

UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Mankato Normal School opened as the state's second teacher training school in 1868 in downtown Mankato with 27 students. Tuition was free in return for a student's pledge to teach two years in Minnesota's schools. Old Main was constructed in 1870, and this marked the beginning of the Valley Campus that would serve the institution for a century. In the 1880s, the school expanded and curriculum grew. In 1921 the school became Mankato State Teachers College, and in 1927 the institution awarded its first four-year degree, a bachelor of education.

In the late 1950s, the school was renamed Mankato State College to reflect its expanded curriculum, and construction began on the 300-acre Highland Campus. The College maintained two locations for several years. In 1975, the college received full university status. Four years later consolidation on the Highland Campus was complete. In 1998, for the fifth time in its 130-year history, the University adopted a new name to reflect expanded service to Minnesota and the nation. Minnesota State University, Mankato continues to gain renown for the quality of its programs and breadth of service.

Dr. Richard Davenport, appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, assumed his responsibilities as the University's 12th president on July 1, 2002. In October 2003, Minnesota State Mankato inaugurated President Davenport. Under his leadership, the University embraced a set of strategic priorities which are focused, achievable, and exciting. Minnesota State Mankato is engaging in an academic master planning process; examining its commitment to diversity, and taking action to become a more inclusive and welcoming campus; and telling our story further and wider than ever before, to legislators, leaders, parents, and alumni throughout the state and the nation.

Today, Minnesota State Mankato offers 150 undergraduate programs of study, 16 pre-professional programs, and 82 graduate programs. The University has six colleges, 1,300 faculty and staff, and nearly 14,000 students—the highest in a decade—including 1,600 graduate and professional students and over 600 international students from 71 countries. Alumni number 97,000 worldwide.

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GREATER MANKATO

Greater Mankato has a population of nearly 50,000 and is located in the scenic Minnesota River valley, approximately 85 miles southwest of the metropolitan area of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Mankato and North Mankato boast vibrant downtown areas, excellent public and parochial school systems, new and growing retail and dining areas near the Minnesota State Mankato campus, a symphony and youth symphony, two community libraries, more than sixteen movie screens, two outdoor and one indoor community swimming pools, outdoor and indoor tennis courts, four golf courses, a ski area, groomed cross-country paths and snowmobile trails. Parks and lakes are abundant.

The area's three largest employers are the University, Immanuel St. Joseph's-Mayo Hospital and Taylor Corporation. The local economy is supported by light manufacturing and processing of farm products grown in a farm area unsurpassed in the nation. In addition to Minnesota State Mankato, the region is home to South Central College, Bethany Lutheran College and Gustavus Adolphus College. Learn more at www.greatermankato.com.

NOMINATIONS AND APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED



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Minnesota State University, Mankato has a long-standing commitment to diversity and is actively seeking to nurture and enrich its underrepresented communities. It is expected that the successful candidate shares in this commitment.

Requests for reasonable accommodation of a disability during the application and/or interview process should be made to the Office of Affirmative Action, 507-389-2986 (V), 800-627-3529 or 711 (MRS/TTY). This Vacancy Notice is available in alternative format upon request.

Minnesota State University, Mankato is an affirmative action/equal opportunity educator and employer. In accordance with INS regulations, successful applicants must be legally able to accept work in the United States.

Minnesota State University, Mankato is a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System.

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