### Minnesota Life College

**Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016** 



# Real Skills for Real Life™

Our Vision: A world where individuals on the autism spectrum and with learning differences thrive and are valued.

The mission of MLC is to transform the lives of individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorders and learning differences.

We educate individuals with our **Real Skills for Real Life™** curriculum so they may achieve sustained independent living, rewarding employment, financial security, personal growth, and responsible citizenship.

We adapt, evaluate, and continuously improve our methods—recognizing and valuing each individual's skills, contributions, and dreams.

We **champion** our students and graduates, carry their successes into the world, and collaborate with others in service of our vision.

#### **OUR VALUES:**

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

COMMUNITY

**FUN** 

**ACCOUNTABILITY** 

**TEAMWORK** 

**PARTNERSHIPS** 

INTEGRITY





I've learned many things so I can be more independent. I've learned how to take care of my apartment. I do my laundry and take care of personal business. I can order my own transportation on Metro Mobility." - Elissa Beard, class of 2016

## Executive Director's Desk

Dear Family and Friends,



Thank you for making Minnesota Life College a life-changing program for young adults affected by autism spectrum disorders and other learning differences and for their families. Last year marked our twentieth year of service, and over 130 young adults have successfully graduated from our programs. We would not have been able to provide our innovative and individualized education through our Undergraduate Program (UG) and Community Living Program (CLP) to our students and graduates without your generous support.

This year **we received glowing support** from the Council of Accreditation for Rehabilitative Facilities (CARF) who officially certified and accredited our Vocational Education program this year. This accreditation will help us unlock exciting new employment partnerships to keep our students and graduates prepared to join the workforce.



We continue to recognize the need for financial assistance for our families. **Our Board of Directors increased our financial assistance pool for the 2016-17 program year,** and—for the first time ever—there will be limited financial assistance for families in the Community Living Program as well. Our National Professional Advisory Board has started work on preparing a peer-reviewed journal article that will highlight MLC's *Real Skills for Real Life*™ competencies, and we hope to submit and publish our findings in the upcoming year.

In May Lucy Bergman, a parent of an MLC graduate and member of our CLP program, and I met with six different legislative offices in Washington, D.C. to share MLC's story and impact on our community. All of them praised us for our work and voiced support for our mission. We plan to return to Washington, D.C. in the upcoming year to continue educating our legislators on the positive impacts individuals with autism spectrum disorders or learning differences can make in their communities.



Our work is never done, and we must always stay ahead. We share our accomplishments across our fantastic team of hardworking employees, supportive families, involved Board of Directors, and determined students and graduates. **Minnesota Life College is stronger than ever** because our continually expanding community comes together to donate their time, resources, and talent to ensure that we achieve our mission every single day.

Sincerely,

Amy Gudmestad Executive Director

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# A Strong Foundation

# UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

The three-year Undergraduate Program (UG) focuses on building fundamental living and employment skills. Our holistic, strengths-based model encourages students to learn using the methods most effective for them and practice their skills in a safe and supportive environment. They learn and practice job skills, personal financial management, self-management, social skills, self-esteem building, leadership development, and fitness and nutrition. Upon graduation our students are prepared to enter the workforce and take their next steps toward independence.

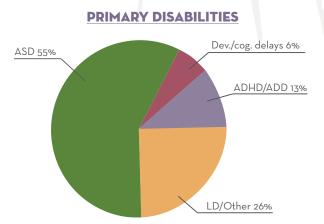


The Community Living Program (CLP) was designed for qualified MLC graduates to continue to stay connected to us as they pursue independent living in the surrounding communities. CLP members work closely with our staff to maintain active, meaningful lives. The program can be customized to meet individual and family's needs while fostering social activity and independence through a wide variety of educational, healthy living, and social activities. Professionals are available to assist members with employment, independent living, and interpersonal skills as needed. This unique, life-long opportunity promotes healthy, happy, successful living.



High school and transition-age students from across the country come to MLC each summer to live independently, away from home during our three-week Summer Internship Program (SIP). Students practice work skills at local employer internships, learn how to live with roommates and manage an apartment, and make lifelong friends while exploring the active and vibrant Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Participants leave the program with a solid understanding of their strengths, skills, and abilities, and a new outlook for their potential.

#### **INDIVIDUALS SERVED**





# Growth Rings

**REAL RESULTS** 

In 2015-16, we saw an improvement of:



in students' ability to develop positive new relationships and find support in independent living.



in students' ability to use public transportation to safely navigate the community.

#### Our surveys tell us:

Throughout their time at MLC, parents report a noticeable increase in their child's:

- Confidence
- Independence
- Resiliency



90%

of our students choose to stay in Richfield after graduation. Among their reasons for staying:

- Community
- Friends
- "This is my home."

2015-16 marked an important period of growth for MLC by achieving CARF accreditation and measuring the continued improvements in our students' skills for independence.

#### **CARF** Accreditation

Minnesota Life College leaders have long wanted to have our organization audited, approved, and accredited by other leading organizations in our field. We achieved that goal in the fall of 2015 when a team of experts from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services (CARF), came to our campus and conducted a rigorous field evaluation of our organization and our vocational program. They met with students, graduates, staff members, community partners, employers, and board members to evaluate how our programs and policies measured up to their over 800 accreditation points.

