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## [Vue '20 Is a Fulbright Finalist](#)

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- *Trina Vue '20, Mendota Heights, is a Fulbright U.S. Student Program finalist.*
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- *Vue ends her undergraduate career with a prestigious national award.*

Trina Vue '20, Mendota Heights, is a Fulbright U.S. Student Program finalist. Her success speaks to the power and value of a University of Minnesota Morris education on the global stage.

Vue earned an English Teaching Assistant (ETA) award, which places students in classrooms abroad to provide assistance to local English teachers. Fulbright Students also represent the United States as cultural ambassadors during their time overseas.

An English major, Vue was chosen to spend a year in Thailand as an English Teaching Assistant. There she would have the opportunity to teach children not only about English as a language, but also about the nuances of and diversity within American culture.

"Growing up, I listened to my parents tell stories about their time as refugees in Thailand," says Vue. "It always seemed like such a faraway place, even though they called it home, which is why this Fulbright experience means so much to me: because it will provide me with the opportunity to retrace my family's roots and learn about a culture that I have always admired."

### **UMN Morris on a Global Stage**

Five Morris students submitted Fulbright applications this year, supported by advising from faculty and staff through the Academic Center for Enrichment, and all were semifinalists. Vue is one of two finalists.

"As one of the country's top public liberal arts colleges, UMN Morris provides talented students access to life-changing educational opportunities," said Chancellor Michelle Behr. "Our exceptional students are prepared to live as engaged global citizens, and we are excited for their upcoming Fulbright experiences."

### **About Fulbright**

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating governments, host institutions, corporations, and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide direct and indirect support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their

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