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**UMM: among best values in the nation**

*Summary: UMM is ranked ninth among top schools as a best value for out-of-state students in the Kiplinger's Personal Finance survey of the 100 best values among public higher education institutions. UMM is the only Minnesota university to make the list.*

(January 17, 2006)-The University of Minnesota, Morris is ranked ninth nationally among the top 15 schools as a best value for out-of-state students in the 2006 Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine exclusive survey of the 100 best values among public institutions of higher education. UMM is the only university in Minnesota to make the list.

"It is welcome news to again receive national confirmation that UMM's distinctive combination of a top-quality, rigorous, undergraduate liberal education, plus our comparatively low tuition, make us a best value," said UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman.

The survey identified the 100 schools that offer "academic excellence at an affordable cost." On average, the annual cost for tuition, fees and room and board for an out-of-state -- or an in-state -- student to attend UMM is \$15,472.

The fact that Kiplinger ranks UMM among schools that are state powerhouses with 15,000 students or more is worth noting. UMM has an enrollment of about 1,700 students.

"Never before has it been more critical for students and families to obtain the highest quality education possible for their money," said James Morales, UMM associate vice chancellor for enrollment. "The State of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota system and the UMM community have every reason to be pleased by Kiplinger's affirmation of the outstanding value of a UMM education. Students from outside Minnesota's borders should also take notice of the great educational value that UMM can offer them."

This is Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine's fifth annual "best value" survey. For more information on the survey, visit Kiplinger's Web site at

[Kiplinger's.](#)

UMM is the only college in the Midwest to be named one of the top five public liberal arts colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2006 rankings of America's Best Colleges.

As one of the five campuses of the University of Minnesota, UMM offers students a small, close-knit campus complemented by the power of a world-renowned research University system. UMM has received national recognition for its academically gifted student body, commitment to diversity, green campus initiatives, and emphasis on student leadership. An exceptional student-centered learning environment is created by UMM's dedicated faculty and staff.

To learn more about UMM visit [www.morris.umn.edu](http://www.morris.umn.edu) .

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