They were impressed to find that MLC's programs met all of their major standards and awarded us with a full 3-year accreditation. Our organization as a whole is covered by this accreditation as is our employment planning services program, our employment supports, and our job development program.

#### What does this accreditation mean for MLC?

- We now share this international recognition with over **50,000 social service organizations** world-wide.
- We prove that we operate our programs in an **ethical**, **results-oriented**, **and high-quality** manner.
- We assure our funders, regulators, and insurers that our programs produce the results we claim.
- We renew our commitment to the continual improvement of our programs and service to our community.
- We enable qualified UG students and CLP members to access **state vocational rehabilitation funds**.
- We look to the future when services we provide become eligible for reimbursement by a growing number of state and federal agencies.





"

Since coming to MLC, I have become a lot more responsible and a lot more patient. I used to get really upset about things, but now I am much, much better at controlling my temper." - **Devon McDevitt, class of 2016** 

## Voices of the Forest

It takes a village to raise a child and a forest to nurture the growth of each individual tree within it. Without the strong support of our donors, MLC would not be what it is today: a thriving, diverse community of adults who are independent but never alone. Below are some thoughts from just a few of our valued supporters, and from members of our graduating Class of 2016 as well.



"It's just so powerful to witness all the effort—the blood, sweat, and tears—that Amy and her team put into planning, developing, and executing programs to meet the individual needs of each of our unique children . . . It takes an incredible passion, and that passion is evident everywhere."



"We continue to give because MLC continues to build on its guiding principles and contributions to young adults like our son and so many others. I truly feel that MLC is one of the best recipients of our giving plans."

- Philip and Jill Lighty



- The Foss Family

"Without the three years of tuition support I received, I would not have been able to afford to send my son to MLC. I'm so thankful to MLC for helping me and giving my son this opportunity, and I want to help other families who can't afford MLC to have the same chance. Making automatic donations every month is simple and feels so, so good. I'm giving back to the people who just keep giving to my son."

- Kate Taylor

"We're delighted that there are so many MLC graduates living and working in our community. MLC is a trailblazing program in our country, and we want to see it continue to succeed and expand to help more families."

- Jane Mercier and Mark Taylor

"Through no effort on my part, I was born with the ability to navigate through life fairly successfully. I know that for others, the path may not be so clear. Being an ongoing supporter gives me the opportunity to share in the joy of MLC's students and graduates achieving their independence and looking forward to a life filled with love, happiness, and success. Using my employer's giving program to deduct a portion of my paychecks is easy and boosts my contributions."

- Harlan Newell

## Voices of MLC Seniors



"Recently, I finished medical office training with Goodwill Easter Seals. I learned 450 terms, HIPPA requirements, and how to do patient scheduling and patient billing. And I had perfect attendance. Wherever I end up working, I'll be able to travel there by bus because I can find my way all over town and even problem-solve if I get on the wrong bus or change plans. I remember back when I was a freshman and being so nervous about riding the bus. Now it's no big deal. I've made many new friends at MLC. And I've gotten to know myself, too. I have a much better understanding of who I am."

- Lyndsey Rundle (class of 2016)



"When I arrived at MLC as a freshman, I thought I'd never make it to graduation. I've changed a lot since then. I'm more responsible, not depending on the staff to solve my problems for me. I'm more mature about my emotions, and I have more empathy for others. My friends have been a great influence on me—I've watched them going to work every day and sticking with it. MLC is a great community. We support each other, whether we are the same or not. People accept you for who you are."

- Chala Hamblen (class of 2016)

"Through the MLC Summit Program, I was offered an opportunity to work at Camp Friendship between my Freshman and Junior year. It was a very grueling yet rewarding summer, being responsible for so many others. I gained a whole new perspective about who I was. It turns out that when putting all my effort towards someone else, I learned the most about myself."

- Jackie Hetchler (class of 2016)

"I'm proud to have completed fork lift and Bobcat training while at MLC. I want to thank my parents for finding MLC and letting me come. I want to thank myself for coming here and learning new things."

- Jack Ziegler (class of 2016)



"Thanks to the MLC community that means thanks to you, my family, my teachers, my employer, and my friends—I am confident about the future, being on my own, and I'm ready for the challenges and adventures ahead."

- Paul Thompson (class of 2016)



"When I was a freshman, I didn't think I could do much, but now I have more confidence in myself. These have been the best years of my life so far. I'm looking forward to the next steps in my life's journey."

- Matt Lyons (class of 2016)

# **Branching Out**

MLC's community partners help us every year, and we enjoy the support of professionals working with communities of people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities. We recognize three outstanding Community Champions for providing services to our students and graduates, using their talents and professional networks to enthusiastically back our cause, and bringing recognition to our organization as a whole. We are also honored to have been recognized again this year for our sustainable transportation practices, and for being a great Minnesota employer.



#### Dr. L. Lynn Stansberry Brusnahan - Individual Award

Dr. Stansberry Brusnahan coordinates the Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate, License, and Master's Degree program at the University of Saint Thomas University. She serves on our National Professional Advisory Board and plays an integral role in MLC's partnership with St. Thomas.

