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The list ranks the 650 foremost institutions of higher education in the country, based on assessments in five areas: student satisfaction, postgraduate success, student debt, four-year graduation rate and academic success. Morris ranked 53rd in the Midwest, and 246th overall.

Nationally, among non-military institutions for which figures were reported, Morris ranked ninth-lowest in cost, with only two higher-ranked schools above it.

Morris was the least expensive of all the Minnesota colleges that made the list, with total annual costs of $22,425—less than half as much as any of the schools ranked above it within the state.

Cost figures are the total estimated annual expenses for a full-time student as reported by the National Center for Educational Statistics, and include tuition, fees, board and books.

“The rankings are further evidence that Morris is an excellent choice for students in our region, and a superb value at a time when the price of a strong and versatile liberal arts education is spiraling out of the grasp of many families,” said Jacqueline Johnson, the Chancellor of Morris.

“America’s Top Colleges” rankings were compiled by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity, a nonprofit research center, in consultation with Forbes. Full information on the listings is available at forbes.com.

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