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Dear Friends and Alumni:

Success for students in our region. That is the goal at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, where an affordable and quality education prepares students to succeed in their lives.

• We offer success to students in our transfer pathways, providing the first two years of a four-year education in a way that saves students thousands of dollars and prepares them for entry as a junior at the four-year institution of their choice within our North Dakota and Minnesota region.

• We offer success to students in our occupational programs, where we partner with industry to ensure that our program graduates have a competitive edge in meeting employers’ needs and succeed in their careers. Among our occupational program graduates, 96 percent of those reporting employment in the past five years reported successful employment within the North Dakota and Minnesota region.

• Finally, we offer success to business and industry throughout our region with workplace solutions, helping employers affordably enhance the knowledge and skills of their current workforce.

This issue of the M State Magazine focuses on those campuses and programs that uniquely serve the beautiful border region in which we live. Exciting careers are within reach through our new programs in Cardiovascular Technology and Sport Management. Transfer opportunities abound in our partnerships with Concordia College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University. From our champion golf team to Fargo Moorhead students who compete in Spartan athletics at our Fergus Falls campus to the wide variety of leadership and student life opportunities we offer, you’ll quickly see how important it is to us that we enrich the entire campus experience of students and support their ongoing success.

We are proud of the student success we bring to our border region!

Whether a student enrolls in a single class or a certificate or degree program, we want students to succeed by avoiding great debt, by realizing the capacity to persist and overcome obstacles that could hinder success, and by recognizing that an investment in higher education is well worth the time, money and effort. It is our goal to help our regional communities better understand the unique value M State offers.

We work hard to bring high-quality education and caring support to learners in our region and to highlight the many ways our combined efforts impact individuals, businesses and communities in our region and beyond, with the sincere hope that you will find your own success through the M State program that most interests you!

Dr. Peggy Kennedy, President
Minnesota State Community and Technical College
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### Congratulations, Fall 2017 Graduates!

Friends, family, faculty and staff are invited to join our students as they celebrate their graduation from M State.

The 2017 Fall Semester graduation ceremony for all campuses is set for 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, on the campus of Concordia College in Moorhead.
Minnesota State Community and Technical College

M State golfer Luke Wurdock eyes his putt on the 8th hole during a recent meet.
Success didn’t come easy for the Spartan golf program, but it has arrived.
The Spartans – playing in a state where snow keeps them off the course for nearly half the year – have been among the top five golf teams nationally for six consecutive years and won the National Junior College Athletic Association national title in 2012. While the Spartans play a fall season, most teams at the national tournament – held each June in New York – are coming off spring seasons.
The Spartans’ success is being noticed in the golf world, with M State players attracting the attention of recruiters from Division I and II colleges. All-American golfer Chris Swenson, who will graduate this spring with his AA degree after competing two seasons for the Spartans, this summer defeated several former Division I golfers to win one of the top amateur events in Minnesota, the Pine to Palm Golf Tournament in Detroit Lakes.
“To win this tournament is a phenomenal accomplishment,” said Spartan coach Jason Retzlaff.
But while much has changed from the early years of the Spartan golf program, some things have not.
“Back in my early years of coaching, we struggled to field a team,” Retzlaff said, “but the values haven’t changed for our program. First, we want to recruit people of character. Second, student athletes who are academically accountable. Third, student athletes who are highly skilled in the game of golf. This has been our recruiting philosophy for all 14 years of our golf program.
“Early on we were able to check off the first two boxes. Once we experienced some team success on the golf course, it’s been much easier to attract students who can be successful in all three of those areas.”
Recruiting, he adds, “certainly has become easier through the years.”
Jeff Haukos, one of the players on Retzlaff’s first golf team in 2004, is Retzlaff’s longtime assistant, and the two men know that the lessons learned by their players on the course also will serve them well in their career and in life.
“To me, golf is the ultimate mental sport,” Retzlaff said. “The big thing we work with is … how to compete and keep your mind clear in a high-stress situation.”
And just as important as winning, he said, is having fun.
“Playing sports isn’t worth it if you aren’t having fun,” he said, “and that’s something we remind our players, whether it’s the first tournament of the year or the final round of the national championship.”

Driving Ambition
M State golf team building a national reputation

Spartan golfers make it seven in a row

The Spartans will make it seven consecutive years at the NJCAA Division III National Championship in Chautauqua, N.Y., in June after winning the MCAC and Region XIII championships by one stroke over Southwest Tech of Wisconsin in October.
The Spartans trailed going into the last six holes but rallied for the victory on the final day of the two-day tournament Oct. 2-3 at The Quarry at Giants Ridge in Biwabik. Spartan Coach Jason Retzlaff called play on the second day “one of the most exciting rounds I can remember having our golf program involved with.”

