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*In the new study by Business First, Morris stands out for academic excellence, affordability, diversity, and economic strength.*

MORRIS, Minnesota (April 4, 2017)—The University of Minnesota, Morris has been included on a new list of America's 100 best public colleges and universities, [according to a national report issued Tuesday morning](#). The study by *Business First* ranks Morris [second in the state](#) and [89th in the country](#), based on 22 indicators of academic excellence, affordability, diversity, and economic strength.

“The University of Minnesota, Morris has long been known for offering offering talented students of all backgrounds an accessible and outstanding academic experience,” says Chancellor Michelle Behr. “This national recognition affirms that reputation.”

[Business First's study is based on a wide array of the latest data from the National Center for Education Statistics and the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey](#). A 22-part formula pinpoints the 499 public universities and colleges that offer the best educational experiences to their students. It gives the highest marks to schools with highly selective admissions processes, strong retention and graduation rates, impressive earnings by alumni, generous resources, affordable tuitions and housing costs, diverse faculties and student bodies, and economically robust communities.

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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](http://morris.umn.edu) or call 888-866-3382.

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