Century College has been an engaged, connected partner and a resource to the community for over 50 years. Since first opening its doors to 503 students as Lakewood State Junior College in 1967, Century College has become one of the largest and most diverse two-year community colleges in Minnesota. Serving over 21,000 credit and non-credit students each year, Century College offers degrees, diplomas, certificates, and courses in a wide variety of disciplines. Throughout Washington, Ramsey, Anoka, and Dakota counties, western Wisconsin, and the greater Twin Cities region, Century College is an active partner with area businesses helping ensure students move seamlessly into the local workforce, while supporting students who choose to pursue a four-year degree.

The impact of Century College goes beyond its economic impact of $368.5 million dollars annually. Century College takes pride in providing a welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant campus for students and community members. In addition to presenting the locally renowned Muskie Tank and Shakespeare in the Park, Century College is home to the Division III Regional Champion baseball team five years running and has been nationally recognized as a Military Friendly School by Victory Magazine. Century College is making an impact, and its commitment to community, culture and collaboration is making a difference.

**Contributing to the Minnesota Economy**

- The FY 17 overall annual combined economic contribution of Century College in Minnesota is **$368.5 million**. This includes a direct impact of $188.7 million and indirect/induced impact of $179.8 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generated $146.9 million of the total impact and $221.6 million in impact from student and visitor spending.

**Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State**

- Century College directly employs 687 people.
- Century College supports more than 3,269 Minnesota jobs (2,070 direct and 1,199 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

Former and current students of Century College have a significant presence in the workforce – particularly in high-demand fields such as healthcare, engineering, manufacturing, and information technology.

The alumni of Century College living and working in the state total 26,947. Assuming that a career lasts for 40 years, Century College alumni currently living in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $5.4 billion in impact over 40 years.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

The state-of-the-art Advanced Technology Center at Century College is helping Minnesota keep pace with advancements in engineering and STEM fields by creating programs that account for developments in medical and advanced manufacturing industries. This innovative approach to investing in the 21st Century workforce will help Minnesota address workforce shortages in high-demand fields.

Century College is committed to closing the Minnesota skills gap in the field of healthcare. Their associate degree nursing program, ranked #2 among public and private university programs in Minnesota by registerednursing.org, delivers consistent quality and contributes to the health care shortage annually. The Century College medical assistant program is #2 in Minnesota, and #1 among associate degree medical assistant programs in the nation, as determined by topmedicalassistantprograms.org.

Continuing education is also working with a number of community-based organizations in workforce centers to help unemployed or underemployed individuals prepare for a variety of careers and reduce reliance on public assistance. Some community-based organizations that Century College is working with include Community Action Partnership and the Karen Organization of Minnesota, which provides employment, resettlement, and social services to Karen and Burmese refugees from Myanmar.

The Century College orthotics and prosthetics program, which is one of only 13 in the country, seeks to address the need for prosthetics and orthotics in the community. There is a significant need for orthotics and prosthetics professionals in the healthcare industry, with an estimated 28 million at risk for amputation in the United States. To meet the demand for patients in need of orthotics and prosthetics, the supply of professionals in the industry needs to increase 60 percent by 2025.

Current students are very engaged in the community, having contributed approximately 35,000 service-learning hours in 2016-17.

More than $3.4 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by Century College faculty, staff, and students.

- $790,863 million donated to local charitable organizations by Century College staff, faculty, and students.
- $2.7 million of volunteer time by Century College faculty, staff, and students.

“Century College is a college where education is accessible to all that seek it. And success is possible for all who work to achieve it.”

- President Millender
Century College

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