



Greetings,

Minnesota State Community and Technical College (“M State”) is creating M State Foundation and Alumni to unify three separate foundations – Detroit Lakes Area College Foundation, Moorhead Community and Technical College Foundation and Wadena Area College Foundation – into a single foundation that will better serve the college and enhance alumni engagement.

The new foundation is being created to enable M State to face extraordinary challenges in coming years, align missions, and implement best practices in fund development program methodologies. The new unified, comprehensive organization will better serve the College for generations.

M State is presented with an amazing opportunity. Its campuses attract students who regularly utilize the programs in more than one campus as well as through online options. Today’s students and tomorrow’s alumni see M State as one school. We intend to present them with a unified foundation in support of the school.

Starting July 1, all fundraising and alumni engagement efforts for the Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena campuses of M State will be conducted by one foundation, to be named M State Foundation and Alumni (the “combined Foundation”).

All of the funds held by the combined Foundation will still be required to be used solely in support of the campus for which the funds were originally raised, and in a manner consistent with donor intent. For example, if Detroit Lakes Area College Foundation currently holds funds that were given to support a program held on the Detroit Lakes campus or for a scholarship for a student attending the Detroit Lakes campus, the combined Foundation will use and hold those funds solely for those purposes.

One Board of Directors made up of community members representing the Wadena, Detroit Lakes and Moorhead campuses will serve the combined Foundation. Three Advisory Boards, each representing a campus, will support board members in their work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Denise Laymon'.

Denise A. Laymon
Chief Development and Alumni Officer

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