The three campuses of Riverland Community College extend their reach beyond a single community, and its more than one million non-credit students learning from its website extends this colleges’ impact worldwide. That expansive reach does not muddy the commitment Riverland Community College has to the Minnesota communities they serve. With a keen focus on local business and industry needs, having ‘community’ in its name is a point of pride and guiding light for its faculty and staff. Removing the barriers to success that many of its part-time students face is also a priority, as it offers them a better chance of completing their studies.

The dozens of research, cultural, and workforce initiatives at Riverland Community College can be felt throughout the region. Some, like ReFest, begin with students and faculty and are handed off to a local community organization to carry on. Another that still lives on was started by a faculty member who died tragically young. It is a fire clinic training people how to survive being trapped in a silo. Through its innovative approach to service, Riverland Community College is generating intellectual energy as well as economic impact.

**Contributing to the Minnesota Economy**

- Riverland Community College has a combined economic contribution of **$121.4 million**. This includes a direct impact of $61.0 million and indirect/induced impact of $60.3 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $57.9 million of the total impact and $63.5 million from student and visitor spending.

**Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State**

- Riverland Community College directly employs 304 people in Minnesota.
- Overall, Riverland Community College supports more than 1,101 Minnesota jobs (699 direct and 402 indirect/induced).
Making a Difference in the Community and State

State-of-the-art simulation settings in the Riverland Community College allied health, truck driving, and law enforcement programs are setting graduates apart from the pack. Learning her craft with the benefit of a simulated hospital with nurses’ stations, intake desks, exam rooms, and Laerdal mechanical bodies, one Riverland Community College student was asked to take the lead during her first clinical experience.

Minnesota State is breaking the paradigm of semesters on campuses like Riverland Community College, which is offering a more flexible approach to scheduling, allowing students to work and succeed at a pace that ensures success. Local advisory councils for every specific industry program, make Riverland Community College a key asset to local workforce development. Local business owners help develop curriculum to fit workforce needs, ensuring graduates have jobs and the choice to work and live in the community they call home.

An estimated $1.4 million in charitable donations and volunteer services is generated annually by Riverland Community College faculty, staff, and students.

• $335,068 donated to local charitable organizations by Riverland Community College staff, faculty, and students.

• $1.1 million of volunteer time by Riverland Community College faculty, staff, and students.

“We concentrate on service and working with our students, walking with them from beginning to end in whatever ways that we can.”

- James Douglass
Executive Director of Communications

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