Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College brings together a tribal college and a state community college in partnership. As the only partnership of its kind in the United States, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College fulfills a unique mission to prepare all students for success in the workforce or in further postsecondary education, making a significant cultural and economic impact in Minnesota and beyond. A broad range of academic offerings, rich campus life, intercollegiate Thunder athletic teams, and student clubs and organizations all extend its reach into the communities served by the college.

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College has the most diverse student population in the region, with non-white students making up more than one-third of its student population and more than one dozen American Indian nations represented on campus. The college offers a complete schedule of courses across a wide range of programs and areas of concentration.

The law enforcement, human services, elementary education, corrections, and nursing programs offer hands-on learning experiences and practicums for students. Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is responding to workforce needs with leading programs focused on energy auditing and home weatherization, alternative energy, geographic information systems, and chemical dependency counseling careers. It is making an impact on students before college, too, encouraging American Indian children to reach for their dreams and attend college.

**Contributing to the Minnesota Economy**

- Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College has a combined economic contribution of **$49.5 million**. This includes a direct impact of $24.8 million and indirect/induced impact of $24.7 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $28.2 million of the total impact and $20.3 million from student and visitor spending.

**Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State**

- Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College directly employs 153 people.
- Overall, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College supports more than 448 Minnesota jobs (284 direct and 164 indirect/induced).
On average over the last five years, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College had 300 graduates each year. Based up the (conservative) assumption that each graduate will earn an additional $6,250 annually over those with only a high school degree, and an average career span of 40 years, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College alumni from the past five years living and working in Minnesota will have contributed $301 million in impact over the span of their careers. A total of 1,505 alumni are currently living and working in Minnesota.

Don Liimatainen, an alumnus of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, is a successful small business entrepreneur who credits his alma mater with his success and now mentors entrepreneurs to help sustain and grow their businesses. The college’s law enforcement, nursing, and electric utility technology program graduates boast an impressive rate of employment in their respective fields, earning above-average annual salaries in high demand fields.

An estimated $1.8 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College faculty, staff, and students.

• $347,809 donated to local charitable organizations by Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College staff, faculty, and students.

• Over $1.5 million of volunteer time by Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College faculty, staff, and students.

“Our partnership between the Fond du Lac Band and Minnesota State is very strong. This uniqueness provides all students the same opportunity of becoming better through a postsecondary education. The partnership allows us to create a path to follow for all those who come after us.”

- Stephanie Hammitt, Interim President
Fond du Lac and Tribal Community College

Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College actively engages its neighbors with fun community events that draw economic impact to the region. The annual Pumpkin Run & Walk attracts more than 400 participants and many more community members out to enjoy the festivities on campus. The Hot Summer Nights Concert Series is an annual series of free concerts performed in the college’s outdoor-indoor amphitheater that draws families to campus year after year.

“It is difficult to fully quantify the social and cultural impact of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. As a federal Land Grant institution, the college works to meet a three-part mission of teaching, research, and service to people, primarily via programs coordinated through the college’s Environmental Institute. The spectacular campus is home to notable outdoor public art and houses a collection of American Indian art in the Ojibwemowining Resource Center, which also specializes in Anishinaabe language recordings and preservation. There is no doubt that Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College is a statewide asset making a lasting impact on the social and cultural fabric of Minnesota.”