

Mesabi Range Foundation Newsletter

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Foundation Update

By Scott Wirtanen, Foundation Coordinator

It has been another exciting and eventful few months in the Foundation Office as we disburse the Fall semester scholarships and begin to work with our donors for contributions for the 2026-27 academic year. The Donor Recognition Wall was completed during the past year and looks wonderful in the Commons area on the Virginia campus.

Student scholarships continue to be the main focus at our Foundation. Over 100 student scholarships totaling \$162,000 were awarded to Mesabi Range students through the Foundation.

During the past year we awarded \$50,000 in new scholarships for students on our Eveleth Campus enrolled in the Welding, Electrical Controls Maintenance and the Industrial Technology programs. In addition the Foundation became the administrator for the Tom Rukavina Mineral Royalties Scholarships. The Foundation awarded \$37,500 to scholarship recipients who are in a high demand degree program or career field and intend to remain in St. Louis County to help meet the growing workforce needs.

We are very pleased to continue the collaborative effort among all of the Minnesota North College campuses, formulating one scholarship portal for all students / potential students attending the Minnesota North College. This scholarship portal includes the Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range, Rainy River and Vermilion Foundations. The scholarship portal allows students to make one application to all of the scholarships they qualify for at the home campus they are attending, as well as any additional scholarships provided through the Minnesota North College administrative offices.

If you have any questions regarding the Foundation, I can be reached at 218-550-2519. My office hours are 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Monday-Thursday, so please feel free to stop in and visit when you visit the Virginia Campus.

More information regarding the Mesabi Range Foundation can be found at <https://mesabi-range.givenorth.org/>

Board Accomplishments and Future Goals

- June—July: Secured grants from Essentia Health, Walmart, and Ziegler, Inc.
- September: Sponsored a “Welcome Back BBQ” with Student Services and IRE
- September—November: Conduct a successful Annual Fund-Raising Campaign
- December: Award Spring, 2026 Semester Foundation Scholarships
- February—April: Open Foundation Scholarship Application Portal



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Calendar of Events

August 25	Mesabi Range Campuses – Fall Semester Begins
August 26	Foundation Board Meeting
September 1	Labor Day – Office and Campuses Closed
September 23	Foundation Board Meeting
October 16-17	No Classes – Offices Open
October 28	Foundation Board Meeting
November 11	Veterans Day – Office and Campuses Closed
November 25	Foundation Board Meeting
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday – Office and Campuses Closed
December 16	Foundation Board Meeting
December 16-19	Final Exams – Technical Program Classes Continue through December 19 th

*The Mesabi Range Foundation Board of Directors
meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.*

Keeping up to Date Through the Website

As the college has transitioned from the Mesabi Range College to the Minnesota North College – Mesabi Range Campuses, several changes have been made to our website. You can keep up to date with the Mesabi Range College Foundation through our website, located at <https://mesabi-range.givenorth.org/>

A current listing of all the scholarships offered through the Foundation is available, along with an on-line portal to make donations directly to the Foundation. You can find the “Give Today” link as follows:

- Go to the Mesabi Range College Foundation webpage (see web address above)
- Click on “Ways to Give”
- Click on “Give Today”
- Donate to the Foundation through PayPal

Donor Profile—Tony & Joyce Nigro



The Tony and Joyce Nigro Scholarship was established in 2012 at the Mesabi Range Foundation. Their \$1,500 scholarship is given to a full-time student pursuing an Education Degree while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average. Tony and Joyce have awarded over \$28,000 in scholarships to students at Mesabi Range since the inception of their scholarship.

Tony, a Virginia High School graduate, attended Virginia Junior College from 1960-62. Tony earned his Bachelor's Degree from St. Cloud State University in 1965, and began his teaching career in Watertown, MN. In the 1970's Tony began working in Pharmaceutical sales, and later owned a boating business and was employed by State Farm Insurance in Red Wing, MN. During the 1980's Tony resumed his teaching career in the Eveleth and Virginia school districts for nine years prior to returning to work for State Farm Insurance for the final 10 years of his career.

