

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGES

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Dear Colleagues,

Each year, Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) and Inver Hills Community College (Inver Hills) send thousands of graduates into the workforce or to further education. And like all colleges and universities, we hope our alumni stay engaged with us. I want to acknowledge and thank our Alumni Boards and all those who continue their relationship with us. They realize many benefits for our students and themselves.



First, many of our alumni advise current students and extend their own network of professional colleagues through alumni events, career fairs, and social networking platforms like LinkedIn and Facebook.

Alumni also give back to their schools, donating their time and talent. For example, the DCTC Alumni Advisory Board raised funds, through their annual giving campaign, for an Essential Careers initiative that brought additional funds to critical programs.

Alumni also serve on program advisory boards, connecting us to their employers, mentoring current students, volunteering at campus events, and contributing to student scholarships. The Inver Hills Alumni Association Board offered a panel on Student Success Day to answer current students' questions about successfully navigating college.

From volunteering at events, attending the college's annual gala, to crowdsourcing for program equipment, there are opportunities to fit every schedule and lifestyle. Thank you to all those who continue to engage with us at Inver Hills and DCTC. If you are a former student who would like to make an impact by supporting students, we encourage you to reach out and get involved.

At DCTC: dctc.edu/about-us/alumni/

At Inver Hills: inverhills.edu/Foundation/AlumniConnection

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Inver Hills will host its 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 12th. Find ceremony details at inverhills.edu/graduation.
- DCTC will host its 2022 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 13th. Find ceremony details at dctc.edu/graduation.



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Colleges to honor staff, faculty and business partners at 2022 Celebrating Success Gala

The DCTC and Inver Hills Communities came together with members of our community for the 2022 Celebrating Success Gala on April 28th. The event raised money for student scholarships at both colleges, while also honoring employees, alumni and key business partners. This year's awards recipients included:

- DCTC Alumni of the Year- **Kim Scanlon**
- Inver Hills Alumni of the Year- **Kathy Bachman**
- DCTC Employee of the Year- **Susan Farmer**
- Inver Hills Employee of the Year- **Shannon Williams**
- Community Partner of the Year- **Allina Health**

STUDENT AND PROGRAM SPOTLIGHTS

- [Inver Hills instructor Dr. Katie Nelson name Minnesota State Educator of the Year](#)
- [Lisa Marie Barber exhibits at Inver Hill's Gallery 120](#)
- [Meet DCTC Student Brian Barnes](#)
- [DCTC and Inver Hills partner to host Allied Health Career Fair](#)



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