

# Minnesota Private Colleges: State Impact - 2018

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## Our students graduate ready to contribute to Minnesota's economy.

Our grads start careers sooner: Our colleges' four-year graduation rate is #1 in Minnesota and the Midwest. And we're #3 in the nation.

71% of our recent graduates stay in Minnesota, strengthening the state's workforce and tax base.

The median income of our alums working full-time in Minnesota four years after graduation is \$54,600.

## We offer the state a great return on its investment.

30% of all bachelor's degrees earned in Minnesota last year were earned at our colleges.

Our 300,000 alumni in Minnesota contribute to the vitality of their communities in every corner of the state.

Only 3% of the state's spending on higher education funded State Grant awards for students at our colleges last year. (The only way the state spends money to help our colleges is through the State Grant program. It provides need-based grants that go to low- and middle-income students at public and private colleges.)

## We focus on keeping college affordable.

Our institutions award more than \$613 million in institutional grants and scholarships to undergrads.

Our students come from all income levels. The median family income for FAFSA-filing students at our colleges is \$78,200, which is lower than at the U of M.

Due to grants and scholarships, the listed tuition at our colleges is cut by 60% on average for a first-year student.

## Our students reflect Minnesota and the world.

21% of our undergrads are students of color. (This figure excludes international students and is the same or higher than the state's two public systems.)

Most of our students are from Minnesota (68%); the remainder are from elsewhere in the United States (27%) or other nations (5%).

20% of our students are "first-generation," meaning that neither of their parents completed college.

## 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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