Focused on student success and tuned into the local employers’ needs, Lake Superior College (LSC) is making a significant impact in Duluth and beyond. As students prepare to set a higher education pathway, LSC paves the way with more than 90 certificate, diploma, and associate degrees as well as pre-baccalaureate courses for students preparing to transfer to a four-year college or university. Its local employer advisory board helps guide programming in three areas: health care, liberal arts, and manufacturing. All of these programs support the local workforce needs and ensure jobs are waiting for its more than 1,100 graduates each year.

The wooded main campus of nearly 100 acres overlooking Duluth’s Lake Superior harbor and St. Louis River valley is a significant part of the culture, connecting campus to community. Faculty and students build and maintain the trails as well as actively engage in environmental and community issues, creating a lasting impact beyond the classroom.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- The combined economic contribution of LSC in FY 17 was $195.9 million. This includes a direct impact of $102.7 million and indirect/induced impact of $93.2 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generated $74.5 million of the total impact and $121.4 million in impact from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- LSC directly employs 371 people.
- LSC supports more than 1,843 Minnesota jobs (1,224 direct and 619 indirect/induced).

Lake Superior College generates $195.9M in economic impact per year

$11.5M in state and local revenue

1,150 graduates annually

$851.3K in community contributions

Supports and sustains 1,843 JOBS
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

Former and current students of LSC have a significant presence in the workforce – particularly in high-demand fields in many areas of healthcare, manufacturing, truck driving, and a nationally recognized aviation department.

The total number of graduates from LSC for the past 20 years totals 19,980. Based upon the (conservative) assumption that each graduate will earn an additional $6,250 annually over those with a high school degree, and that 80 percent of these graduates are still living and working in Minnesota, alumni will generate an additional $3.2 billion over the span of their 40-year career.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

LSC is helping make Duluth a destination worth investing in and laying down lifelong roots. In addition to world-class hiking trails and appealing quality of life, the nationally recognized aviation program attracts students from across the country.

Over the past decade, a nimble approach to programming and workforce development has translated into long-term, corporate investments in Minnesota. To grow its training and maintenance workforce, Delta Air Lines contracts with LSC. Duluth is now widely considered a hub for training in the aviation field.

LSC faculty, staff, and students make Duluth and Minnesota a better place to live through their environment and charitable giving in the community. LSC provides access to arts, athletics, and cultural events, and its faculty and staff serve on dozens of local boards and volunteer endeavors. LSC faculty, staff, and students generated an estimated $851,300 in charitable donations and volunteer services.

More than $851.3 million in charitable donations and volunteer services are generated annually by Lake Superior College faculty, staff, and students.

• $252,237 donated to local charitable organizations by LSC staff, faculty, and students.
• $599,063 of volunteer time by LSC faculty, staff, and students.

“Lake Superior College is seeing increased interest from prospective students within our community, as well as throughout the state and region. Students are hearing about the quality and affordable education offered at LSC, as well as the jobs that are available to them after graduation.”

- Daniel Fanning
Director of Institutional Advancement

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