges that recognize and value “spirit and hard work” as well as “a broad, engaged student body.” The alphabetical A-Plus Schools for B Students list identifies colleges that consider individual applicants during the admissions process rather than relying solely on test scores and class standing.

“We are proud that the University of Minnesota, Morris continues to stand out among American colleges and universities,” says Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. “It is especially gratifying to know that our excellent academics and public mission place us among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.”

U.S. News bases its rankings on quantitative indicators of academic quality. When ranking colleges, U.S. News categorizes schools based on their missions, then gathers data from and about each college in 16 areas related to academic excellence. Each indicator is assigned a weight based on judgments about which measures of quality matter most. U.S. News then ranks the colleges by their composite weighted scores in the following areas: assessments by high school counselors, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance, and alumni giving rate.

According to U.S. News, the country's 248 liberal arts colleges emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the arts and sciences. This year's [Top 10 Public Schools](#) in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category include United States Naval Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Air Force Academy, Virginia Military Institute, New College of Florida, St. Mary's College of Maryland, University of North Carolina–Asheville, University of Minnesota, Morris, Purchase College–SUNY, and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Additional information and a full listing of the rankings is available [online](#).

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