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(August 29, 2007)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has again been designated as “Best in the Midwest” in The Princeton Review’s 2008 survey of college students. UMM is one of only 161 colleges and universities named. Outstanding professors, financial assistance and campus atmosphere were among the positive aspects mentioned by students.

"At the University of Minnesota, Morris, we are always pleased when we receive national recognition for our outstanding work," said UMM Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson. “The dedicated faculty and staff here and our engaged students make this an exciting place to live and work.”

“We have much more diversity on campus than anywhere else in the region,” stated one undergraduate, according to the magazine. The Princeton Review cites UMM as “one of the most racially diverse campuses in the UM system.”

“The typical UMM undergrad is ambitious,” said the magazine. “It’s not uncommon here to have two majors and a minor,” according to the survey.

The Princeton Review has also designated UMM an "America's Best Value College," one of the best overall bargains - based on cost and financial aid - among the most academically outstanding colleges in the United States.

“UMM has always been committed to providing a high quality, affordable education and has strengthened its commitment yet again by reducing tuition nearly $1,000 and increasing the amount of many of its top scholarship awards,” said James Morales, associate vice chancellor for enrollment. "The cost of college is a key concern of students and their families and making these important changes further underscores UMM’s position as a ‘Best Value College.’”

The survey of 120,000 students at 366 colleges rated the schools on "everything from profs to financial aid," according to The Princeton Review, a New York City-based company known for test-preparation courses, education services and books. It is not affiliated with Princeton University.

Other Minnesota schools included named to The Princeton Review's 2008 "Best in the Midwest” list are: University of Minnesota (Twin Cities and Crookston campuses), Augsburg, Carleton, Crown College, St. Thomas, Gustavus Adolphus, Macalester, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, North Central University, St. Mary's University, St. Olaf, St. Scholastica, St. Catherine and Winona State University.

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