

Strategic Insights

A newsletter bridging industry,
alumni and academia at M State

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Fergus Area College Foundation celebrates scholarship recipients

Fergus Area College Foundation (FACF) hosted its annual scholarship reception on Nov. 7 at Legacy Hall on M State's Fergus Falls campus. The event celebrated recent scholarship donors and student recipients. Thanks to the generosity of FACF donors, the foundation is able to support students' academic goals with scholarship awards. In the 2024-2025 academic year, more than \$250,000 was awarded to 140 students.

"We offer a variety of scholarships to both first- and second-year students for classes taken on the Fergus Falls campus of M State," says Jacki Maethner, executive director of the Fergus Area College Foundation. "EVERY student with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher who is taking classes on the Fergus Falls campus was offered the opportunity to receive an automatic scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year. Students also had the opportunity to apply for additional funding, which was awarded according to their demonstrated skills in leadership and community stewardship."

FACF provides financial support to the Fergus Falls campus of M State. It is one of two separate foundations that work on behalf of

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M State and its students. The other, M State Foundation and Alumni, supports the Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena campuses. Both foundations are currently accepting applications for the 2025-26 academic year. To access the application or learn more about scholarships, visit facfmstate.org/scholarships.

Register for leadership development training

Appropriate for workers at all levels of experience looking to build or sharpen their leadership skills, the sessions in this series are especially geared to those who provide training within an organization.

Research has shown that employees who leave their jobs generally do so due to their supervisor, not the organization. In today's market, supporting specific leadership and supervisory skills can improve organizational performance and reduce employee turnover.

These leadership development sessions are designed for individuals at any stage of their career who want to build or enhance their leadership skills. The courses are ideal for those providing direct leadership in project, functional or supervisory roles.

Register for:

- YOU'RE ONLY A LEADER IF OTHERS FOLLOW
- BUILDING TRUST THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT
- COACHING FOR ENGAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE
- BUILDING EFFECTIVE AND INCLUSIVE TEAMS
- LEADING CHANGE

Visit minnesota.edu/leadership-development-training to register.



M State Foundation announces summer 2025 golf tournaments

Golf enthusiasts have an exciting summer ahead, with two tournaments that promise both competition and camaraderie.

First up is the Dan Sperling “Realize Your Dream” Golf Tournament, scheduled for June 18. This event is more than just a day on the greens; it honors the memory of Dan Sperling, a beloved member of the M State community who was passionate about his work as a counselor and dedicated to serving his students, encouraging them to attain

their dreams and fulfill their potential. Participants can look forward to a day filled with friendly competition, great prizes and opportunities to support an endowed scholarship honoring Dan. It's a chance to connect with fellow golfers and pay tribute to a remarkable individual.

Following closely on the calendar is the M State Foundation Golf Scramble, taking place on July 18. This tournament aims to raise funds for the M State Foundation, which supports students and programs at M State. With a scramble format, golfers of all skill levels can participate, making it a fun and inclusive event. In addition to the game, attendees can enjoy networking opportunities and various activities throughout the day.

Both tournaments are excellent opportunities for golfers to showcase their skills while supporting meaningful causes. Mark your calendars and get ready for a memorable summer on the golf course!

As M State Foundation moves forward with this new identity, the organization is excited to strengthen its connections with alumni, donors and supporters. This fresh image will help the foundation tell the story of how donor contributions are transforming lives and fostering educational excellence.

M State Foundation and Alumni is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports the college's campuses in Detroit Lakes, Moorhead and Wadena.

SHARE YOUR PASSION AND GET PAID

Be a Trainer for Workforce Development at M State

CLASS-BASED TRAINING

Provide custom-designed trainings on-site at client facilities, online, or at one of M State's campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. Training groups average about 20 people each.

COMPENSATION

Get paid by the hour, including training hours, development hours and one-way travel time when travel and travel expenses are required. Hourly rates vary depending on the training topic.

FLEXIBLE HOURS

Work as often or as little as you want. Make training your side hustle, or make it something more.

GROWTH POTENTIAL

Grow and expand your career, maximize your potential and achieve your professional goals. Being a trainer means you have options to pursue coaching and training certifications as well as opportunities to build facilitation, communication and technical skills.

NETWORKING

Work with a broad range of employers and employees in your field of expertise, from all across our west central Minnesota training area.



Ready to share your skills? Contact:

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