Spartan golfer Hunter Moen earned individual champion honors for both Region XIII and MCAC with a two-day total of 150, edging out the second-place golfer by a single stroke. Following the tournament, Retzlaff was named the MCAC/Gopher Sports’ golf coach of the year for 2017.

Members of the 2017 Mens Region XIII and MCAC championship team are (above, left to right) coach Jason Retzlaff, Jordan Kern, Hunter Moen (region medalist), Mason Landborg (returning All-American), Nick Kress, Blake Bloedorn, Kyle Boe (alternate) and assistant coach Jeff Haukos.
Filling a Need

'The opportunities are there' for students trained in cardiovascular technology

When representatives of the region’s health care industry approached M State about the shortage of workers in some specialty medical fields, the college responded with new programs designed to help fill those needs.

One of those fields is cardiovascular technology, which this fall welcomed its first cohort of seven students into the Cardiovascular Technology - Invasive degree program on the Moorhead campus.

The program’s director is Sarah Olek, who has worked as a cardiovascular technologist for 17 years and describes the job as “very fast-paced and never boring.” And with advancing technology and an aging population, she anticipates demand for her students will only increase.

Olek suspects there are many students like herself: She took classes at several four-year colleges before she learned about a two-year program in cardiovascular technology and – enticed in part by the starting wage and high demand for graduates – enrolled.

“So many people have no idea what this is,” said Olek, who continues to work in the field during the summer so she stays current with advances in the profession.

M State’s two-year degree trains students to assist cardiologists in the cardiac catheterization labs where heart patients are diagnosed and treated, and where a variety of procedures related to stents, pacemakers and other aspects of cardiac care are performed.

The program is selective, with students required to complete an introductory survey course and prerequisite courses including college algebra, microbiology, and anatomy and physiology. As part of the survey course, students have an opportunity to job shadow at hospital cardiac labs in the region to see the hands-on work done by cardiac technologists.

“Every patient is different,” Olek said. “You’re never bored. It’s very rewarding when patients come in with crushing chest pain and we’re able to help them … it’s instantly gratifying.”

M State’s program trains students in emerging technologies and requires students to spend a semester-long internship working in a cardiac lab at a hospital in the region.

“The opportunities are there,” Olek said. “It’s exciting, ever-changing. You have to be always wanting to learn, and you really have to be able to anticipate – you always have to be thinking one step ahead.”

She said the degree can also open the doors to other medical careers – her own college classmates and colleagues have used their experiences as cardiac technologists as the foundation for careers as registered nurses and physician assistants, and for completing online bachelor’s degree programs in health management.

The Cardiovascular Technology - Invasive program has a fall start yearly, with a March application deadline. Interested students are encouraged to meet with an advisor well in advance to ensure they meet the admission requirements.
Behind the Scenes

Medical lab techs play vital role in patient care

The flexibility of M State’s Medical Laboratory Technology degree is a big draw for many of the students who enroll in the two-year program on the Fergus Falls campus.

“We have students from the Twin Cities, from Fargo, from Detroit Lakes … because we offer the hybrid option,” said MLT instructor Teresa Beske. “Our students can still work while they’re in the program, and most do.”

M State’s hybrid option means MLT students can complete most of their courses online while traveling to campus only once or twice a week for on-campus labs. Students also have numerous possibilities for the required 20-week clinical experience that completes the program, with clinical sites at medical facilities ranging from the Twin Cities to Roseau in northern Minnesota to the Dakotas.

The 60-credit Associate of Science degree program prepares students for high-demand careers as lab techs primarily in hospitals and clinics. The number of jobs in the field is expected to grow substantially; with the surge in the health care industry due in part to aging baby boomers, it’s estimated that the number of MLT jobs could increase by more than 15 percent by 2024. The most recent figures show 100 percent placement for M State graduates who sought jobs in the field.

Thanks to an articulation agreement with the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, graduates of the M State MLT program can opt to pursue a bachelor’s degree and transfer seamlessly into UND’s Medical Laboratory Science program and advance to the role of medical technologist. (UND also offers a master’s degree for working professionals in MLS.)

Beske describes the field as “kind of an unknown career” since a lab technologist’s time with patients is brief – usually less than five minutes – and most of their work is done in hospital or clinic labs. It’s ideal, she added, for anyone who enjoys science and wants to be in the health care field but prefers not to work directly with patients.

“Our work is behind the scenes, but it’s much more than just drawing blood,” said Beske, who also works in the lab at Lake Region Healthcare in Fergus Falls. “They say 70 to 80 percent of a doctor’s diagnosis is based on lab results, so we play a key role, including in disease prevention and monitoring.”