Joyce, a Mt. Iron High School graduate, attended Mesabi State Junior College from 1969-70, and earned her Elementary Education Degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1972, completing her Bachelor's Degree in three years. She began her teaching career at the Brainerd Public Schools before returning to the Iron Range to work for the St. Louis County School District. Joyce taught in several County Schools, including Toivola-Meadowlands (7 years), the Cherry School (2 years), the Alborn School (4 years) before returning to the Cherry School for the final 16 years of her teaching career.

Joyce and Tony both retired in 2005, and feel very fortunate to be able to give back to the youth on the Iron Range. They currently reside in Cherry, Minnesota and are very enthusiastic in supporting their community. They take great pride in assisting with the students at the Cherry School, and have contributed to the PTA, football, volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, softball and baseball teams through various fund-raising activities.

In addition to the scholarships given in their name at Mesabi Range, Tony and Joyce have been active in providing scholarships for students at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and State Cloud State University.

The Mesabi Range Foundation Board of Directors and Mesabi Range faculty and staff are extremely grateful for the Nigro's charitable contributions and their support of the students attending the Mesabi Range campuses.

Thank You to All Of Our Generous Donors!

2025-26 Mesabi Range Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Mesabi Range Foundation Board of Directors thanks the following donors for their generous scholarship donations which total over \$160,000 for the 2025-26 academic year at Minnesota North - Mesabi Range Campuses. The continued support of these donors is greatly appreciated by the Foundation, the college, and the students.

Because of their generosity, the following students received Foundation Scholarships this year:

Tom Rukavina Mineral Royalties Scholarship - ***funded by St. Louis County mining money: This scholarship is funded by St. Louis County from mining revenue received through mineral royalties from tax-forfeited severed minerals and from various mining production taxes as a result of mining operations in St. Louis County.*** - \$1,500 each

Recipients: Jarron Alto, Kyle Beaudette, Grace Clennon, William Kemp, Cassie Dahl, Christian Edmonds, Tristan Erickson, Blaine Fleetwood, Brady Fosso, Lydia Greenly, Chloe Johnson, Garrett Johnson, Joseph Kolosky, Madeline Larson, Morgan Lehto, Jaston Mattson, Kurtis Patterson, Etienne Powers, Michael Sanchez, Gavin Sodren, Corbin Theodore, Adrienne Thompson, Bella Today, Tatianna Walker and Jared Wegener

Emberg Charitable Trust Scholarship - \$2,500 each

Recipients: Maxwell Bahr, Kyle Beaudette, Elliot Blatz, Anthony Boorman, Zya Broden, Caiden Carpenter, Erin Cooke, Elias Cota, Christian Edmonds, Landon Gibson, Garrett Johnson, Terrance Kaminski, Alan Knaeble, Luke Kobelia, Gavin Mencil, William Olson, Logan Steel, Matthew Washburn, Jared Wegener and Raymond Walters

American Association of University Women Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Jenna Dainty

The Dr. Barbara Avern Scholarship - \$1,000

Not awarded for the 2025-26 academic year

The Megan Ashley Anderson Scholarship - \$1,000 each

Recipients: Memphys Tendrup and Adrienne Thompson

The Artisan Scholarship - \$300

Recipient: Kurtis Patterson

The Fine Arts Scholarship - \$300

Recipient: Rilla Giersdorf

The Marjorie Bangs Schmitt Scholarship - \$500

Recipient: Eli Olson

The Walfred A. Bodas Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Not awarded for the 2025-26 academic year

The Carl G. Carlson Scholarship - \$2,500 each

Recipients: Julia Knapper and Corbin Theodore

The Roy K. Carlson Scholarship - \$2,500

Recipient: Morgan Heckman and Brody Galovich

The Ruth Kanianen Education, Bob Clark Journalism Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Morgan Heckman

The Cleveland Cliffs Mining Scholarship - \$2,000 each

Recipients: Isaac Hendrickson, Vincent Marchetti, Joseph Smith and Ryan Warren

The Eveleth Elks Club Scholarship - \$1,500

Recipient: Kurtis Patterson

The Barb Garni Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Recipient: Alan Knaeble

