For a small college located in two towns along the bluffs of the Mississippi River, Minnesota State College Southeast (MSC Southeast) has a long reach. A point of pride for the college is the national and international draw of its programs, especially in musical instrument repair and online education. Students from 48 states in America and six continents are enriching their lives through MSC Southeast.

With student success pathways from 22 high schools in the region and a keen focus on training southeast Minnesota's workforce, MSC Southeast is making an impact on the region's economy. The college has recently implemented Career Academies for high school juniors and seniors to gain transferable career/technical credentials.

The college works closely with the region's Chambers of Commerce and manufacturing leaders to develop valuable new training opportunities. Through its Customized Training division, MSC Southeast partners with local employers to offer expert instruction in strategic planning, leadership, business software, manufacturing soft skills, welding, fall safety, blood borne pathogens, CPR, and many other skill sets.

MSC Southeast students can begin work on a baccalaureate degree or engage in career/technical education to prepare for immediate entry into the workforce. Graduates are ready to begin careers on day one after training in one of 30 programs in eight major fields, including marquee programming in advanced manufacturing, CAD drafting technology, CNC machine tool, construction technology, electronics, musical instrument repair, practical nursing, and truck driving. The college continually fine-tunes its programs to prepare students for success after graduation. Over the past five years, the job placement rates for graduates average more than 94 percent, generating a positive impact for students and families.

Minnesota State College Southeast generates $80.3M in economic impact per year

- $80.3 million in state and local revenue
- $4.7 million in community contributions

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Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- The FY 17 combined economic contribution of MSC Southeast in Minnesota was $80.3 million. This includes a direct impact of $41.4 million and indirect/induced impact of $38.9 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generated $34.2 million of the total impact and $46.1 million in 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

Alumni of MSC Southeast living and working in the state total 19,864. Assuming that a career lasts 40 years, MSC Southeast alumni currently living in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $4.0 billion in impact over the span of their careers. Their alumni work in the health and medical fields, business, skilled trades, automotive/trucking, technology, human services, and musical instrument repair.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

The impact of innovation is helping save money and extending a cooperative arm across Minnesota. For instance, the college has written and administered more than $8.5 million in Minnesota Job Skills Partnership (MJSP) grants. In FY17 alone, MJSP grants totaling $560,000 made it possible for the college to provide specialized training to employees of the Mayo Clinic, Fairview, and Gunderson health care systems.

MSC Southeast students and their faculty make a difference in the communities of Winona and Red Wing in many ways. Just a few examples:

- Construction Technology students are building a major expansion for Habitat for Humanity Winona-Fillmore Counties.
- Practical Nursing students assist the American Red Cross at campus blood drives.
- CNC Machine Tool instructors and students mentor a high school robotics team.
- Auto Body Collision Technology students recently prepped, primed, and painted a custom car build for a local high school shop class.
- Band, Guitar, and Violin Repair program students share their remarkable talents with the public at the annual Strings, Winds & Brass concert and the Student Guitar Show.

These contributions to the community, and many more, are woven into the culture of Southeast Minnesota and extend the already long reach of Minnesota State College Southeast.

An estimated $2.8 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by MSC Southeast faculty, staff, and students.

- $491,371 donated to local charitable organizations by MSC Southeast staff, faculty, and students.
- $2.3 million of volunteer time by MSC Southeast faculty, staff, and students.

“We are a community of experts, helping students get from where they are to where they want to go.”

- Dr. Larry Lundblad, Interim President
  Minnesota State College Southeast