M State also offers a 16-credit certificate program in Phlebotomy that trains technicians to draw blood for various lab tests and procedures. While students can complete the Phlebotomy certificate alone, MLT students earn that same certificate during their third semester in the MLT program so they are able to work in a medical lab as a phlebotomist while they complete the two-year degree.

M State’s MLT program is accredited by the National Accreditation Agency for Clinical Laboratory, and graduates are prepared for the MLT Board of Certification exam.

Other health care technical degrees offered by M State include Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Health Information Technology/Coding, Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Coding and Insurance, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Office Assistant, Medical Receptionist, Mental Health Behavioral Aide II, Nursing, Pharmacy Technology, Phlebotomy Technician, Radiologic Technology and Surgical Technology.

For more information about the M State’s health care programs, visit minnesota.edu/health-science-technology.
Game On!

New Sport Management degree opens doors to careers in sports

On a campus that offers opportunities to play seven different intercollegiate sports, it’s no surprise that there’s a strong interest in careers in sport management.

Now students on M State’s Fergus Falls campus can take their passion for athletics and build the skills for a career in the sport industry with the new Associate of Science degree in Sport Management, offered for the first time this fall.

M State co-athletic directors Steve King and Jason Retzlaff, both coaches on the Fergus Falls campus, teach in the program, which will lay the foundation for a broad range of careers in the sport industry.

“There is certainly a demand (for this program),” Retzlaff said. “We have so many athletes on our campus, and we wanted to provide classes that they – and others with an interest in sports – would be passionate about.”

Dr. Matt Borcherding, dean of liberal arts at the college, is currently working with Minnesota State University Mankato to create an articulation agreement so graduates of the AS program can transfer seamlessly into the university’s bachelor’s degree program in Sport Management.

For several years, King has been teaching a popular Sports in Society course that focuses on the role and importance of sports in American society, touching on topics including sports and politics, economics, religion and race.

This fall, an Introduction to Sport Management course that is part of the new AS degree has proven equally popular. Through the course, Retzlaff is expanding students’ view of career options in the sport industry, which can include marketing, finance, collegiate and high school athletic departments, event management, sports law, athletic training, coaching, youth sports and facility management.

Reflecting the range of options in sport management careers, M State’s AS degree includes required courses in
- Public speaking and college writing
- Ethics
- Sports performance
- Financial accounting
- Economics
- Management
- Professional and technical writing
- Statistics
- Athletic leadership

While many careers in the industry require bachelor’s degrees, King said there are opportunities for students with two-year degrees.

“When you can separate yourself from other job candidates by showing you have a broad range of experience, that can be big for employers and a real asset when you’re applying for a job,” he said.
Express Yourself!

Look to the past and the future to see the value of fine arts

By Dr. Matthew J. Borcherding

For thousands of years, humans have relied on art, drama and music to express themselves. Consider the days when the only way for people to express themselves was to draw elaborate pictograms on the walls of caves, or to beat sticks to a syncopated rhythm to demonstrate raw emotion.

In the 21st century, we often rely on technology and science in our everyday lives to express our thoughts, emotions and ideas. I urge everyone, however, to remember the roots of true humanity – how art, drama and music have allowed the human psyche to run wild and free, thereby allowing creativity and freedom of expression to be fully realized.

At the Fergus Falls campus of M State, we are the only college in Greater Minnesota to offer three degree programs that allow our students to draw from their inherited roots of expression, including Associate of Fine Arts degrees in Visual Arts, Theatre and Music. These degrees not only prepare our students for transfer, but push our students to express themselves as artistically as our ancestors once did. Our programs are well-respected by our university counterparts and are readily transferable.

What’s the value of the fine arts? Tradition. Humanity. The future.

Matthew J. Borcherding is the dean of liberal arts and science at M State. He previously taught biology at the college and is involved in the restoration of 40 acres of native prairie (pictured) on the Fergus Falls campus.

Photo by Katie Tysdal
Saddle Up!
Get your boots dirty in Equine Science

It doesn’t get much more “real world” than this.
Imagine a classroom with a dirt floor, horses, hay bales and manure. That’s reality in the equine industry, and that’s what students find in M State’s Equine Science AAS and diploma programs in Fergus Falls.

Courses are taught by working equine industry professionals on campus, online and at Red Horse Ranch Arena, a world-class training, boarding and events facility located about seven miles from campus.

“One of the big advantages of M State’s equine program is that, during the first year, students spend 90 percent of their time in a barn with horses,” said the program’s director, veterinarian Tom Prieve.