The Ray Garni Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Recipient: Joseph Smith

The Marian E. Haij Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Recipient: Jkai Chaniel

The Archie Hill Memorial Scholarship - \$1,500

Recipient: Sarah Payne

The Iron Range Engineering Scholarship - \$1,000 each

Recipients: Hudson Line, Vincent Marchetti and Eli Olson

The Iron Range Rotary – John Damberg Community Service Scholarship - \$750 each

Recipients: Blaine Fleetwood and Chloe Johnson

The Jeremy Jindra Scholarship - \$1,250

Recipients: Robert Roberts

The Joseph & Emily Kraker Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Roosevelt Hunter

The Joe Kraker Jr Memorial Scholarship - \$750

Recipient: Mackenzie McRae

The Gene Kishel and Brynhild Kishel Memorial Scholarship - \$750 each

This scholarship will be awarded to an Iron Range Engineering student during the Spring, 2026 semester

The Eino Kopponen Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Recipient: Dakota Musselman

The Lake Country Power Les Beach Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Madeline Larson

The LaMarche Creek Scholarship - \$3,000 each

Recipients: Zachary Anderson and Rose Dall

The Andrew A. Lang Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Kelsey Johnson

The Joanne Lindgren Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Recipient: Daniel Kokoska

Mesabi Range College Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000
Recipient: Daniel Kokoska

Mesabi Range Campus Faculty and Staff Scholarship - \$1,500 each
Recipients: William Olson and Louis Romer

The Quad Cities Lions Club Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Cassie Dahl

The Tony & Joyce Nigro Education Scholarship - \$1,500
Recipients: Morgan Heckman

The Rod and Jackie Orezovich Scholarship - \$2,500
Recipient: Annika Grose

The Louanne Picek Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Rose Dall

The Pro-Print Scholarship - \$250
Recipient: Madeline Larson

The Joseph J. Rebovich Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Dakota Musselman

The Ed and Cora Remus Engineering Scholarship - \$5,000
Recipient: Daniel Sopkowiak

The Tom Rukavina Engineering Scholarship - \$1,000
This scholarship will be awarded to an Iron Range Engineering student during the Spring, 2026 semester

The Soroptimist Club Scholarship - \$1,000
Recipient: Bella Today

The Christine Springhetti Memorial Nursing Scholarship - \$600
Recipient: Grace Clennon

The Dave Stillman Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Sarah Payne

The Trenti Law Firm Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Kelsey Johnson

The Twin Cities Iron Ranger Scholarship - \$1,000 each
Recipients: Rilla Giersdorf and Kelsey Johnson

The Ulseth Family Scholarship - \$1,250
Recipient: Corbin Hadrava

The Virginia Ladies of Kaleva Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Luke Pocquette

The Virginia Elks Lodge Scholarship - \$1,000 each
Recipient: Malik Clarke and Michael Stolp

The Josephine A. Elioff Voiture 634 408 Scholarship - \$500 each
Two nursing scholarship recipients will be awarded during the Spring, 2026 semester

The Walker, Giroux and Hahne Scholarship - \$500
Not awarded for the 2025-26 academic year

The Dan & Yvonne Webb Engineering Scholarship - \$3,000 each
Not awarded for the 2025-26 academic year

The Jerry Welch Memorial Scholarship - \$500
Recipient: Luke Kobelia

The Bill & Joan Wirtanen Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each
Recipients: Zachary Anderson and Annika Grose

For more information contact Scott Wirtanen at (218) 550-2519 or scott.wirtanen@minnesotanorth.edu.

The Mesabi Range Foundation Board of Directors include: Sue Medure, President, Brenda Kochevar, Vice-President, Elizabeth Pluskwik, Treasurer, Gary Picek, Secretary, and Directors Mary Gorman, Mark Muhich, Kim Pittman, Annie Bachschneider, John Klarich, Sue Long and Gary Cerkenik.



