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**Washington Monthly's national ranking includes Morris**

*Summary: The rankings are based on "contributions to public good."*

(September 19, 2011)-The Washington Monthly's 2011 national ranking of liberal arts colleges includes the University of Minnesota, Morris. With very different criteria than other well-known college rankings, such as Forbes or U.S. News & World Report, Washington Monthly highlights colleges whose students, faculty, and alumni provide "contributions to public good."

Washington Monthly rankings are based on three broad, equally weighed categories. The social mobility category investigates recruiting and graduating low-income students. The research category considers cutting edge scholarship and the number of alumni who earn doctorates. And the last category looks for service to community and country.

The editors of Washington Monthly say, "It's not enough to help students look out for themselves. The best colleges encourage students to give something back."

Morris ranked seventh of twenty-three public institutions on the list of 240 liberal arts colleges. Overall, both private and public, Morris ranked 173. In addition to Morris, Minnesota colleges also included in the Washington Monthly's rankings are Macalester College, Carleton College, St. John's University, St. Olaf College, Gustavus Adolphus College, College of St. Benedict, and Concordia College in Moorhead.

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