And while other college equine programs likely have college-operated barns, Prieve added, “our program is taught in a privately owned facility, so students experience the operation of a working operation.”

Red Horse Ranch is managed by Andrew Hinrichs, also an instructor in the M State program.

“Most four-year colleges (with equine programs) start with general education courses,” Hinrichs said, “so students take their horse classes as juniors and seniors. Even at that, those students will get less hands-on time with horses than they’ll get here at M State.”

Classwork includes unloading hay, dealing with vendors and customers, assisting with the operation of horse shows (for an events management class), teaching and assisting in riding lessons, doing weekend barn chores, tending to illnesses and injuries, and helping with medication and shots.

Students also learn English riding and jumping and, before they graduate, they’ll know how to back up a horse trailer, drive a skid steer loader and display the people skills to work in the equine industry. That’s crucial, as Hinrichs explained, “because every horse comes with an owner.”

Since many of the students come to M State hoping to someday open their own equine facilities, students also must complete detailed business plans.

“It’s kind of a thorn in their sides for that whole semester, but when they’re done they say they’re glad they did it,” Prieve said.

A recent addition to the program is “Classy,” an Equicizer mechanical horse that simulates riding so students can practice their fitness and riding skills. Classy, purchased with a $5,500 equipment grant from the college, is named after a real horse that was a favorite among equine students.

Students who opt for the AAS degree program will spend much of their second year completing an internship in the equine industry. The program has articulation agreements with both the University of Minnesota Crookston and North Dakota State University, so courses in both the AAS and diploma programs will transfer into the bachelor’s degree programs at those colleges.

Dr. Tom Prieve conducted a hands-on equine anatomy lesson with students in the Red Horse Ranch Arena.
A Step Up

M State, MSUM agreement provides opportunity for tech program grads to climb the career ladder

A collaboration between M State and Minnesota State University Moorhead opens the door to a broad range of career opportunities for graduates of nearly three dozen M State technical programs.

Thanks to an articulation agreement between the two colleges, M State technical program graduates can transfer seamlessly into MSUM’s Operations Management, a bachelor’s degree program designed to accommodate technical graduates and industry professionals who desire a four-degree to boost their chances of advancement to management and leadership positions.

“It is just such a great program,” said Rob Gephart, who earned a degree in Operations Management in 2006 and is now operations manager for MEI - Moorhead Electric. “Having the opportunity to take a technical background and advance it to a bachelor’s degree has provided me with so many opportunities in my life.”

Gephart graduated in 1999 from M State’s Moorhead predecessor, Northwest Technical Institute, with a two-year degree in Construction Electricity. By the time he’d finished his three-year apprenticeship and gained journeyman electrician status, he’d already decided to pursue his bachelor’s degree.

While working full-time for MEI, in 2006 he completed his bachelor’s degree at MSUM in four years by attending classes on nights and weekends. With the degree, he was able to move through the MEI management ranks from project manager to division manager, service manager and now operations manager.

“It was a personal goal of mine to have a bachelor’s degree and have upward mobility,” said Gephart, who is on the advisory committee for the Electrical Technology program at M State. “When you can pair practical field experience with a degree, the skill set you bring to an employer is a strong one.

“I’ve worked out in the field and had the tools on … and then you come in from a business side, so you have a pretty solid understanding of how to get from Point A to Point B because you’ve done it. You’ve built it.”

Keith Johnson, an instructor in M State’s Drafting and 3D Technology program, said he encourages his students to consider the option and talk with MSUM Operations Management program instructors Pamela McGee and Atif Osmani, who visit M State’s Moorhead campus each year.

One of the messages they share, he said, is that “a two-year degree helps you get the job, but the four-year degree helps you move into a leadership role.”

Johnson is also on the advisory board for MSUM’s Operations Management degree, which was recently ranked No. 4 nationwide by Best Degree Programs for its outstanding program and affordability.

“We work very closely with MSUM,” Johnson said. “We’ve set up our program to flow right into theirs.”

MSUM’s McGee said Operations Management is flexible: Students can complete the degree entirely online or by taking late-afternoon, on-campus courses, for those who prefer that option. Students can enroll full time or take as few as three credits per semester, and many have the backing of their employers.

“Employers support the program and encourage students with a technical degree to round out their career experience with the Operations Management program because it creates a great blend of skills – business, technical, operations and project leadership,” McGee said.

“The benefit,” Osami said, “is that it provides a pathway for two-year technical graduates to get onto the managerial ladder, leading to more job responsibilities, satisfaction and promotion.”

