St. Cloud Technical & Community College (SCTCC) is a hub of higher education in Central Minnesota, connecting the region’s students, employers, and other institutions of higher learning to the community and local economy. With the St. Cloud region’s increasingly diverse population, SCTCC is at the center of assessing and meeting the region’s growing workforce demands. SCTCC also prepares students for the option of seamless transfer to any baccalaureate institution in the Minnesota State system.

SCTCC offers more than 40 majors with over 90 certificate, diploma, and degree options for its 6,000 students enrolled each year. Each career and technical education program maintains a relationship with an advisory board, ensuring curriculum is tied to local employer needs. SCTCC’s industry partners support the college with scholarships, equipment and monetary donations, internships, and other forms of support.

Contributing to the Minnesota Economy

- SCTCC has a combined economic contribution of **$188.6 million** each year. This includes a direct impact of $96.0 million and indirect/induced impact of $92.6 million.
- Operational and capital spending in the State of Minnesota generates $80.2 million of the total impact and $98.4 million from student and visitor spending.

Supporting and Sustaining Jobs in the State

- SCTCC directly employs 334 people.
- Overall, SCTCC supports more than 1,650 Minnesota jobs (1,032 direct and 618 indirect/induced).
Students and Alumni in the State Generate Additional Impact

In academic year 2016–2017, SCTCC awarded 1,126 associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates. The 98 percent job placement rate in students’ fields speaks to the preparation that SCTCC provides students, with many of the technical programs boasting 100 percent placement. Trained in state-of-the-art simulation labs for sonography, surgical technology, cardiovascular technology, emergency medical services, dental, nursing, and bio-medical equipment technology, graduates of SCTCC natural and health sciences programs are some of the local health care industry’s most sought after employees.

Based upon the (conservative) assumption that each graduate will earn an additional $6,250 annually over those with only a high school degree, and an average career span of 40 years, SCTCC alumni living and working in Minnesota will have contributed nearly $3.6 billion in impact over the span of their careers.

SCTCC and its students and alumni are putting their skills to work on behalf of their communities.

Alumni live and work in the Central Minnesota region, with nearly 75 percent of graduates working within 35 miles of St. Cloud. SCTCC alumni volunteer for both the Foundation Board and program advisory boards, giving their time to the college.

The SCTCC culinary arts program is woven into the cultural fabric of St. Cloud, with its food creations at the center of events that draw alumni, community partners, and visitors to the college. BrewLäsh and St. Cloud Chamber After Hours are hosted by SCTCC and are known for great food, lively conversation, and making community connections.

Making a Difference in the Community and State

SCTCC plays an essential role in growing Minnesota’s economy through talent development and opening the doors of educational opportunity to all Minnesotans. SCTCC is co-located with Career Solutions and Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and works in partnership with them to help dislocated workers. In addition, SCTCC has been awarded Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grants by engaging and partnering on projects with local companies, including DCI, Inc., New Flyer, Arctic Cat, Twin City Die Castings, Anderson Trucking, C4 Welding, and Talon Innovations.

Talon Innovations partnered with SCTCC to create in-house training for ultra-high tolerance applications and entry into the medical device market. The program is making a tangible impact and received the Minnesota Business Monthly award for best in-house training program.

Park Industries employs current SCTCC students, providing them with flexible work schedules and pay incentives for good academic progress. On an annual basis, the organization also makes cash donations for scholarships and in-kind equipment donations.

Annually, an estimated $1.6 million in charitable donations and volunteer services is generated by SCTCC faculty, staff, and students.

• $346,193 donated to local charitable organizations by SCTCC staff, faculty, and students.

• $1.3 million of volunteer time by SCTCC faculty, staff, and students.

"St. Cloud Technical & Community College is poised to have an even greater impact in the years ahead: greater impact on business and industry, greater impact on students and their families...greater impact on the growth and prosperity of the St. Cloud region.”

- Dr. Annesa Cheek, President