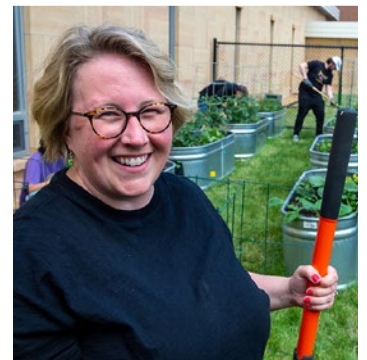




Inspired *Action*

FOUNDATION IMPACT REPORT



*Our students bring the
talent and ambition.
Donor support helps
put more opportunities
within their reach."*



Dear Friends,

One of the privileges of serving on the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board is seeing what happens when people choose to invest in our students.

Your generosity creates opportunities that would not otherwise exist. It helps students afford their education, participate in research and experiential learning, develop as leaders, and make the most of their time at Minnesota State Mankato.

Throughout this report, you'll meet some of the students and faculty who have benefited from that support, as well as alumni and friends who continue to give back to the university. Together, their stories illustrate something I find particularly meaningful about philanthropy: its impact rarely stops with the person who first receives it.

Today's students will become tomorrow's professionals, community leaders, mentors, volunteers and donors. Many will create opportunities for others because someone once created an opportunity for them. That cycle is an important part of what we are building together at Minnesota State Mankato.

As a Foundation Board, we have the opportunity to see this work from a unique perspective. We see the generosity of our donors, the commitment of the university, and most importantly, what students do with the opportunities they are given.

On behalf of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for being part of that work and for your continued investment in our students.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsten Voss'.

Kirsten Voss
Chair, Minnesota State Mankato Foundation

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Every Maverick's journey begins with someone who believes in them.

Donor generosity helps students find a place to **belong**, **discover** new possibilities, develop the confidence to **lead**, and use their talents to **serve** others.

As students grow into leaders, they create meaningful change in their communities, professions, and beyond. They go on to **transform** lives, strengthen communities, advance industries, and create new opportunities for others.

Many return to support the university that helped shape their futures—creating an enduring cycle of generosity that benefits generations of Mavericks.

This report shares the stories of that enduring cycle.



This is the story of your **\$36 million** impact.

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Our library creates a welcoming front porch where students find reliable information, meaningful connections, and opportunities to deepen their academic journeys.”

Chris Corley, Dean of Library and Learning

Inspired to *Belong*

Because of you, **students find their place.**

Success in college begins with belonging. Through scholarships, emergency assistance, cultural organizations, mentoring programs, and student engagement opportunities, donors help students build connections, gain confidence, and discover a community that believes in their potential.

“ As an out-of-state student, I came to Minnesota State University, Mankato feeling very alone and unsure if I had made the right decision. Through student organizations like Gamma Phi Beta and The Salt Company, I found belonging here. These groups brought me genuine friendships, opportunities to step out of my comfort zone, and the confidence to become a leader.”

– Ella Duncan x'28

From Support to Scholarship

When Herman Bacchus '72 arrived at Minnesota State University, Mankato as an international student, the support he received helped him feel at home and shaped the course of his future. Today, he's giving future graduate students that same sense of opportunity through a scholarship that allows them to focus on their research instead of working extra jobs—creating a legacy of belonging for the next generation.

“ Being a student-athlete at Minnesota State University, Mankato, has helped me find a community where I feel like I am part of something special. Through athletics and different athletic groups on campus, I've made friends and connections that I know will last a lifetime.”

–Gannon Reidinger x'29, Maverick Baseball



Your generosity inspires belonging by ensuring every Maverick feels welcomed, supported, and connected as they build their place within the Maverick community.

18,651
enrolled students

4,604
first-generation students

1,594
international students
from 104 countries

540
student athletes

1,600
students in 255 recognized
student organizations

55%
of students have financial need
greater than \$10,000.

“

Every new experience has pushed me to try something different, explore new possibilities, and discover what I'm capable of."

Maya Lassiter x'27

Inspired to

Discover

Because of you, students explore new possibilities.

Discovery begins when students are encouraged to ask questions, test ideas, and pursue experiences beyond the classroom. Donor investments make research, experiential learning, program innovation, and creative activities possible, helping students develop the knowledge and skills needed to shape the future.

