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THANK YOU FOR YOUR **GENEROSITY**

Your support of Minnesota State University, Mankato fuels my passion to accomplish amazing things together. You make it possible for our students, faculty and staff to embody the core values that help define the University and shape the way we work. I am grateful for the many ways you have helped make us such a strong university.

Thank you for caring about the success of our students and our impact today and in the future. You make a difference for all of us.

[Edward Inch, President](#)

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FROM THE BOARD

Serving as the chair of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board has been a truly humbling experience. I have been overwhelmed by your collective generosity, and by the many ways you are able to support students, programs and the University as a whole. It's an honor to be part of the Foundation Board and to see the impact you have on this institution.

The Foundation exists to enhance the University's ability to fulfill its mission by encouraging and stewarding sustained philanthropic support from alumni and friends. I am grateful for your help in reaching that goal. On behalf of the entire Foundation Board as well as Executive Director and Vice President for University Advancement Kent Stanley, I want to thank you for your generosity over the past year. You have made a difference.

Allan P. Bohlke

Allan Bohlke '86
Foundation Board Chair

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SUPPORTING OUR CORE VALUES

\$10,880,331

Each of the dollars raised in Fiscal Year 23 supports the University as an innovative, student-centered learning community.

Excellence

in our academic and non-academic pursuits.

Integrity

and respect in the way we conduct ourselves.

Diversity

in who we are and what we do.



Access

to our programs
and services.

Responsibility

to those we serve.

EXCELLENCE

Excellence is allocating our resources where they are most needed to achieve the greatest good.

When you give to the University Achievement Fund, you are supporting seven key areas of need on campus—everything from emergency grants and scholarships for students to employee development and campus recreation. Those gifts allow the University to make sure that dollars are available to support students in the most timely, efficient and impactful manner possible—and help our students succeed from their first day on campus to their graduation day.

Because of you ...

- in Fiscal Year 2023, more than **\$160,000** was raised for the University Achievement Fund.
- the [University Achievement Fund](#) supports Scholarships, Campus Recreation, Undergraduate Research, Training & Employee Development, Improved Education Experience, Emergency Support and Food Security.
- **25 student callers** working in the [Engagement Center](#) are learning the culture of philanthropy as they help to secure support for the University.



The University Achievement Fund has a large impact for the students who choose Minnesota State University, Mankato as their educational home. It helps students to continue with their education and motivates them to keep going. It is especially significant for international students like me.

– *Adonay Abebe x'25*
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



INTEGRITY

Integrity is honoring each donor's wishes.

Jerry Farley '63 passed away on March 12, 2022. Three months later, the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation was notified that he had named the University in his will as the beneficiary of his IRA. The only direction provided in the will was that the gift support underrepresented populations with scholarships. So the Foundation used the \$191,000 received from Farley's estate to create the **Envision Tomorrow Scholarship Endowment**. This endowment will enhance the MavCares Student Scholarships program by making scholarships available to students who come from diverse socioeconomic, ethnic, gender and ability backgrounds.

Whether establishing an endowment or putting us in your will, when you make your wishes known, the Foundation does everything possible to use your gift as you intend it to be used.

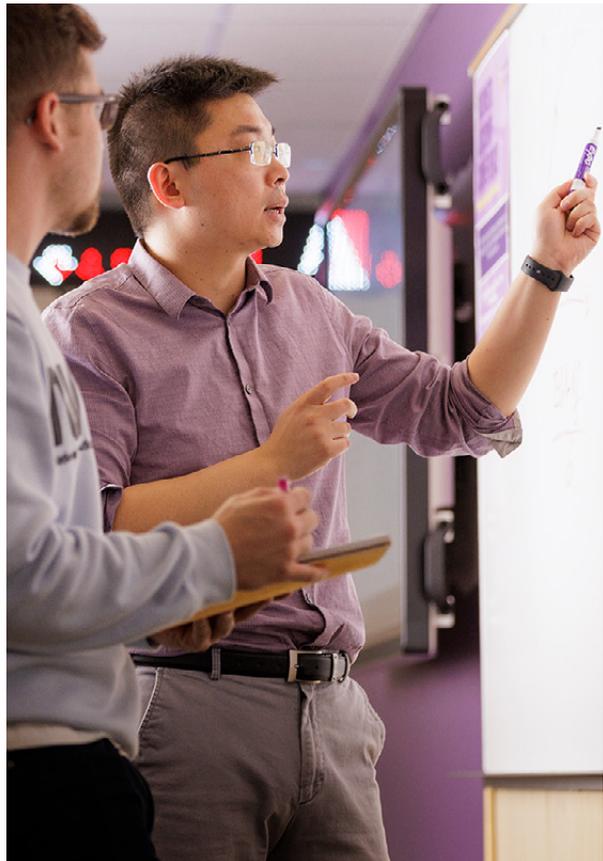
Because **of you ...**

- more than **400 total endowments** support student scholarships, educational programs, research and more.
- **16 new endowments** we started during Fiscal Year 23.



