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Join us for Minnesota Private College Week, June 26-30

[Registration is now open](#) for the 2017 Minnesota Private College Week. Free informational sessions are held twice daily, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4:30 p.m., on all 17 of our campuses June 26-30. These introductory campus visits are a great way for your student to discover what he or she is looking for in a college. We encourage you and your student to visit multiple campuses. When we survey parents and students after the event, nearly half wish they had gone on more visits!



And don't forget to check out these helpful resources:

- [our tips](#) on how to make the most your visit
- [directions and parking info](#) for each campus
- [transportation options](#) if you can't or don't want to drive
- suggestions on how to [make a road trip out of it](#)

Our colleges look forward to seeing you this summer!



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

Our Colleges

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Student profile: Ali Carlson

Ali Carlson studied her first year of college in Iowa, but wanted to make a change. During her original college search, she had noticed a major difference in the size of classes between private nonprofit colleges and public universities and was drawn to the smaller class size. The Farmington, Minnesota native transferred her sophomore year to Concordia College in Moorhead and has never looked back. “For me, because of financial aid, it was more affordable to go to a liberal arts college than a state school,” she said. [Read more of Ali's story.](#)



Student research thrives at private colleges

Many people think that student research happens only at large public universities, but that couldn't be further from the truth. Because most of our classes have fewer than 20 students, students at our colleges are able to work closely with faculty on projects covering a breadth of subjects — from philosophy to nursing and chemistry to operations management.



And each year we recognize students' research at our spring Scholars at the Capitol event. [Read the abstract booklet](#) from this year's event or from the previous two years to get a glimpse into the types of student learning that occur every day at Minnesota's private colleges.

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.

[of Art and Design](#)

[Saint John's University](#)

[Saint Mary's University of Minnesota](#)

[St. Catherine University](#)

[St. Olaf College](#)

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[NYC journalist and professor headlines first journalism symposium](#)

During a **Bethel University** journalism symposium, former *Wall Street Journal* writer Paul Glader addressed media literacy and journalism ethics amidst alternative facts and fake news.

[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.

[Pi Mu Epsilon undergraduate math research conference held at Saint Ben's/Saint John's](#)

The **College of Saint Benedict** and **Saint John's University** hosted its 38th annual conference for students from Minnesota, western Wisconsin and eastern North and South Dakota.

[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.

[Gustavus junior wins Goldwater, prepares for summer research at Harvard](#)

Gustavus Adolphus College biochemistry and mathematics major Katie Aney was recently named a Barry M. Goldwater Scholar and will research at Harvard through the Amgen Scholars Program this summer.

[Hamline receives nearly \\$1 million grant for science teacher education](#)

Hamline University's Center for Global Environmental Education was awarded a second grant of \$457,000 from the Minnesota Department of Education to continue innovate science teacher training.

[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.

[Saint Mary's announces Mayo Clinic collaboration, \\$5 million gift, expansion in Rochester](#)

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is collaborating with Mayo Clinic on a new physician assistant program. A related \$5 million gift will bring about a Rochester expansion.

[St. Catherine students earn national recognition for research project](#)

Three **St. Catherine University** students will present their collaborative research project at "Posters on the Hill" in Washington, D.C.

[Moonlight writer says St. Olaf Choir song 'shaped his life'](#)

Moonlight writer Tarell Alvin McCraney tells *Out Magazine* that the **St. Olaf** Choir's performance of "City Called Heaven" is among 10 songs that shaped his life.

[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](#) from all our campuses.

Worth reading

- [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
- [The ideal college education can yield rocket scientists who write poetry](#), San Diego Union-Tribune, Mar. 30, 2017
- [Former interns tell how they landed a first job](#), The New York Times, Apr. 7, 2017
- [Surfing the 4th industrial revolution: artificial intelligence and the liberal arts](#), The Brookings Institution, Apr. 11, 2017

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