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*Summary: The campus recently earned accolades from Kiplinger's Personal Finance, College Factual, and Best Value Schools.*

MORRIS, Minnesota (December 16, 2015)—As the year comes to a close, the University of Minnesota, Morris is being praised for its exceptional academic and economic value. The campus recently has garnered value-minded accolades from *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, College Factual, and Best Value Schools.

Morris has been named to *Kiplinger's Personal Finance's* list of the [Top 300 Best College Values of 2016](#). Introduced in 1998, the ranking highlights public schools, private universities, and private liberal arts colleges that combine outstanding academics with affordable cost. [The campus earned the #79 spot on the magazine's list of 100 best values in public colleges for in-state students \(#39 for out-of-state students and #153 among all colleges\)](#). This is the eighth consecutive year in which it has been included on the public colleges list.

The Kiplinger's news follows an announcement in *USA Today* that, according to a new College Factual ranking, Morris is one of [10 Best Colleges for the Money](#). The ranking identifies schools that have good outcomes for students (high graduation rates, low student-loan default rates) as well as reasonable price tags for the quality they offer. At #8, Morris was the only public school to make the 2016 list.

Morris also was ranked fifth on [Best Value Schools' list of the 20 best value colleges in Minnesota](#). The ranking was created using National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator and PayScale data to identify schools based on graduation rate, net price, acceptance rate, and 20-year net return on investment.

Morris is known for providing excellent academics at an affordable price. Its tuition is one-fourth the cost of the most expensive private school in the state, and more than 90 percent of Morris students receive some form of financial aid. On average, Morris students have the lowest debt load in the University of Minnesota system, and 94 percent of alumni agree their degrees were smart investments. [According to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, Morris is the most effective and efficient among public four-year schools in Minnesota](#). Additional information is available at [admissions.morris.umn/value](http://admissions.morris.umn/value).

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