For more information about M State’s partnership with MSUM’s Operations Management degree, contact Michele Burns at michele.burns@minnesota.edu.
Savings and Success

Up2U program means substantial savings and greater success for M State graduates

M State’s partnership with Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College can mean substantial savings for M State students bound for either of those two up2U partner universities.

Introduced by M State in 2013, up2U rewards high-achieving M State graduates who transfer to one of M State’s up2U partner institutions to complete a four-year degree. The scholarship awards from MSUM and Concordia College range from $500 to $18,000.

To be eligible for up2U, students must enroll as a first-time college student at M State and meet specific credit and GPA requirements while they earn their two-year degree. When they enter and when they graduate from M State, students must complete the CLA+, a test designed to measure students’ ability to critique arguments, solve problems, analyze evaluate information and write effectively – all skills that will help make them more valuable in the workforce. Up2U participants also must complete an M State degree within three years.

M State communications instructor Katie Trombley is also the coordinator for up2U and conducts the workshops that prepare students for the required performance task assessments. She wants students to know that – as attractive as an up2U scholarship award might be – their participation in up2U will pay off in other ways, too.

“The benefits of up2U reach far beyond the scholarships students receive. As job seekers, up2U graduates will possess the higher-order thinking skills employers seek. These skills will set them apart from other job applicants,” Trombley said. “The award money is great, but up2U is so much more.”

Haroon Al Hayder, one of this year’s up2U participants, anticipates graduating from M State in the spring of 2018 and enrolling at MSUM to earn degrees in communication and human resources.

“I decided to join because I thought it would be really helpful to get scholarships for two more years to get a bachelor’s degree,” said Al Hayder, who is also involved on the Moorhead campus in student government and as an active volunteer. “My advice for those who want to continue their education is to join. It’s a great opportunity for students to improve their personal and academic skills, and also to earn scholarships.”

Jessie Swedberg is assistant director of the Office of Scholarship & Financial Aid at MSUM, which has partnered with M State since the inception of up2U.

“As one of the partners in the up2U program, MSUM has had the opportunity to work with students to help them achieve their goals both personally and academically,” she said. “MSUM has seen students thrive with the skills and knowledge they have learned while in the up2U program, which has led to the successful completion of their bachelor’s degree.”

M State’s third up2U partner is St. Cloud State University. For more information about up2U, email katie.trombley@minnesota.edu or visit minnesota.edu/up2u.

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Students have options!
Attend M State, live at MSUM

Students who attend M State’s Moorhead campus have more housing options than choosing to rent an apartment or live at home. Thanks to a special partnership with Minnesota State University Moorhead, M State students can live in the residence halls at nearby MSUM.

“MSUM is a great partner,” said Shawn Anderson, M State’s dean of student success. “We’re always looking for ways to enhance current partnerships and explore opportunities for others.”

Anderson answers some common questions about the housing collaboration between the two Minnesota State system institutions.

Q How many M State students live at MSUM in a typical year?
A Over the past three years, an average of 70 M State students per year have called the residence halls on the MSUM campus home during the academic year.

Q What are the benefits for M State students who live in MSUM’s residence halls?
A It’s a great option for M State Moorhead students for a number of reasons. If a student isn’t interested in renting an apartment with all the associated costs of apartment life, living in the residence halls can be a convenient and affordable option. Some M State Moorhead students want the experience of living in a residential community while attending the Moorhead campus, and this makes that possible.

Q Can any M State student take advantage of this option?
A M State Moorhead campus students can live in the residence halls at MSUM as long as they are enrolled in courses at M State. The arrangement has been in place for over a decade but has evolved over the years to meet the needs of the students interested in living in the MSUM campus while attending M State.

M State Moorhead students working on their two-year degree often have the goal of transferring to MSUM, so this collaboration is a natural fit and, for those students who live at MSUM while attending M State Moorhead, it makes the transition to MSUM easier.

Q Can M State students who live at MSUM take advantage of other MSUM programs and facilities?
A M State Moorhead students pay the same room and board rates as MSUM students along with fees that give them access to services at Hendrix Health and the Counseling Center and entrance to MSUM athletic events. These extra services give students living on campus more opportunities to become a part of the MSUM on-campus community while attending M State Moorhead.

Home away from home

M State’s Fergus Falls campus is one of only seven two-year colleges in Minnesota that offer on-campus student housing, providing an option for students who want to enjoy the full experience of traditional college life and skip the hassles of renting an apartment.

The two on-campus options, College Manor and Williams Hillside Village, house close to 120 students in 38 apartment-style units and are within an easy walking distance from the college’s classrooms, dining service (a meal plan is part of student housing) and athletic facilities.

