Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) and Inver Hills Community College (Inver Hills) offer a powerful and comprehensive range of educational opportunities to Dakota County and the southeast metro region. Students pursuing skills for immediate employment can complete pre-professional and career or trade programs at both colleges. Students preparing for transfer can obtain, at the state’s lowest tuition levels, a high-quality general education that enables them to succeed at the state’s most competitive universities.

DCTC delivers cutting-edge, skilled, and technical training for today’s most in-demand jobs, serving more than 2,000 students a year. With 55 different programs, students can boost their earning potential and launch or change their careers in many professional sectors. From business to brewing, high tech to healthcare, and more, DCTC directly supports regional economic development.

Inver Hills offers an affordable, high-quality education that serves as a launch pad for many advanced degree or career directions. Nationally recognized as a veteran-friendly campus, Inver Hills provides robust student support services making it an ideal place for every learner from veteran students using their GI Bill benefits to ambitious high school students taking advantage of concurrent enrollment programs.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- The combined economic contribution of DCTC and Inver Hills in FY17 totaled $334.6 million. This includes a direct impact of $171.8 million and an indirect/induced impact of $162.7 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $139.4 million of the combined total impact and $195.2 million in combined impact from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- DCTC and Inver Hills directly employ 439 people.
- DCTC and Inver Hills support more than 2,881 Minnesota jobs (1,797 direct and 1,084 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

Annually, DCTC and Inver Hills award nearly 1,500 degrees and certificates on average. Based upon the assumption that each recipient will earn an additional $6,250 over those with a high school degree, the impact of graduates’ additional earning of 28,000 DCTC and Inver Hills alumni living and working in Minnesota over the span of 40 years will be $5.4 billion.

Each year, student and alumni projects focus on immediate needs, making a difference in both the community and on campus. Annually, DCTC and Inver Hills partner to host a Day of Service, in which students, faculty, staff and alumni spend a day service our communities. In 2020, Inver Hills became the first Bee Campus USA in Minnesota.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

DCTC and Inver Hills are connected to the communities they serve. Leading the way in service to veterans, they ranked among the nation’s Best Colleges for Veterans. In addition to their top-notch services for veterans, both DCTC and Inver Hills have a number of campus clubs that give students hands-on, engaging opportunities to make a lasting impact. Students regularly hold food drives, blood drives, highway clean-ups, register-to-vote campaigns, and more. At DCTC, Lions Clubs sponsor projects for Habitat for Humanity and Ronald McDonald House, while at Inver Hills, students travel to Louisiana annually to assist with Hurricane Katrina relief; showing our students’ impact, shows no bounds.

Through its work with Dakota-Scott County Workforce Investment Board, Enterprise Minnesota, chambers of commerce, and business and industry, DCTC and Inver Hills provide invaluable resources to serve the workforce needs of businesses in the southeast Metro. True college experiences with flexibility and individual pathways developed to promote student success, ensure that DCTC and Inver Hills make a significant, positive impacts in Dakota County.

DCTC and Inver Hills faculty, staff, and students generate an estimated $1.3 million in charitable donations and volunteer services annually.

- $417,578 donated to local charitable organizations by DCTC and Inver Hills staff, faculty, and students.
- $917,101 of volunteer time by DCTC and Inver Hills faculty, staff, and students.
- Over $400,000 per year in scholarships awarded to local students by the DCTC and Inver Hills Foundations.

“DCTC and Inver Hills are devoted to educational equity and inclusion, supporting all learners and their families in achieving social mobility through advanced education.”

- Michael Berndt
Interim President

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