Saint Paul College

The Intersection of Opportunity and Success

For over 109 years, Saint Paul College—A Community & Technical College has cultivated a campus culture of respect, individuality, and civility which is embraced by students, faculty, and staff. Saint Paul College serves more than 13,000 credit and non-credit students each year. Our construction and building trades, IT/computer science, healthcare, business/finance, manufacturing, transportation, STEM, and baccalaureate pathways have opened the doors of opportunity and success for graduates. From 16-year-olds to mid-career—or senior citizens, students thrive in our environment of academic excellence. Saint Paul College makes an impact by providing the opportunity for our students to transform their lives. We are at the intersection of opportunity and success.

With a legacy of helping new Americans (63 percent of students are non-white) and a successful track record for alumni, Saint Paul College has a reputation as one of the leading community colleges in the nation. The College was ranked Top 10 Best Community Colleges in the U.S. by TheBestSchools.org in 2015 and 2017 for positive results with sustained achievement, learning, employment, equitable, and cost-to-value outcomes.

Saint Paul College offers 63 associate degree programs, including the associate of arts degree, as well as 70 career certificate and diploma programs. The College puts its students first, focusing on program innovation, teaching excellence, student persistence and completion through exceptional academic support, career services, job placement, and transfer to universities. Each year, students transfer to more than 350 four-year colleges and universities after completing their time at Saint Paul College.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- Saint Paul College has a combined economic contribution of $281.4 million. This includes a direct impact of $146.8 million and indirect/induced impact of $134.6 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $104.1 million of the total impact and $177.3 million from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- Saint Paul College directly employs 412 people.
- Overall, Saint Paul College supports more than 2,432 Minnesota jobs (1,537 direct and 895 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

There are an estimated 48,000 alumni of Saint Paul College living and working in the state. Assuming that a career lasts for 40 years, Saint Paul College alumni currently living in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $7.7 billion in impact over the span of their careers.

In 2017, Friends of Saint Paul College foundation raised $2 million for scholarships and programs to support student success, funding programs like “Power of YOU,” which makes the first two years tuition-free for eligible high school graduates, or “Make it Count,” which makes the first two years tuition-free for eligible non-traditional aged students.

Serving on seven local and national boards, while continually assessing and navigating the social, political, private, non-profit, and public landscape, President Dastmozd promotes Saint Paul College and its graduates by forging intentional partnerships. President Dastmozd emigrated from Iran and began his academic career at a community college in Oklahoma, which has inspired him to be a champion of community colleges.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

Saint Paul College offers customized workforce training to businesses, corporations, and nonprofit organizations in all major sectors. The College is making an impact in the Minnesota economy, beyond the numbers. By working closely with the Workforce Investment Board, Chamber of Commerce, Port Authority, Greater MSP, and economic development teams, Saint Paul College is at the table helping to provide the talent and the workforce that businesses need to succeed and prosper.

An estimated $2.0 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by Saint Paul College faculty, staff, and students.

- Approximately $500,000 donated to local charitable organizations by Saint Paul College staff, faculty, and students.
- $1.5 million of volunteer time by Saint Paul College faculty, staff, and students.

“We focus on building bridges of opportunity and success.”

- Dr. Rassoul Dastmozd, President/CEO
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