Turning Questions into Knowledge

Undergraduate research gives students the opportunity to be creators of knowledge, not just consumers of it. Working alongside a faculty mentor, students learn how to ask better questions, think critically, solve problems, and share what they've discovered. Through designing a project, applying for a grant, presenting at a conference, or publishing their work, students gain the confidence to see themselves as people who can contribute something new to their field.

“*Growing up in a remote village, I experienced firsthand the barriers that can stand in the way of education and opportunity. My mother, who completed only elementary school, always said, “We have no asset except education.” Her wisdom inspired my pursuit of graduate research in Applied Statistics where I explore aging, cancer, and health disparities. Through this work, I am discovering how data can reveal solutions to complex public health challenges and improve lives for future generations.*

– Salah Uddin '27, Graduate Teaching Assistant

Discovering Ag Opportunities

Through Ag Adventure Day, supported by the CHS Foundation, middle and high school students explored the many opportunities available within agriculture through hands-on activities, visits to local agribusinesses, and conversations with industry professionals. These experiences brought learning to life, sparked curiosity, and opened doors to future career possibilities in one of the world's most essential industries.



Students at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Richmond, Virginia.



Your support inspires discovery by opening doors to hands-on experiences that challenge students to think critically, innovate boldly, and contribute new ideas to their fields and communities.

207

students participated in **study abroad**
and study away experiences

at **27 different locations** throughout the U.S. and the world,
immersing themselves in new cultures, experiences, and connections.

247

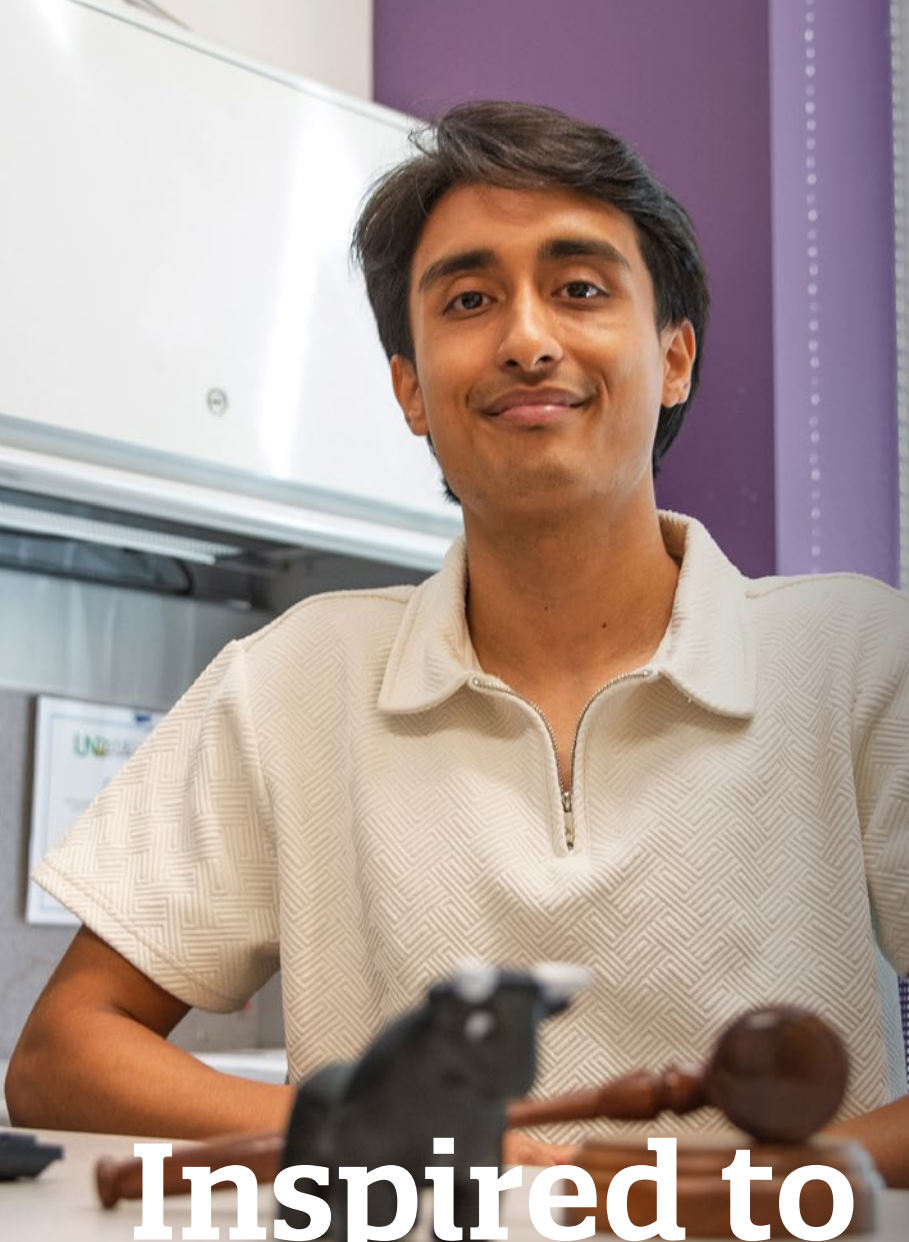
students presented at the
Undergraduate
Research Symposium

