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“We are very proud that the University of Minnesota, Morris continues to score highly in the U.S. News National Liberal Arts Colleges ranking,” says Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. “It is especially gratifying to know that our academic quality ‘markers’ and public mission place us among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.”

This year’s Top 10 Public Schools in the National Liberal Arts Colleges category include United States Naval Academy, United States Military Academy, United States Air Force Academy, Virginia Military Institute, New College of Florida, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, University of North Carolina–Asheville, University of Minnesota, Morris, Purchase College-State University of New York, and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

In addition to the Top 10 Public Liberal Arts Colleges list, Morris was also included on a list of colleges that recognize and value “spirit and hard work” as well as “a broad, engaged student body.” The unranked A-Plus Schools for B Students list identifies colleges that consider individual applicants during the admissions process rather than relying solely on test scores and class standing.

U.S. News bases its objective rankings on accepted, research-based, measures of academic quality. When ranking colleges, U.S. News first categorizes schools based on their missions, then gathers data from and about each college in 16 areas related to academic excellence. Each indicator is assigned a weight based on judgments about which measures of quality matter most. U.S. News then ranks the colleges by their composite weighted scores in areas such as student retention and graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, class size, financial resources, alumni giving, and assessments by high school counselors.

U.S. News defines the country’s 251 liberal arts colleges as institutions that “emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half their degrees in the arts and sciences.”

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.