Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) and Inver Hills Community College (Inver Hills) offer a powerful and comprehensive range of educational opportunities to Dakota County and the southeast metro region. Students pursuing skills for immediate employment can complete pre-professional and career or trade programs at both colleges. Students preparing for transfer can obtain, at the state’s lowest tuition levels, a high-quality general education that enables them to succeed at the state’s most competitive universities.

DCTC delivers cutting-edge, skilled, and technical training for today’s most in-demand jobs, making the 2018 Forbes list of top 25 two-year trade schools in the nation. With 55 different programs, students can boost their earning potential and launch or change their careers in many professional sectors. From business to brewing, high tech to healthcare, and more, DCTC directly supports regional economic development.

Inver Hills offers an affordable, high-quality education that serves as a launch pad for many advanced degree or career directions. Nationally recognized as a veteran-friendly campus and ranked one of the top adult-friendly, two-year colleges in the nation by Washington Monthly, Inver Hills prepares students to succeed at a four-year college or enter the workforce. Students can earn their bachelor or master’s degree on campus through partnerships with The College of St. Scholastica, Metropolitan State University and Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.

• DCTC and Inver Hills directly employ 570 people.
• DCTC and Inver Hills support more than 2,881 Minnesota jobs (1,797 direct and 1,084 indirect/induced).
• The combined economic contribution of DCTC and Inver Hills in FY17 totaled $334.6 million. This includes a direct impact of $171.8 million and an indirect/induced impact of $162.7 million.
• Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $139.4 million of the combined total impact and $195.2 million in combined impact from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State
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Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

In academic year 2016–2017, DCTC and Inver Hills awarded a total of 1,504 degrees and certificates. Based upon the (conservative) assumption that each recipient will earn an additional $6,250 over those with a high school degree, the impact of graduates’ additional earnings of 28,000 DCTC and Inver Hills alumni living and working in Minnesota over the span of 40 years will be $5.4 billion.

Each year, student and alumni projects focus on immediate needs, making a difference in both the community and on campus. In 2017-18, DCTC worked with international students through admissions and transition, and developed a green campus initiative. In addition, at Inver Hills, students completed nearly 3,000 hours of community service at St. Therese of Woodbury, Good Samaritan, and partnerships with local schools and Daily Work.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

DCTC and Inver Hills are connected to the communities they serve. Leading the way in service to veterans, they ranked among the nation’s Best Colleges for Veterans. In addition to their top-notch services for veterans, both DCTC and Inver Hills have a number of campus clubs that give students hands-on, engaging opportunities to make a lasting impact. Students regularly hold food drives, blood drives, highway clean-ups, register-to-vote campaigns, and more. At DCTC, Lions Clubs sponsor projects for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House, while at Inver Hills, students travel to Louisiana annually to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief; showing our students’ impact, shows no bounds.

Through its work with Dakota-Scott County Workforce Investment Board, Enterprise Minnesota, chambers of commerce, and business and industry, DCTC and Inver Hills provide invaluable resources to serve the workforce needs of businesses in the southeast Metro. True college experiences with flexibility and individual pathways developed to promote student success, ensure that DCTC and Inver Hills make a significant, positive impacts in Dakota County.

DCTC and Inver Hills faculty, staff, and students generate an estimated $1.3 million in charitable donations and volunteer services annually.

- $417,578 donated to local charitable organizations by DCTC and Inver Hills staff, faculty, and students.
- $917,101 of volunteer time by DCTC and Inver Hills faculty, staff, and students.
- Over $400,000 per year in scholarships awarded to local students by the DCTC and Inver Hills Foundations.

“DCTC and Inver Hills are devoted to educational equity and inclusion, supporting all learners and their families in achieving social mobility through advanced education.”

- Michael Berndt
Interim President

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