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The [Minnesota Private College Council](#) represents 17 of the best private, liberal arts colleges and universities in Minnesota.

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Registration for Minnesota Private College Week opens

Students and families can now [register for the free event](#) that runs June 26-30 this year. Sessions are held twice daily, from 9:30 to noon and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on all 17 of our campuses. (Please note that these times are slightly different than last year.)

Minnesota Private College Week can serve as a great introductory campus visit to help students zero-in on what their looking for in a college, especially if they go to multiple campuses. Parents and students who've attended tell us how much they liked going on more than one visit. In fact, of those we surveyed, nearly half wished they had gone on more!



And if families have questions about the event, please direct them to our [frequently asked questions](#).

Want to bring a group of students during Minnesota Private College Week? Check out the [helpful advice](#) from our last newsletter. We've even created a group visit registration spreadsheet to streamline the process if you're planning to bring a large group. You can find it under "Registration is highly recommended" on [our website](#).

Counselors' Breakfast scheduled for May 4 in Woodbury

There is time to sign up for this year's Counselors' Breakfast, which will be held on May 4 in Woodbury. Ask admissions representatives from our member institutions questions and learn what's happening on their campuses. And, yes, eat some breakfast while you're at it. Both the event and the parking are free. [Learn more and register](#).

Strengthening a college-going atmosphere

There are countless ways to create an atmosphere in your school that promotes going to college for all your students. We gathered some ideas to do just that with the wonderful help of college and career counselors [Jamie Shady](#) (Harding High School) and [Rebecca Schmitz](#) (Washington Technology Magnet) who presented on the topic at the fall [MACAC College Counseling](#) Institute.

[Read the article](#).



Student profile: Sam Figueroa

By the time Sam Figueroa got to high school, he had already overcome a lot — including losing his father when he was young, which affected his academics. But he knew he needed to make a change and threw himself into it. His sights on a career in law, Sam is now wrapping up his sophomore year at the University of St. Thomas, where need-based aid is at the core of his financial aid package.

[Read more of Sam's story](#).



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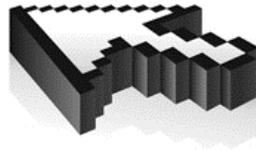
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If you received this from a friend, you can [sign up for Counselor News](#)

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Connect on social media

We've compiled a [list of key social media accounts](#) for all our colleges so you don't have to track them down yourself. You also can follow the Council on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more general higher education and college prep information — along with resource and event announcements. Our Facebook page is geared to parents of high school students whereas our Twitter feed is a smattering of many higher ed topics.



Free college planning e-newsletter available for parents

Published four times a year, The Bridge: Parent News newsletter for parents of middle and high school students provides helpful information on the college planning process. Past issues along with a sign up can be found at mnprivatecolleges.org/parents. Please considering sharing this valuable resource with parents.

Recent campus news

[Augsburg becomes 'Augsburg University' effective September 1](#)

The change reflects the reality that **Augsburg College** already offers nine graduate degree programs in addition to its more than 50 undergraduate degree programs.

[Bethel's elementary education program ranked no. 1 in the state](#)

Bethel University's elementary education program earned national recognition with high rankings in an assessment from the National Council on Teacher Quality.

[Carleton's alumni summit, student contest highlight entrepreneurial ventures](#)

Carleton College's recent "Entrepreneurs' Summit" combines alumni mentoring to help burgeoning ideas, nine student teams vie for two \$10,000 grants.

[Two graduates earn five 'Under 40 Awards' from Times Media](#)

College of Saint Benedict alumnae Emily Coborn '08 and Hudda Ibrahim '13 were selected for their work in the local community.

[St. Scholastica leads in math teacher development](#)

Faculty members at **The College of St. Scholastica** are reaching out to help elementary and middle school math teachers excel in the classroom.

[Concordia receives NSF grant](#)

Concordia College (Moorhead) received a \$960,000 grant from the National Science Foundation through the Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics program.

[Concordia University, St. Paul moves to 120 credit hours](#)

In a move that's responsive to the competitive higher education marketplace, **Concordia University, St. Paul** is lowering minimum graduation requirements for all bachelors' programs to 120 credit hours.

[Gustavus among top Fulbright Scholar producers](#)

Gustavus Adolphus College ranks highly on the annual list of liberal arts colleges that produce the most faculty Fulbright Scholars.

[Hamline receives \\$1.4M gift for endowed professorship in computational science](#)

Hamline University alumnus Robert Green's '57, MALS '96, generous \$1.4 million estate gift will establish the Robert E. Green Distinguished Professorship in Computational Science Fund.

[Macalester alumna named WCCO-TV Excellent Educator](#)

Macalester College grad Eliza Rasheed uses the theater program at Linwood Monroe Arts Plus Upper Campus to teach students how to deal with injustice.

[Students tackle Skid Row in L.A. with giveaway](#)

The Cause team of five from **Saint John's University** helps distribute clothes, bags, food, health kits and haircuts in one of Los Angeles' most impoverished neighborhoods.

[Saint Mary's offers graduate credits for concurrent enrollment instructors](#)

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is offering 18 graduate-level content credits in English for concurrent enrollment instructors — which can count toward a master's degree.

[New York Times profiles St. Olaf hockey coach](#)

The paper highlights what drew Mike Eaves, a former NHL player and Division I coach, to **St. Olaf College**.

[University of St. Thomas School of Engineering adds civil engineering major](#)

The new program will make the **University of St. Thomas** the only private school in Minnesota offering a B.S. in civil engineering.

Interested in more campus news? [View past news items.](#)

Worth reading

Here are some of the best recent articles that we've come across:

- [How Minnesota colleges are teaming up to give students a cheaper path to 4-year degrees](#), Minnesota Public Radio, Feb. 20, 2017
- [It's not just about jobs. Colleges must help students find their passions](#), The Washington Post, Mar. 10, 2017
- [A fumble on a key FAFSA tool, and a failure to communicate](#), The New York Times, Mar. 14, 2017
- [The skills gap is actually an awareness gap -- and it's easier to fix](#), Forbes, Mar. 17, 2017
- [Weighing college choices? Here are three factors to consider](#), Washington Post, Mar. 18, 2017

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