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Kiplinger's ranks Morris as Best Value in Public Colleges 2011 list

Summary: The Morris and Twin Cities campuses of the University of Minnesota were the only Minnesota institutions chosen for best value honors.

(January 4, 2011)-Kiplinger's Personal Finance has announced its national ranking of the 100 Best Values in Public Colleges, and the University of Minnesota, Morris is included on the list. The Morris and Twin Cities campuses of the University of Minnesota were the only Minnesota institutions chosen for best value honors.

"Kiplinger's bases its rankings on academics and affordability, two qualities for which Morris is well known," says 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."

Morris and the other institutions on the Best Values list were selected from a pool of more than 500 public four-year colleges and universities, which were ranked according to academic quality, including admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratio, four- and six-year graduation rates, cost, and financial aid.

The student-faculty ratio at Morris is 12:1. The comprehensive cost to attend Morris in 2010-11, including tuition, fees, room, and board, is \$18,582 for both in-state and out-of-state students. More than 90 percent of the student body receives financial aid.

"Despite rising tuition costs, there are still many first-rate institutions providing outstanding academics at an affordable price," says Janet Bodnar, editor of Kiplinger's. "Schools like those on the Kiplinger 100 list prove graduates can enter the workforce with a great education—and without a huge cloud of debt."

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.