In addition to standard apartment amenities such as coin-operated laundry facilities, College Manor has a first-floor computer lab, and all residents are welcomed at planned monthly social events such as Rock-n-Bowl, barbecues and YMCA nights.

“We want to provide students with the opportunity to live in a comfortable, convenient and safe environment where the pursuit of academic success is supported and encouraged,” said Nancy South, director of student development services on the Fergus Falls campus.
Why Get Involved at M State?

Seven ways on-campus activities strengthen students

By Teresa Stolfus, M State Director of Student Engagement

At M State, we are proud of our exceptional educational programs. Our students leave prepared to excel in jobs or continue their education. We also have an abundance of cocurricular activities that our students can participate in that help them to grow in ways they may not have known were possible. Here are some reasons why we encourage involvement at M State:

Create community
The transition to college can be a difficult one for some students. They’ve spent years interacting with the same people, and suddenly they’re thrown into a new environment with people they feel they have no connection to. Joining a student organization on campus allows students to meet people who have similar interests and experiences. It can be a fast and easy way to feel like part of a community and have a sense of belonging.

Discover passions
While many students come to M State having a clear purpose for their education, many arrive not quite sure what professional path they will take when they finish their program. Being involved on campus can allow them to discover their passions, to identify their strengths and even to learn about fields they didn’t know existed.

Gain understanding
Students who are involved on the college campus have a unique opportunity to interact with faculty, staff and administrators that their peers may not have. Because of this, they often know how to navigate the school systems more efficiently. The involved student easily resolves issues that might seem big for another student because they know to whom to take their problems.

Experience Diversity
M State has a beautiful diversity of students—students of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds and abilities call M State home. Being involved in a student organization allows students to interact with a more diverse population than they might otherwise.

Get things done
It may seem counterintuitive that being involved in more things would help you be a better student. However, students who have organized activities, work, families and school quickly learn how to manage time, energy and resources. These are valuable skills as students move into their careers.

Boost your resume
Students who participate in student organizations have opportunities that others may not get. They have chances to be leaders in organization, to learn practical job skills and to experience conflict management, budgeting, marketing and so much more. They may be able to attend regional and national conferences where they can meet professionals in their field. All of these experiences help make them more qualified candidates when they begin applying for jobs in their career fields.

Smooth transition to work
Making the transition from student to employee can be a daunting one. Students who have been involved on campus may have an easier time with this transition because they’ve already experienced working within an organizational structure that has deadlines, expectations, etc.

For more information on M State Student Life and Student Organizations, go to www.minnesota.edu/student-life/.

No matter who you are or where you’re from, you can make as big a difference as you want to.

Josh Hansen
Moorhead Student Government Association President

I would encourage students to join an organization. Become involved in the academic program’s activities as well!

Louis Mattson
‘13 Construction Electricity and AA Degree

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The Most Affordable Option*
Average annual tuition and fees for full-time students (before scholarships and grants)

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Check out these opportunities, and remember that the first step in getting financial assistance is filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.ed.gov. You must complete the FAFSA in order to demonstrate financial need, which is a requirement for many grants and scholarships. M State’s FAFSA Code is 005541.

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The 2017 Legislature created the Workforce Development Pilot to encourage students to enroll in high-demand occupations.

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- advanced manufacturing
- agriculture
- health care services
- information technology

Scholarship recipients will need to complete at least nine credits per term and maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA. Application information will be available on Dec. 1, 2017, with applications accepted through Feb. 28, 2018. Preference will be given to students with financial need.

Scholarship recipients will be announced by March 30, 2018.

PSEO

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program allows high school students to take college courses (taught by college or university faculty members) on a college campus or online.

Tuition and the cost of textbooks are paid by the school district. Students who participate in PSEO for their last two years of high school and complete the required number of credits are able to graduate concurrently from high school and M State with an associate degree.

To be eligible, high school juniors and seniors must meet minimum academic criteria. If you are interested in PSEO, talk to your high school guidance counselor and college admissions staff to determine if you qualify and learn the specific deadlines for enrollment. It is not necessary to demonstrate financial need in order to qualify for PSEO.

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up2U

M State’s up2U program rewards students who plan to earn an M State AA, AFA or AS transfer degree and transfer to an up2U partner university to complete a four-year degree. Through up2U, students can earn a scholarship award of between $250 and $18,000 for one academic year at one of M State’s up2U partner universities.

To qualify, students need to enroll as a new student at M State (sorry, current and transfer students don’t qualify) and meet specific criteria. Participation in up2U is not based on financial need. Prior to graduating from M State, students must take the CLA+ performance task assessment.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on the student’s GPA and score on the CLA+.

