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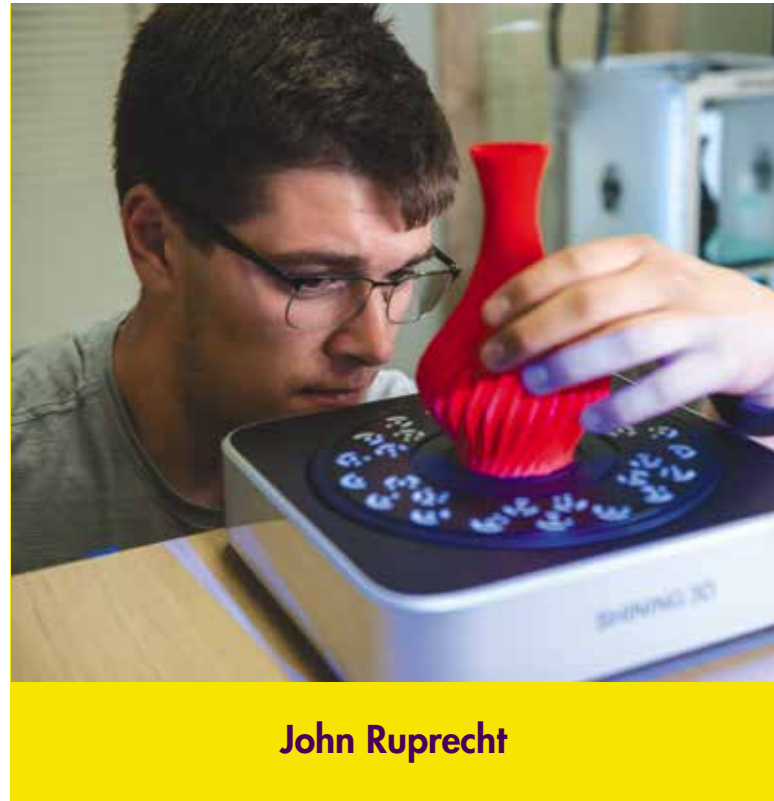
Big  
ideas.  
Real-world thinking.

FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT REPORT  
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



# THE IMPACT OF AN ENDOWMENT

An undergraduate research grant made it possible for John Ruprecht to focus on how 3D printing can be used in the medical industry. It also allowed him to travel to the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Memphis last spring. "It was amazing because I was surrounded by some of the brightest undergraduate students in the nation," he says. Ruprecht helped his faculty mentor, Dr. Kuldeep Agarwal, teach a 3D printing course to a local business this last summer. "This is exactly the kind of thing I wanted to be involved in because it was an opportunity for me to educate people in industry on how to use 3D printing as a manufacturing tool," he says.

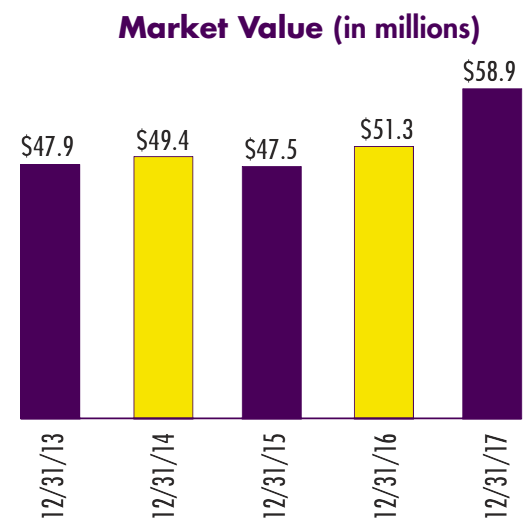
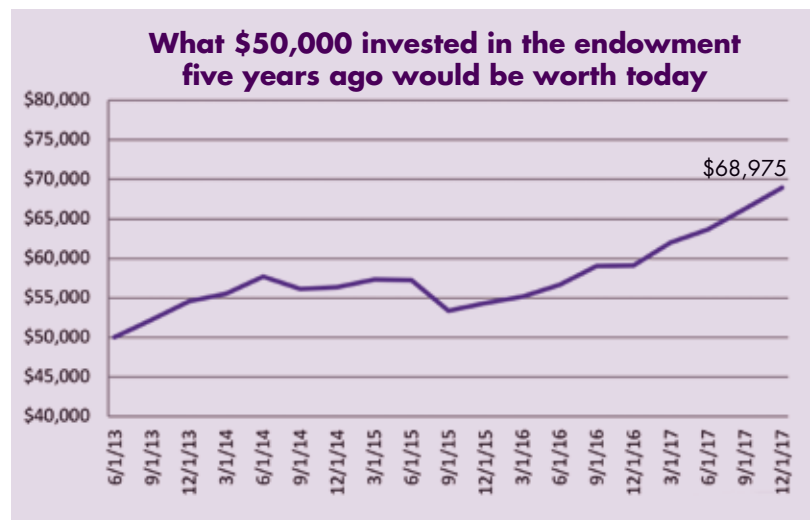


