

# Policy background: **Access & Success**

**Our 17 private nonprofit institutions make a high-quality education accessible to all students.**



## 31%

31 percent of our first-year U.S. students are students of color and Native American students, compared to 29 percent of Minnesota high school graduates.

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## #1

The 4-year graduation rate for our students of color and Native American students ranks first in Minnesota.

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## 27%

27 percent of our students receive federal Pell Grants, with the majority of recipients having family incomes below \$50,000.

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## #1

The 4-year graduation rate for our students receiving Pell Grants ranks first in Minnesota.

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## Member Colleges

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Augsburg University  
Bethany Lutheran College  
Bethel University  
Carleton College  
College of Saint Benedict  
The College of St. Scholastica  
Concordia College  
Concordia University, St. Paul  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline University  
Macalester College  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Saint John's University  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
St. Catherine University  
St. Olaf College  
University of St. Thomas

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