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Great coaches teach more than drills and plays and strategies. They teach life lessons that can be used on and off the playing field. For some players, like Steve King, a great coach can give you an opportunity that turns into a career. King, who is now M State’s co-athletic director and softball coach, began his college career at what was then Fergus Falls Community College back in 1983. “I was a scared young man from Eagle Bend, and it was everything I could do not to leave the first five days of football camp,” he recalled. He stayed and had two “very rewarding seasons playing football.” He earned his Associate of Arts degree and then had the opportunity to coach part time for the college under football coach Lloyd Danzeisen. King coached in the fall and attended St. Cloud State University after the season was finished, and he “was hooked from the beginning.” King developed a passion for coaching and for the college, where he has now played or coached for 27 of the 34 years since graduating high school. King is one of 12 current coaches with some serious Spartan pride that stems from playing for the college long before they dreamed of coaching at M State. They are not just Spartan coaches, they are Spartan alumni. Volleyball coach Abby Crowser feels fortunate she had the opportunity to take PSEO classes at M State during her senior year of high school. She was surprised by how much she enjoyed her college classes and her M State professors. “I found the course work challenging, yet the availability and accessibility of my professors made it easy to get the help I needed.” She works in the Support Center in addition to coaching and says she feels “so blessed to be a part of the M State community.” Korey Fry, a Detroit native, was named football coach in 2016 after working as the defensive coordinator since 2014. He attended M State as a student athlete from 2006-2008, earning all-region and all-conference honors, and went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in sport management and exercise science. He is also the sports director and wellness coach at the Fergus Falls YMCA. “I strongly believe as a coach I have the opportunity to affect student athletes in a positive way and, for some, be that father figure they may never have had.” Fry has the pleasure of coaching with Joe Barfknecht, who attended M State in 2002. Jeff Haukos retired from the Navy in 2001 after 20 years of active duty and returned to his hometown of Fergus Falls to be closer to family. He enrolled at M State in 2002 and completed three two-year degrees. He was involved in golfing as a coach, instructor and player during his Navy days so was asked by golf coach Jason Retzlaff to join the Spartan team. After graduation, he continued on as assistant golf coach, a position he’s filled for 13 years while working in information technology at the college. Women’s basketball coach Janice Hendrickson chose M State because of its size and the opportunity to continue playing basketball. She had a great mentor and coach at M State, Ann Williams, who “pushed everyone she worked with to be their very best.” Hendrickson, now in her third season as the head coach after eight years as an assistant, said that “as much as I love the basketball side of coaching, I enjoy mentoring the players off the court and helping them grow and succeed in school and life.” Baseball coach Cody Hughes chose to attend M State to play baseball. Coming all the way from Georgia, Cody wasn’t sure what to expect when he arrived on campus but remembers everyone as “extremely helpful and friendly.” Hughes, who is also a tutor at the college, is proud of M State’s baseball program and wants to continue its winning tradition and give his players the same great experiences that he was fortunate to have. Assistant women’s basketball coach Jess Price began her academic career at M State in order to be home for rehabilitation following knee surgery. She found that she loved the atmosphere at the college and also the support of the community. The ability to participate...
in both basketball and softball – along with coaches, staff and instructors who were ready to help students achieve their goals – convinced Price to continue her education at M State. Her career in physical therapy and family brought her back to the community and the opportunity to be involved in Spartan athletics.

Choosing a college was an easy decision for co-athletic director and golf coach Jason Retzlaff. He essentially grew up at M State, where his father, Dave Retzlaff, coached and taught for more than 40 years. He has been a part of the basketball program as manager, public address announcer, player, assistant and head coach and now athletic director. He has witnessed “many two-year success stories, and to be part of that as a teacher and a coach is a great honor.” He attended M State from 1996-98 and has taught and coached at the college since 2004. His golf team has placed in the top five in the national tournament for the past six years.

Krista Shaikoski, an assistant women’s basketball coach and a college admissions specialist, wanted to attend M State “ever since I was a little girl at Spartan Buddies.” M State allowed her to achieve her goals of playing collegiate basketball and volleyball. “The atmosphere on campus was truly one of a family, which made my experience everything I could have asked for.” After graduating from University of Jamestown in 2011, Shaikoski came back to Fergus Falls and joined the coaching staff. “I wanted to not only give back to the college, but also make a difference in our athletes’ lives.”

Assistant baseball coach Kyle Shaikoski says his M State baseball coach, Jarrod Asmus “had a major impact on my education and career and is the reason why I chose to attend M State. I learned a lot about being a student athlete and life lessons from him.” Shaikoski played baseball and basketball for M State from 2009-2011 and continued his baseball career at the University of Jamestown, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in physical education.

