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A myriad of factors will go into choosing where your child goes to college — which majors are offered, the career services available and so on. But one factor is going to almost always be at play: cost.

That's why it's important to learn how much financial aid your child may be eligible to receive before you narrow down your list of college options. [Click here to find out how.](#)



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

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Sign up for Minnesota Private College Week

Mark your calendars! Registration for the [2017 Minnesota Private College Week](#) begins April 1. This year's event will be held June 26-30 with a morning session from **9:30 to noon** and an afternoon session from **2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



If you've never been to the event and have questions, check out our [frequently asked questions page](#) or read what past [students](#) and [parents](#) had to say about event. Or watch a few [videos about the event](#) that were made by students at our colleges.

Not sure which colleges you might want to visit? Review an [online profile for each college](#) or use the [college finder](#) to search by majors, sports and the arts to help narrow down your options.

Student profiles: Mirna Serrano & Sam Figueroa

When Mirna Serrano began her college studies at St. Catherine University, she felt overwhelmed. Being a first-generation student made that more challenging, but Mirna found a way to turn that struggle into something positive and launched the First Generation Scholars League student club to help students like her. [Read more about Mirna's efforts.](#)



Sam Figueroa has already overcome a lot, including losing his father when he was young, which impacted his academics. But he turned things around in high school. Now a sophomore at the University of St. Thomas, he has set his sights on a career in law to fight for the rights of people who don't have the education and advantages that he had. [Read more about Sam's journey.](#)



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If you received this from a friend, you can [sign up for The Bridge: Parent News](#)

Explore summer enrichment programs at our campuses

Our colleges offer many summer camp options on campus during the summer — from athletic to academic. There's a good chance you'll like find something that appeals your teen! And, as an added bonus, it's also a great introduction to college. So if you're still trying to figure out what your child can do this summer, check out our colleges' [2017 summer program offerings](#).



Spring campus news

[Auggie joins advisory board for former First Lady Michelle Obama's college opportunity campaign](#)

Augsburg College student Kitana Holland will guide Better Make Room, a national campaign that celebrates education and elevates the voices of Gen-Z students.

[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.

[Scoville Library history uncovered — literally](#)

Contractors working on **Carleton College's** Scoville renovation project made a cool discovery, revealing the signatures of some of the original builders of the iconic campus landmark.

[\\$10 million gift to the College of Saint Benedict to create Center for Ethical Leadership in Action](#)

The anonymous gift will create a permanent endowment fund at the **College of Saint Benedict** and fund the operations of the Center, including experiential learning, a mentoring program and a speaker series.

[St. Scholastica online master of education earns high rankings](#)

The College of St. Scholastica's online master of education program is named one of the top 50 in the nation by U.S. News and World Report's new 2017 online program rankings.

[Concordia named a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly University](#)

Concordia College (Moorhead) was named a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly University by the League of American Bicyclists

[Gustavus wins inaugural Minnesota College Ballot Bowl](#)

Sixty-three percent of **Gustavus Adolphus College** students registered to vote to win the Minnesota Secretary of State's first-ever Ballot Bowl.

[Hamline alumnus Jack Serier appointed Ramsey County sheriff](#)

New Ramsey County Sheriff Jack Serier '90 replaces fellow **Hamline University** alumnus Sheriff Matt Bostrom, DPA '03, who will retire to continue research at the University of Oxford.

[Macalester professor offers ways to achieve financial success in the New Year](#)

WalletHub asked experts what the best New Year's resolutions were for achieving financial improvement, and **Macalester College** professor Christina Manning was one of them.

[New photovoltaic solar field to increase energy production to Saint John's and community](#)

The three solar fields combined on 27 acres will provide almost 19 percent of **Saint John's University** annual electric power needs.

[Saint Mary's recognized nationally for community service project](#)

The "Jogging For Jack Superhero 5K" recently earned national attention when **Saint Mary's University of Minnesota** was honored as part of the NADIIIAA/Jostens Community Service Awards.

[Taylor Harwood '15 receives prestigious Marshall Scholarship](#)

As a Marshall Scholar, **St. Catherine University's** Taylor Harwood '15 will pursue two graduate degrees in London, with the ultimate goal of becoming an archivist.

[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**.

[Tommie helps parathlete make her run at Rio](#)

It started with a post on the **University of St. Thomas** Facebook page looking for someone to guide a blind runner.

Interested in more campus news? [View past news items](#) from all our campuses.

Worth reading

- [What is college really for?](#), Huffington Post, Jan. 4, 2017
- [The surprising reason why liberal arts majors make the best techies](#), LinkedIn Pulse, Jan. 4, 2017

- [How to fill out the FAFSA when you have more than one child in college](#), U.S. Department of Education, Jan. 12, 2017
- [Mark Cuban sees greater demand for liberal arts majors](#), Bloomberg, Feb. 17, 2017

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