#### True Friends - Organization Award

True Friends provides perfect outdoor spaces and opportunities for our year-round programs and they've played a key role in our Summit class, which allows UG students to work at True Friends summer camps.

#### Western Refining and SuperAmerica - Corporate Award

Western Refining and SuperAmerica have provided several, valuable vocational opportunities for our students and CLP members over the years and currently in stores throughout the South Metro. They have made a special effort to support our gala as our presenting sponsor.

#### Minnesota Life College Awards Received in 2015-16:

#### Star Tribune's Top Workplaces

Following our Top150 Workplaces Award in 2015, the Star Tribune and WorkplaceDynamics again recognized Minnesota Life College as a Top Workplace in Minnesota for 2016. We were very honored to be listed alongside the best employers in the state, and we strive to continue to improve our reputation as a great place to work.

#### Metro Transit Commuter Choice Award - Organization

For the second year in a row, Minnesota Life College was chosen by Metro Transit and its partners as the top organization in Minnesota for our sustainable transportation practices. This recognition highlights the work our staff does day in and day out to help students and members independently access the community while considering our impact on the environment.















I've matured a lot since freshman year. I can handle things better. I can ride the bus and the blue line and go to the airport and downtown. At home, I didn't have any friends. Now I have lots of friends." - Nori Miller, class of 2016



The success of our programs is enabled by those who build an independent life with gainful employment, enriching volunteerism, and relationships that offer support when needed. Our students and members are able to build these lives with the help of the community in which they are rooted.

#### Please join us in recognizing our other valued partners and employers in 2015-16:

Allina Medical Clinic-Woodlake Edina Rotary Club Foundation Alzheimer's Association Minnesota-North Dakota AMF Southtown Lanes Arc Greater Twin Cities Autism Law and Advocacy Center Autism Society of Minnesota Bergains Super Valu Best Buy Brookdale Senior Living-Edina City of Bloomington City of Richfield Conflict Resolution Center CSM Corporation Dairy Queen-Edina The Depot Hotel - Residence Inn Otness Management Dorsey & Whitney LLP Edina Chamber of Commerce

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#### The following internship sites also provided vocational training for our students:

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When I was a freshman and flew home, my advisor would have to take me to the gate at the airport. Now I can check in at the airport by myself and find the gate. No problem." - Max Rudolph, class of 2016

## On the Books: Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<u>ASSETS</u>	J	une 30, 2016	Jun	e 30, 2015
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	479,087	\$	392,562
Accounts receivable, net		17,466		29,288
Pledges receivable, short-term		50,834		95,864
Prepaid expenses		112,597		69,601
Total current assets		659,984		587,315
Investments		1,252,950		1,419,846
Property and equipment, net		277,617		251,528
Non-current assets				
Pledges receivable, long-term		-		500
Security deposits		6,200		6,100
Total non-current assets		6,200		6,600
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,196,751		2,265,289
Accounts payable Accrued payroll and other liabilities Security deposits payable - students Unearned tuition and fees Other current liabilities	\$	15,277 108,567 15,410 164,814	\$	30,499 63,096 26,042 192,975 135,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		304,068		447,612
Net assets Unrestricted net assets Undesignated net assets		318,877		272,474
Board-designated net assets		<i>3</i> 10,077		2/2,1/1
Operating reserve		609,469		565,625
Minnesota Life College endowment		357,232		350,000
Expansion reserve		250,000		250,000
Capital reserve		125,000		125,000
Leasehold reserve		116,955		105,000
Opportunties reserve		100,000		100,000
Total unrestricted net assets		1,877,533		1,768,099
Temporarily restricted net assets		15,150		49,578
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TOTAL NET ASSETS

TOTAL LIABILITES AND NET ASSETS \$

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	τ	<b>Inrestricted</b>	7	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Pledges and contributions	\$	178,017	\$	15,150	\$ 193,167
Foundation grants		11,500		-	11,500
In-kind contributions		25,151		-	25,151
Special events (net)		345,355		-	345,355
Tuition and fees		2,158,095		-	2,158,095
Investment gain (loss)		16,974		-	16,974
Interest income		22,942		-	22,942
Other revenue		14,103		-	14,103
Net assets released from restrictions		49,578		(49,578)	 
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$	2,821,715	\$	(34,428)	\$ 2,787,287
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Programs	\$	2,098,615	\$	-	\$ 2,098,615
Management and General		378,248		-	378,248
Fundraising		235,418		-	235,418
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	2,712,281	\$	-	\$ 2,712,281
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	109,434	\$	(34,428)	\$ 75,006
NET ASSETS					
Beginning of year	\$	1,768,099	\$	49,578	\$ 1,817,677
End of year	\$	1,877,533	\$	15,150	\$ 1,892,683

(	SUMMARY O	MMARY OF EXPENSES: JULY 01, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016								
	UG	CLP	SIP	Management & General	Fundraising					
	\$ 1,591,570	469,534	37,511	378,248	235,418					



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#### Learning By Doing Advocate \$25,000 - \$49,999

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