Men’s basketball coach Shawn Sorenson grew up in a family that loved basketball and had brothers who played for former coach Dave Retzlaff, “so it was easy to follow their path.” The relationships Sorenson formed during his two years at M State “helped me find my own path, paved by a passion for combining sports and technology.” His journey has come full circle, and the opportunity to coach the men’s basketball team while continuing his career in information technology “is the best of both worlds.”

New nursing assistants who get their training at M State now practice their skills on “patients” who look more like the people in the world around them.

Thanks to the financial support of Fergus Area College Foundation and several college departments, the Fergus Falls campus has purchased two Susie-Simon Diverse Mannequins, which nursing assistant students use to learn the skills needed to provide personal care for patients. Funding for the mannequins was requested by nursing lab assistant Jamie Steimle, herself a graduate of the M State Nursing program, who said the nursing assistant classes and the entire Nursing program will benefit from having mannequins that reflect the diversity of the students who enroll in health care programs.

The new mannequins join nine already in use in the Fergus Falls campus nursing lab, which is used year-round by students in the practical nursing, registered nursing and nursing assistant programs. The labs also are used for the final registry course for nursing assistant students who are earning certification so they can work at care facilities throughout the region.

With the help of willing volunteers and generous donors, FACF makes a difference on the Fergus Falls campus of M State. Whether it is awarding a scholarship, funding a student life activity or providing a faculty grant to enhance teaching and learning, the foundation impacts students each and every day. For more information, contact FACF Executive Director Lori Larson at lori.larson@minnesota.edu or 218.736.1514.
M State students are awarded numerous scholarships through the M State Foundation and Alumni and Fergus Area College Foundation, both dedicated to making college affordable for qualifying students. Thank you to the many donors whose generosity strengthens M State by increasing scholarships and impacting the lives of students.

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NECA Dakotas Chapter Scholarship
Perham Sportsman Club Scholarship
Union of Sisters of the Presentation Scholarship
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Zach Schreiner
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Service Technician
Nelson International, Fargo

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Nick Nelson
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David Meyer, CEO Titan Machinery

This is a partial list of M State Business and Industry Sponsorships that offer student support.
CoBank No Barriers Program Benefits Rural Veterans with Disabilities

In 2017, CoBank, a cooperative bank serving agribusiness, rural infrastructure providers and farm credit associations throughout the United States, launched a new program for veterans with disabilities from America’s rural communities.

In partnership with the nonprofit group No Barriers USA, CoBank sponsored a series of outdoor expeditions for disabled veterans from rural areas across the United States. CoBank customers were invited to nominate a veteran from their local community for inclusion in the program. Selected participants flew to Colorado to participate in the expeditions, which were designed to challenge them mentally and physically, helping them to overcome challenges and transform their lives.

CoBank covered the full cost of participation for each veteran.

Through a long-term partnership, M State Foundation and Alumni worked to identify an alumnus to participate. Lake Region Electric Cooperative, a customer of CoBank, nominated Darius Simon, a 2011 graduate of M State’s Criminal Justice program.

Lake Region Electric Cooperative Chief Executive Officer Tim Thompson said, “When we became aware of the No Barriers program, we wanted to be part of the program. This is an additional way we can show our support for our veterans.”

In a diary of his participation in No Barriers, Simon recounted two days of their expedition in Colorado:

Day three, we were set up at Mt. Margot and told that we would be going on a hike. The group then hiked for 5 miles throughout the mountains on marked trails. After the hike we were dismissed and had free time. I had befriended a fellow veteran named Kody from Oklahoma. We asked for a compass and told our camp guides the direction we wanted to go. Kody and I hiked for 5 hours. We found a river at the bottom of a ravine and also stumbled across a few deer along the way.

Day four, the group went to a boulder face and were all given lessons on how to mountain climb. After a few hours of climbing the group made its way down the mountain. That night I decided to sleep out under the stars. I was awakened at around 3 am by a moose that was walking through the field that I was sleeping in. I just laid there and let her walk by as she was smelling the air trying to find me.

Currently, Simon is an outreach case manager for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, a nonprofit aimed at veterans who are facing homelessness, and he says it is the most fulfilling work he has ever done. Through this expedition, Simon is excited to continue improving his PTSD and advocating for other veterans who may be struggling with their own issues.

“Hearing Darius’s story is inspiring. We are very pleased to work with M State and CoBank to make this experience for Darius a reality. We thank CoBank for providing this opportunity to our rural veterans,” Thompson said.

Additionally, Lake Region Electric Cooperative through the M State Foundation and Alumni each year awards a $1,500 scholarship to a veteran enrolled in the Electrical Line Worker Technology program.
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