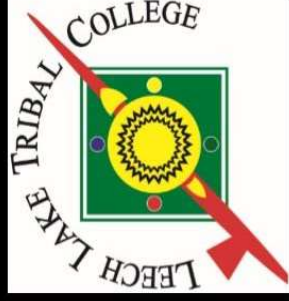


MN Tribal Colleges

“Partnerships for Success”



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Agenda Topics

- **Introductions**
- **Our Tribal College Story**
- **Our Results & Future Plans**



Transforming Communities

- TC's are "2-Year Community Colleges" that serve a UNIQUE MARKET NICHE – Higher Ed. For Natives

- We're in the PEOPLE BUSINESS!

- We BUILD PEOPLE UP!

- Vision: Prepare students for bachelor's, master's & beyond, not just 2 years.



TC's Without Borders: Vision & Students



• WE ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ANYONE CAN ATTEND.

• WE SERVE PREDOMINATELY NATIVE COMMUNITIES. (15-20% Non.N.)

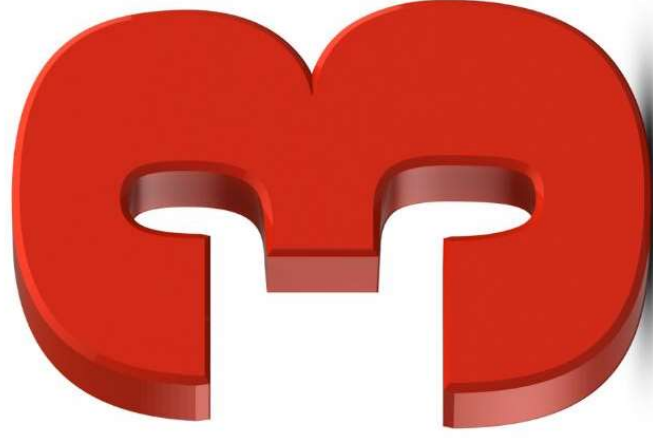
• SERVE & PARTNER WITH TRIBES: “ANYWHERE – ONLINE” .

• OPEN ENROLLMENT: HS DIPLOMA OR A GED.

• ACCESS & OPPORTUNITIES = FOR NATIVES, LOW INCOME.

BIG THREE – W/E, RL & LL

- **OUR 3 NATIONS MAKE UP APPROXIMATELY 70% OF MN NATIVES.***
- **THIS IS 48K OF 70K. LARGE UNDERCOUNTS OF NATIVES IN CENSUS.**

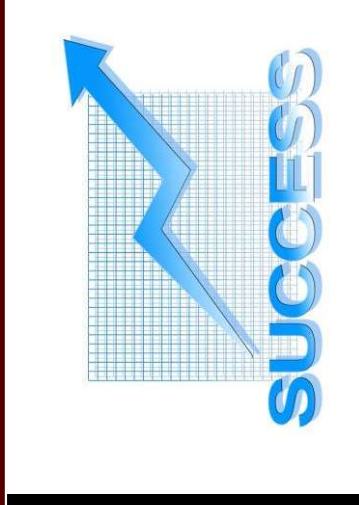


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* MN Chippewa Tribe (MCT) online data.

RL Enrollment data. 2022

Our Tribal College Recipe



- What makes us Unique, What we do better in educating Natives in higher ed.:
- “Secret Sauce”:
- Small class size, Personalized, 1 on 1 Attention.
- Family Connections w/ students. “Family Colleges”
- Education: “Native Perspective” – 7 Ojibwe Values, Pride and Culture, Language.
- Mentorship – 1st Generation, 70% Native Faculty & Staff.
- Support system - Counseling, Emergency Fund, Food Shelf.

Proof Our TC System is Working: Results

	USA National	MN State
	<u>2 Yr. Avg. *</u>	<u>2 Yr. Avg.*</u>
	75%	69%
		<u>RLNC*</u>
		85%

Persistence Rate

(Fall to Spring)

Retention Rate

(Fall to Fall)

HS Grads

61%

56%

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88%

87%

MN Natives: 35-58%

OUR TRIBAL COLLEGE MODEL SYSTEM WORKS! ROI-MAJOR IMPACT.

Based on most recent 2020 to 2023 Statistics verified from National public DOE, NCEES, State-MN DOE and RLNC Tribal College sources. For All Institutions.

HLC Accreditation

- The highest level of Accreditation in the USA is **Regional Accreditation**. There are 6 in USA.
- We built **Excellent, Professional Teams of Faculty & Staff**.
- The **Higher Learning Commission (HLC)** covers 19 states, incl. MN.
- Often times, Tribal Colleges are unfairly discredited or devalued.



The Higher Learning Commission

Excellent Academic Standards

- This means RLNC, meets the same HIGH QUALITY ACADEMIC STANDARDS as all other Major Universities!
- We are in the SAME ARENA as:



WV

MICHIGAN

WV



TC Academic Partnerships

- We have “EASE OF TRANSFER” For TC credits to ALL MNNSCU STATE SCHOOLS. (NO COST Transfer)
- ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS W/ ALL 4 YR. STATE.



*** More Pathways for 4 Yr. Degrees.
FREE TUITION based on Income.**



Student Benefits & Student Support

- TC Students are low-income, emphasis grants.
- Since low income, our rates are \$140-\$195/cr.
- Most ALL TC STUDENTS grad. w ZERO DEBT!
- Counselors & Mentoring, 1 on 1 help, higher cost
- TC Students get Laptops_w/ Tech Fees:



Expanding to Serve Minneapolis - Fall 23'

- RLNC has approx. 8K Off-Rez. Members, over 50K Natives total in Twin Cities.
- Currently, NO Tribal College Serving Twin Cities.
- RLNC will be one of 1st TC in downtown urban- USA.



MN Higher Ed Budget Allocations - 2021

	21' MN Budget	MN % of Their
<u>College System</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>
• U of M	\$684M	18%
• OHE (State System)	\$353M	76%
• 3 TC's in MN	\$ 0	0%

(RL, LL & W/E)

70% of MN Natives

* ONLY 3 MN Public Higher Ed Schools NOT receiving ANY direct State operational \$'s. (RL, LL & W/E)

Results of Tribal College Under-Funding

- Less Staff & Infrastructure than mainstream schools
- Key jobs left unfilled. Most staff must do 2-3 jobs.
- TC's pay only 70% of 2-year State school's salaries.
- Difficult to staff BEFORE pandemic. Impossible now

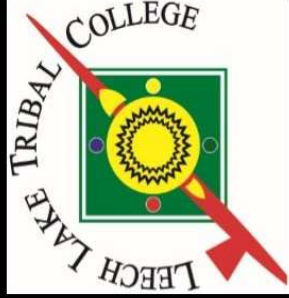


High Poverty, High Need Communities

- **Poorest counties & areas of MN, w/ lack of educ. funding, results in greatest educational injustices.**
- **U of M tuition funds 26% of their budget.**
- **State system tuition funds 10% of their budget.**
- **TC's tuition at \$140 to \$190 per credit, only funds about 3-5% of our budgets.**
- **Our Tribes, grants, Feds & donations support us.**
- **Without MN support, EVERY system will struggle.**
- **TC's: "Missing a big piece of the pie".**



MN Support Would Help “Expand” our TC Model



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