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**Morris makes Best Colleges List in U.S. News and Forbes rankings**

*Summary: Morris also made the Top 100 list of Best Colleges: Most Students Studying Abroad in U.S. News.*

(August 31, 2010)-U.S. News and World Report and Forbes have released their fall 2010 rankings, and the University of Minnesota, Morris made the “Best College” list in both publications. Public and private institutions are included in the Best College lists.

In addition, Morris was ranked sixth in the Top Public Schools in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category and made the Top 100 list of Best Colleges: Most Students Studying Abroad in U.S. News.

“The U.S. News and Forbes rankings illustrate Morris characteristics of which we are always proud,” states Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. “Strong academics, a student-focused learning environment, study abroad, and civic engagement are all hallmarks of an excellent liberal arts education.”

U.S News ranking includes academic assessments

U.S. News ranks Morris a “Best College” in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category. The publication uses Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching classifications as the foundation for its categories. Carnegie groups institutions by their missions. Institutions were ranked by U.S News based on academic assessments by peer institution administrators, student retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, graduation rates, and, for the first time, assessments by high school counselors.

The U.S. News Top Public Schools in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category included, in order, United States Military Academy, West Point United States Naval Academy Virginia Military Institute St. Mary’s College of Maryland New College of Florida University of Minnesota, Morris University of North Carolina, Asheville, and Purchase College, State University of New York.

Morris and the California Maritime Academy were the only public schools to be named to the U.S. News Best Colleges: Top 100 Most Students Studying Abroad list.

Forbes ranking reflects students’ point of view

Forbes creates its America’s Best Colleges ranking of public and private colleges and universities from the students’ point of view. The ranking factors include five general categories: student satisfaction, postgraduate success, student debt, four-year graduation rates, and students receiving competitive national awards.

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