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This is the 18th consecutive year in which the college has been named one of the nation's best public liberal arts colleges.

MORRIS, Minnesota (September 13, 2016)—*U.S. News & World Report* has released its 2017 college rankings, which name the [University of Minnesota, Morris](#) one of the nation's [Top Public Liberal Arts Colleges](#). This is the eighteenth consecutive year in which Morris has been included on this list.

Morris was ranked 7th among [Top Public Liberal Arts Colleges](#) and 140th on the [National Liberal Arts Colleges](#) list. The campus also was included on the ["A-Plus Schools for B Students" list](#), which identifies colleges that consider individual applicants during the admissions process rather than relying solely on test scores and class standing. According to editors, these colleges value “spirit and hard work” and “truly seek a broad, engaged student body.”

Morris also was recognized on the web-exclusive ["Foreign Student Factor" list](#), which identifies the national universities and national liberal arts colleges with the largest proportions of international undergraduates during the previous academic year. In 2015–16 international students comprised 11% of the student body at Morris. Morris also was ranked #90 on the [High School Counselor Rankings for liberal arts colleges](#).

“We are very proud that the University of Minnesota, Morris continues to score highly in the *U.S. News* rankings,” says Chancellor Jacqueline R. Johnson. “It is especially gratifying to know that our public mission and commitment to serving a diverse and engaged group of students distinguish us among the best liberal arts colleges in the nation.”

U.S. News bases its rankings on quantitative indicators of academic quality. It first categorizes schools by mission, then gathers data from each college on up to 16 indicators of academic excellence. Each factor is assigned a weight that reflects a judgment about how much a measure matters. Finally, the colleges and universities in each category are ranked against their peers, based on their composite weighted score.

Additional information and a full listing of the rankings is available online at usnews.com/colleges.

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