Student success is the highest priority at Minnesota State Community and Technical College (M State), a regional four-campus college with welcoming campuses and access to online programs in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. The college specializes in affordable and exceptional education, service and workforce training.

One of the largest two-year colleges in the Minnesota State system, M State annually serves 8,000 students with career and technical training and transfer education, preparing them to continue their education in baccalaureate programs or enter their chosen career fields. The college’s commitment to workforce development provides support through the delivery of more than 100,000 hours of training annually to more than 500 businesses and industries in the region.

The Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology at M State keeps faculty up to date on current pedagogy, technology and communication strategies. Each campus Spartan Center and Student Development Center assists students with tutoring, mentoring, academic advising, counseling, financial aid, social services and accessing community resources. Strong transfer resources support students whose goal is a four-year degree, while career support prepares graduates for employment.

A 2015 Brookings Institute study ranked Minnesota State Community and Technical College 10th out of more than 1,500 two-year institutions in the nation for mid-career earnings, affirming its commitment to student success and extending its impact nationally.

M State has been recognized as being among the Top 150 community colleges in the nation for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence for the five most recent awarding cycles.

SR Education Group ranked M State as the 2nd Most Affordable Online College for an Associate in Information Technology and the 6th Most Affordable Online College for an Associate in Human Resources nationally, based on National Center for Education Statistics data, demonstrating the college’s commitment to quality and affordability.

In WalletHub’s release of its 2018 best community colleges list, M State was 6th of the 715 colleges ranked for its overall score for cost/financing, education outcomes and career outcomes.

Based on its affordability and outlook for graduates, M State was ranked No. 5 among two-year colleges on the list of Minnesota’s Best Colleges compiled by the website LearnHowToBecome.org for 2016-17.

M State is one of only two Minnesota State system colleges receiving the 2018-2019 Military Friendly designation.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- M State has a combined economic contribution of $215.2 million. This includes a direct impact of $110.5 million and an indirect/induced impact of $104.6 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $96.6 million of the total impact and $118.6 million from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- M State directly employs 480 people.
- Overall, M State supports 1,840 Minnesota jobs (1,143 direct and 697 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

M State alumni are having an impact by boosting the economy and filling urgent workforce needs in the building trades, education, business and health care. The college stepped up its response to regional health care shortages with programs including Surgical Technology and Cardiovascular Technology-Invasive, distinguishing itself with numerous recognitions for its 95 percent pass rate on licensure exams for nursing and radiologic technology. The nursing program has been recognized by PracticalNursing.org as one of the top two programs in the state.

Alumni extend the reach of their success by presenting several fundraising events each year to raise money to support the next generation of M State students. The college’s two foundations annually award more than $300,000 in scholarships.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

Regional business and industry leaders rely on M State to listen to their needs and deliver affordable, custom-designed skills and technology training through its Workforce Development Solutions. WDS provides more than 100,000 hours of training to over 6,000 workers each year, either on-site, online or on one of our campuses. The college’s innovative mobile training trailers make employee training even more accessible at worksites.

M State is meeting the needs of future students, as well. Its Concurrent Enrollment Program collaborates with more than 35 partner high schools in the region, offering college-level courses taught in high school classrooms by qualified high school teachers. These valued partnerships elevate the high school experience, preparing and motivating high school students to successfully continue their education beyond graduation.

M State thinks and acts outside the box by engaging in unique partnerships, embracing technological advances and redefining educational delivery and traditional service practices to create new and better opportunities for students, businesses and the communities it serves. The impact of this dedication to innovation is a responsiveness to changes in regional needs and is illustrated by the thousands of successful graduates who are able to get jobs, stay in Minnesota and contribute to its economy and communities.

An estimated $2.2 million is generated annually in charitable donations and volunteer service by faculty, staff, and students at M State.

• $439,536 donated to local charitable organizations by M State staff, faculty, and students.

• $1.7 million of volunteer time by M State faculty, staff, and students.

“We are a college built on the strengths of each of our four campuses and the region we serve. We take pride in the M State partnerships, education and training, graduates, and employees that build strong communities in central Minnesota.”

- Dr. Carrie Brimhall, President