What's most rewarding is the impact our gifts have made for students who have benefited from scholarships; funding for research; monies to attend conferences, concerts, and band tours. I will always appreciate the positive educational environment [Minnesota State Mankato](#) provided me, a faculty member of 33 years.

– *Ken Pengelly, Faculty Emeritus, and David Engen*



DIVERSITY

Diversity is making sure all students have the opportunity to excel.

Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation has been able to award a record amount of [scholarships](#) to students in recent years, including an all-time high of **\$2.5 million distributed during the 2022-23 academic year**. The goal is to award as many scholarships as possible to as many students as possible—and to award those scholarships in a way that represents the University’s overall enrollment. Currently, 18 percent of our students are domestic students of color, and nine percent are international students.

Because **of you** ...

- **\$2,509,000 in scholarships** was distributed.
- **1,190 students** received scholarship support.



This scholarship will help me to pursue my dreams and achieve my educational goals. Your contribution not only provides me with financial support but also with a great sense of encouragement and motivation. Knowing that someone believes in me and my abilities is a wonderful feeling. Your support empowers me to grow both academically and personally. ... Your wonderful generosity makes a significant impact in my life.

– *Enettie Malangano x'24*
Grace E. Lundquist Gender & Women's Studies Scholarship



ACCESS

Access is making educational opportunities available to all.

Making education accessible to all goes beyond ensuring that tuition is affordable for traditional undergraduate students. Last year, a new scholarship was created to help support students enrolled in the University's online Special Education program—many of whom are adults working as paraprofessionals or in other support roles in schools. In order to advance in their careers serving students with special needs, they need a degree in Special Education, but the costs are often prohibitive. This new scholarship program helps pay for the background checks, licensing fees and other financial requirements that may be barriers to becoming fully licensed special education teachers.

Your gifts support [programs that are accessible](#) to students who are working to better themselves and the world around them, regardless of their age, location or socioeconomic status.

Because of you ...

- **3,842 students** were 25 years or older in the 2022-23 academic year.
- **215 degree programs** are available in [Mankato](#), the [Twin Cities](#), the [Iron Range](#) and [Online](#).
- more than **14,600 students** from all 50 states and approximately 90 countries enrolled at Minnesota State University, Mankato in Fall 2023.



Donor support of online special education programs allows students to continue to work in schools as paraprofessionals and teachers while working to obtain their initial teaching degree or additional license. Whether you are in Mankato, the metro area, rural Minnesota or even another state, we have a program that will meet your needs.

– *Kiersten K. Hensley, Ph.D.*
Professor, Special Education



RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is working together to solve problems and improve lives.

Minnesota State Mankato is home to dozens of centers and institutes that focus on a particular issue, problem or situation. One of the newest centers is the [Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota Center for Rural Behavioral Health](#), which is focused on improving access to behavioral healthcare for residents of outstate Minnesota through research, workforce development, continuing education and customized training. As the need for mental health care has become greater across the state and around the country, this center serves as a solution to a growing problem—which our corporate partners have recognized and supported. During the past year, several organizations made significant gifts to further the Center’s mission: Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota, Compeer Financial, Mayo Clinic Health System and Minnesota Pork Producers Association.

Together, we help make Minnesota—and the world—a better place.

Because of you ...

- More than **\$1.62 million** has been received in support of the Blue Cross® and Blue Shield® of Minnesota Center for Rural Behavioral Health at Minnesota State University, Mankato during Fiscal Year 23.



We understand that in rural communities, we face different issues than we do in metro areas, in particular when it comes to access to behavioral health professionals. Partnering with Minnesota State Mankato means an outstate presence with someone who understands the challenges and opportunities in rural, greater Minnesota.

– *Bukata Hayes, VP & Chief Equity Officer, Racial and Health Equity, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota*





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