The University of Minnesota, Morris
Student Experience
Exceptional Students, Engaged Learning

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A mission and student experience directly aligned with the University of Minnesota vision.

*UM Strategic Positioning: Exceptional Students*

Recruit, educate, challenge, and graduate outstanding students who become highly motivated lifelong learners, leaders, and global citizens.
University of Minnesota, Morris

- Hallmarks of the liberal arts
- Rigorous integrated student experience
- ‘Not so big’ human-scaled campus
  \[\approx 1700 \text{ students}\]
- Nationally distinctive niche
  - Baccalaureate Colleges - Arts and Sciences Carnegie Classification
  - 274 institutions • 37 are public colleges
Who are UMM Students?

• Academically well prepared
• Historically underrepresented
  • mostly rural
  • highly diverse
  • high financial need
  • first generation
• Focused full-time undergraduates
Measuring engaged learning

- UM student experience & graduate surveys
- National Survey of Student Engagement
- Admitted student surveys
- National benchmarking

Morris leads University of Minnesota campuses
Morris leads Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges
Exceptional Students--Engaged Learning

Morris graduating seniors, broadly engaged

- Performances, concerts, exhibits: U
- Special talks, lectures, panel discussions: U
- Voting: U
- University clubs and organizations: U
- Freshman seminar: U
- Intercollegiate sports attendance: U

U = all UM %

University of Minnesota 2007 Student Experience Survey
Exceptional Students--Engaged Learning

Graduating seniors, transformational experiences

- Community service
- Research and artistic projects with faculty
- Study abroad

U = all UM %

University of Minnesota 2007 Student Experience Survey
Happy Seniors

Graduating seniors satisfaction reached an all time high in Spring 2007

University of Minnesota 2007 Student Experience Survey
Satisfied Graduates

How satisfied are you now with your UM experiences?

Most frequent response by Morris grads:

Very Satisfied (61%)

5.4 on a 6 pt. scale

Highest campus/college in the UM

This spring we asked 2006 UM graduates for feedback.

University of Minnesota 2007 Recent Graduates Survey
Well Prepared Graduates

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How well did your University experience prepare you?

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Strengthening the Student Experience:

Big progress on priorities from ‘00

• Food service contract and facilities
• Intercollegiate athletics
• Residential Life facilities
Current Challenges:

• Increasing enrollment and graduation
• Enhancing campus living
• Fostering intercultural competence
• Liberal arts link to ‘life’s work/career’

Current Opportunities:

• Student Engagement Planner and Portfolio
• First Year Experience
• Green Prairie Living & Learning Community
• Partnerships for student success
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Resident Advisor

Intramurals

Gateway Mentor

Gospel Choir
**Policy Questions**

- What are the current challenges and opportunities facing a rigorous, human scaled, residential liberal arts college within the University of Minnesota?

- What are the best ways to help citizens of Minnesota recognize, utilize, and benefit from the University of Minnesota’s distinctive campuses and their programs?

- Strategic positioning efforts have sharpened the University of Minnesota’s focus, fostered reflection and strategic decision-making, increased collaboration across the university, and fostered new partnerships throughout the system. How do we best build structures, policy and practice to continue this good work into the future?