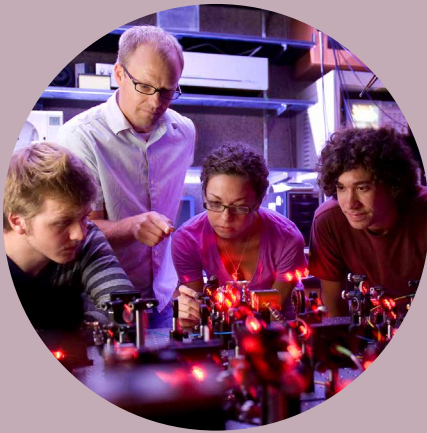


# Policy background: **Outcomes & Workforce**

**Students at our 18 private nonprofit colleges graduate ready to contribute to the vitality of our state and its economy.**



## #1 and #4

Our colleges' graduation rate ranks first in Minnesota and the Midwest — and fourth in the nation. That means our students start their careers sooner.

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## \$61,400

The median earnings of our alumni working full-time in Minnesota four years after graduation is \$61,400.

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## \$1.15 million

The average return on investment for undergraduate students at our colleges is \$1.15 million; this takes into account both education costs and 40 years of future earnings.

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## 68%

68 percent of our recent graduates stay in Minnesota, strengthening the workforce and tax base.

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## 350,000

Our 350,000 alumni living in Minnesota contribute to the vitality of their communities.

## 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 Northwestern - St. Paul  
University of St. Thomas

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