23

students traveled to the **National**
Conference for Undergraduate Research

\$199,600

in **research support** awarded
through the University Achievement
Fund and endowments.



“

Advocating on behalf of students has taught me that leadership is about helping to create inclusive opportunities for those who follow after us.”

Roshit Niraula '25, x'27, former Student Government President, Foundation Board Ambassador, Students United Board Member, Honors Program Graduate Assistant

Inspired to *Lead*

Because of you, students become confident leaders.

Leadership develops through experiences that encourage students to take initiative, collaborate with others, and contribute meaningfully to their campus, professions, and communities. Philanthropy helps students build the confidence and skills needed to lead with purpose.

“The Maverick Innovation Gateway has been instrumental in my growth as a leader. Through leadership roles with Loon Lake Co., Women in Business, and the College of Business Student Executive Team, I gained the confidence, skills, and perspective to lead with purpose and prepare for a meaningful career.”

– Paige Larsen x'28, Marketing Student and DII Cross Country and Track and Field Athlete

“Having benefited from support and encouragement, and remembering how much that meant to me, I wanted to become the bridge to helping students gain confidence in challenging coursework. As a MavPASS leader, I get the honor of guiding students along the right path while growing as a facilitator myself.”

–Yang Chen x'29

“With the generous gift from beloved Dean Emerita Earley, graduate students in Performing Arts can focus their time and energy on teaching, performing, designing and directing, and building skills in the scene shop, costume shop, and theatre management. The endowment eases financial pressure, giving students the freedom to explore their craft and to make the most of their time at Minnesota State University, Mankato.”

– Nicholas Wayne, Chair of the Department of Performing Arts



Your generosity inspires leadership by empowering students to step forward, serve others, and develop the confidence needed to shape the future.

MavPASS student leaders supported

20,000
student visits across 26
challenging courses

1,946

graduate students

advanced their expertise

to become tomorrow's educators, healthcare professionals,
business leaders, and public servants.

65

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee leaders

from 20 varsity teams helped shape NCAA legislation

and were recognized for their leadership in community service and well-being initiatives by earning the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence for their Make-A-Wish "Wish Day"



“

Volunteering has helped me connect with people I may never have met otherwise and showed me how meaningful helping others is.”

Barkot Menkir x'26

Inspired to *Serve*

Because of you, Mavericks strengthen communities.

Many students pursue careers rooted in service. Donor investments help prepare graduates to address pressing challenges, care for others, and improve quality of life through careers grounded in purpose and engagement.

“The Maverick Food Pantry provided support when I needed it most, helping me stay focused on my studies and my future. Volunteering there today gives me the opportunity to serve other students facing similar challenges and help create a stronger Maverick community.”

– Dez Kim x'27

“Through my work in the MSU Dental Hygiene Clinic and a donor-funded service trip to Belize, I discovered the power of serving others through healthcare. Caring for patients both in our community and abroad deepened my passion for helping those with limited access to dental care and inspired me to make service a lifelong part of my career.”

– Torrey Olson-Rodel x'27

“Learning has never come easily to me, and that experience shapes the teacher I hope to become. Through student teaching, I discovered a passion for helping students overcome challenges, build confidence, and realize their potential.”

– Payton Deml x'27



Your gifts inspire service by preparing graduates who are committed to caring for others, addressing community needs, and making a difference far beyond campus.

3,695

students graduated

and entered classrooms, clinics, businesses, and communities prepared to meet today's challenges and improve lives.

18.5%

of students participated in internships, practicums, and field experiences

that strengthened communities.

\$3.3M in scholarship support

allowed students time to volunteer and make an impact on campus and in our surrounding community.

3

student-led clinics and centers

serving our communities through the **Dental Clinic**, **Speech Clinic**, and **Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Rural Behavioral Health**.

