LOCATION: Bemidji

bemidjistate.edu | Faith Hensrud, President

FY18 STUDENT PROFILE: 6,476 Credit-seeking Students | 29.6% Pell Eligible | 12% Students of Color

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY
Bemidji State University provides the academic guidance, education, and personal encouragement students need to exceed their own expectations. BSU offers 60 undergraduate degrees, nine graduate degrees, 15 teacher licensure fields, 14 pre-professional programs, and 10 certificates.

SERVICE TO MINNESOTA
» Each year, BSU and NTC generate $321.7 million in economic impact, as well as produce 1,326 graduates, and support and sustain 2,749 jobs.
» Bemidji State is the only U.S. school offering an undergraduate degree in 3-D design for exhibits, conferences, and industry. Thanks to a strong partnership with industry professionals and alumni support, the program is a source of talent for the entire world.
» BSU’s innovative biology program has been expanded to include majors in aquatic biology and wildlife biology. Students pursue careers in fish and wildlife management, invasive species eradication, and conservation.

WHAT’S AT STAKE?
A fully funded request will:
» Protect support services vital to student success and graduation.
» Maintain programs that meet the demand for highly qualified teachers, nurses, and law enforcement officers across Minnesota.

Not fully funding the request will:
» Reduce faculty and staff, reduce course availability, increase class sizes, diminish student support, and increase student costs due to longer time to finish program.
» Fail to resolve facilities issues that impact teaching and learning and hinder disability access.

REQUEST DETAILS
Amounts are estimates and subject to change
» $6.4 million of $169 million in campus support with Northwest Technical College
» 7,138 students, faculty, and staff will use NextGen
» An estimated 220 students will receive grants

2019 CAPITAL REQUEST
» $5.8 million in asset preservation and replacement to repair building envelope, replace roof, and update electrical and lighting (with NTC)

NOTES:
Bemidji State University is aligned with Northwest Technical College and has a combined budget request.

PARTNERSHIPS
» Sanford Bemidji Medical Center: Provides hands-on learning opportunities for nursing students, who serve patients and strengthen the quality of care available to patients.
» Minnesota State Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence: Serves as headquarters and provides leadership for a consortium of BSU and 14 technical and community colleges to meet the needs of the region’s manufacturing employers by preparing individuals for rewarding careers in manufacturing.
» Marketing Assistance and Research Solutions: This student-staffed and faculty-led marketing agency creates hands-on learning opportunities while offering affordable analysis and strategic consulting for businesses and non-profit organizations.

FROM A STUDENT:
“One of the greatest things about Bemidji State is its community. My professors, fellow graduate students, and so many wonderful and great people from different departments have helped me and set me up for success.”

– Katti Renik, graduate student, biology