Policy background: Outcomes & Workforce

Students at our 17 private nonprofit colleges graduate ready to contribute to the vitality of our state and its economy.

#1 and #2
Our colleges’ graduation rate ranks first in Minnesota and the Midwest — and second in the nation. That means our students start careers sooner.

$58,900
The median income of our alumni working in Minnesota five years after graduation is $58,900.

$1 million
The average return on investment for undergraduate students at our colleges is $1 million; this takes into account both education costs and 40 years of future earnings.

72%
72 percent of our recent graduates stay in Minnesota, strengthening the workforce and tax base.

300,000
Our 300,000 alumni living in Minnesota contribute to the vitality of their communities.
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 St. Thomas

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