214

volunteers rallied around students

facing food insecurity by volunteering at the Maverick Food Pantry to help distribute **145,045 pounds of food**.



Giving increases happiness. If you find yourself in a position to give to this worthy cause, do it! We love MSU Track and Field and Cross Country and are excited to be a part of The Future State."

Angie Schuck '91 and Keith Flack

Inspired to *Transform*

Because of you, **possibilities become lasting impact.**

Transformation extends beyond individual achievement. Philanthropy empowers Minnesota State Mankato to expand access, strengthen programs, invest in innovative spaces, and create opportunities that fuel economic vitality and enhance quality of life throughout the region. From scholarships and endowments to The Future State campaign, donor generosity is helping shape a stronger future for students, families, communities, and industries for generations to come.

“ As a student, I helped support the Centennial Student Union and witnessed firsthand how it transformed the student experience. It remains especially meaningful because it's where my wife of 57 years, Liz, and I shared our first dance together. Supporting The Future State is our opportunity to help create that same kind of lasting impact for future generations of Mavericks.”

– Kent Urness '70

“ The Future State is about more than new facilities—it is about creating new possibilities for our students, our University, and the community. By investing in exceptional spaces to learn, compete and connect, we are building an environment that will elevate the student experience, strengthen Maverick pride, and position the university for an exciting future.”

– Kevin Buisman, Director of Athletics

“ As a Student Ambassador, I feel a great sense of pride when prospective students and their supporters express excitement as they begin to picture their future at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The Future State project will create even more opportunities for students to learn, connect, and thrive for generations to come.”

– Eleanor Cartwright x'28



**Together, we are strengthening our university,
enriching our region, and creating opportunities that
will benefit future generations of Mavericks.**



Your Investment

On track to reach the first \$60 million phase goal by fall 2027.



What It's Making Possible

Creating spaces that strengthen student success, workforce development, and community well-being.

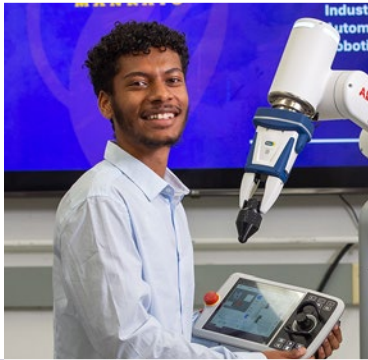


What the Future Holds

Completing the first \$60 million phase will unlock the full \$140 million Future State vision, transforming the campus and community for generations.



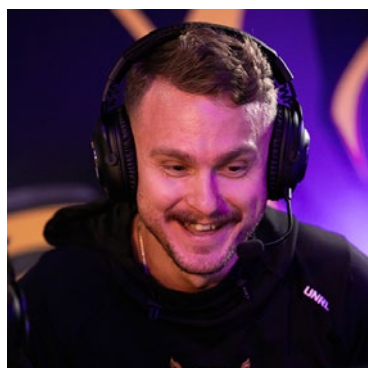
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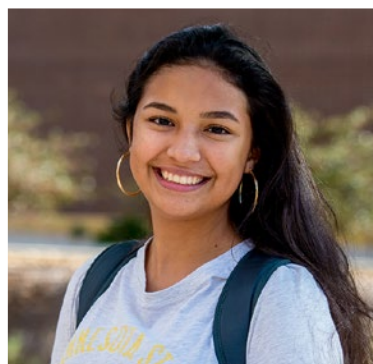
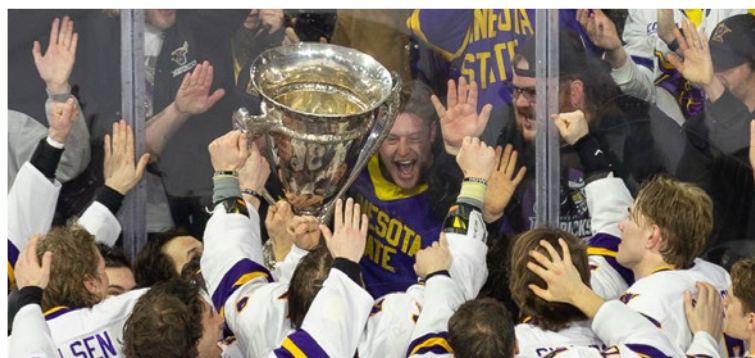
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Because of you, students find a place to belong, discover new possibilities



your impact.



s, lead with purpose, serve others, and transform lives.

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