

Policy background: **Access & Success**

Our 18 private nonprofit institutions make a high-quality education accessible to all students.



33%

33 percent of our first-year U.S. students are students of color and Native American students, compared to 30 percent of Minnesota high school graduates.

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The number of Black and Latino students completing their bachelor's degree in four years ranks first in Minnesota.

57%

Our four-year graduation rate for students of color and Native American students is 57 percent. That's above the rates for nonprofit colleges and public universities nationally — and number one in the state.

24%

24 percent of our students receive federal Pell Grants, with the majority of recipients having family incomes below \$60,000.

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

Member Colleges

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

For more information on these and other facts
visit www.mnprivatecolleges.org/research/facts
or contact Paul Cerkvenik, president,
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More key facts

20% of our students are first generation, meaning neither parent finished college

29% of students of color and Native American students earning bachelor's degrees in Minnesota do so at our colleges

51% of our graduates with bachelor's degrees in STEM fields are women

49% of students of color and Native American students earning master's degrees in Minnesota do so at our colleges