John Ruprecht

Total value of the Minnesota State Mankato Endowment in 2017:

**\$59,916,000**

a **17.4% increase** over 2016



A portion of the endowment is used to fund BIG IDEAS and REAL-WORLD THINKING through our undergraduate research program. These students represent the university on a national stage and are among the brightest undergraduates on campus. Learn more at [mnsu.edu/urc](http://mnsu.edu/urc)

## UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH QUICK FACTS

2016-17 Academic Year

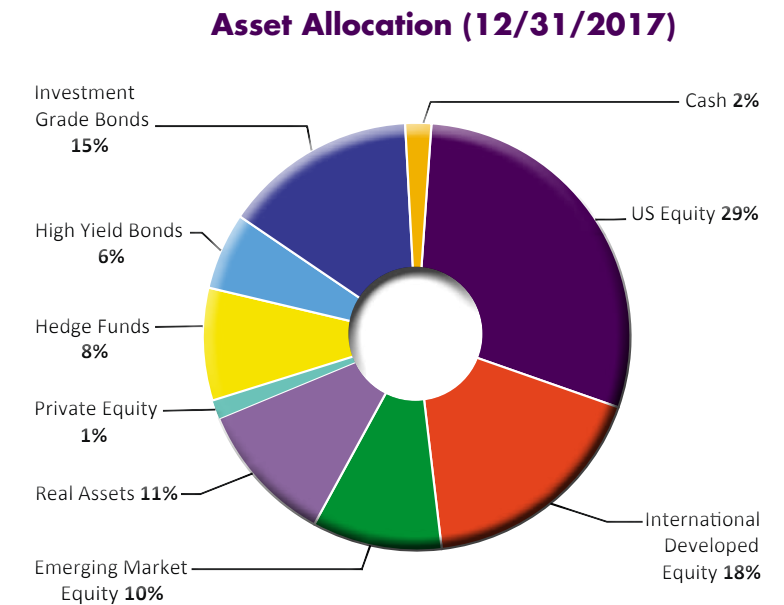
\$\$\$ \$53,000 awarded

✈️ 🏛️ 46 students traveled to national or state conferences

🏆 Nationally recognized as one of the top 57 undergraduate research programs in the United States by the Council of Undergraduate Research



WHAT WE'RE INVESTED IN



Our Investment Partner is Northern Trust [www.northerntrust.com](http://www.northerntrust.com)  
The above pie chart is a breakdown of our investment strategy. The foundation reviews the allocation annually.



The Minnesota State University, Mankato Foundation is a partner organization that administers philanthropic gifts to the University.

The Foundation’s board members are responsible for making sure that the funds we receive on behalf of the University are properly administered, that they are expended in accordance with the donor’s wishes, and that endowed funds are invested prudently.

The investment strategy and spending policy for permanently-endowed funds are set by the board, and are reviewed regularly. These guidelines are designed to provide a balance between meeting current needs at the University, while preserving the long-term purchasing power of endowments. Our goal is to make sure that the Foundation’s endowment protects the inter-generational equity of the donors’ gifts.

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