MNC - VIRGINIA CAMPUS WELCOME WEEK EVENTS

Saturday, August 30, 2025

MNC Mesabi Range Football vs St. Scholastica (Away)
St. Scholastica Field
10:00 am



Monday, September 1, 2025 -- Labor Day, Campus Closed

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Campus & Community Connections
In the Commons
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM



Wednesday, September 3, 2025

B-I-N-G-O for Prizes & Ice Cream Social
In the Commons
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM and 12:00 – 12:30 PM

MNC Mesabi Range Volleyball vs. Central Lakes
William Wirtanen Gymnasium, Virginia Campus
6:30 pm



Thursday, September 4, 2025

FREE Welcome BBQ, Coffee Truck, & Outdoor Games
Outside of the Commons
11:00 AM until gone!

Campus Update

By Jodi Pontinen, Virginia Campus Director



Good News! Enrollment is up! Minnesota North College is happy to start the 2025-26 academic year with a 3% increase in enrollment compared to this same time last year.

Virginia Campus:

Classes started on Monday, August 25, and the faculty and staff were charged up and ready to go to welcome new students. This will be the second year of the Student Mentor program. Four new students are paired with a faculty or staff member as well as a returning student to help support and connect the students within the college and

in the community. Connections are made in many ways through academic support, social interaction, and community connections. Students involved in the pilot program last year said that they really enjoyed and appreciated the extra connections they made because of this program and the fun experiences they were able to participate in. Many are ready to become a student mentor this year to make the freshman comfortable and help create and participate in this year's events.

Campus Improvements:

All Minnesota North Colleges received new score boards in our gyms. They are a much-needed improvement and look great too! Please check them out at one of our volleyball games this Fall.

The theatre sound system, projector screen, and connectivity have all been upgraded to allow for Bluetooth and online meeting connection (such as Zoom and Teams) giving us the latest, easy to use technology and bringing the sound booth down to stage level for ease of use. Maintenance has been working hard on beautifying our campuses inside and out, including a fresh update to the pond.

Eveleth Campus:

We are amid a renovation in the Welding area, with new equipment and space upgrades to ensure that our students are working with up-to-date processes, including a cobot welder. The space is also being painted, new lighting, sinks, welders, and a fixturing table are being installed, and old equipment has been removed.



The campus experienced a "spring clean" making space for new uses for outbuildings and more efficient flows for tech program departments and the maintenance team. Maintenance has also landscaped the north entrance and it looks inviting and ready for new students to enjoy!

We are excited to announce NEW food service on both the Virginia and Eveleth Campuses will be offered by The Sugar Shack.

Owners, Erin and her husband Greg Powell are both Alumni of the Mesabi Range, Virginia campus, where they met as freshmen. They are excited to share their delicious meals with our campus communities so stop by and see what's cooking in the kitchen. They will be open Monday - Friday and offer a variety of food choices.



Well-deserved Retirements:

Peter DelCaro, Political Science and History faculty, Virginia Campus

Phil Kuopus, Maintenance, Eveleth campus

Dawn Kemppainen-Olson, Early Childhood/Special Education faculty, Virginia Campus

Kathy Bradach, CNA faculty, Eveleth Campus

Fall Sports—Women's Volleyball



MNC-Mesabi Range VOLLEYBALL 2025



August

22 (Fri)	^Riverland	Coon Rapids	5:00 PM
23 (Sat)	^Anoka-Ramsey	Coon Rapids	8:00 AM
23 (Sat)	^M State	Coon Rapids	10:00 AM
29 (Fri)	+Highland (KS) CC	N. Sioux City, SD	2:30 PM
29 (Fri)	+NIACC	N. Sioux City, SD	5:00 PM
30 (Sat)	+Western Iowa Tech	N. Sioux City, SD	9:00 AM
30 (Sat)	+Lake Region	N. Sioux City, SD	11:30 AM

September

3 (Wed)	*Central Lakes	HOME	6:30 PM
5 (Fri)	*Alex Tech	Alexandria	6:00 PM
6 (Sat)	*Northland	Thief River Falls	12:00 PM
10 (Wed)	*Rainy River	I. Falls	6:30 PM
12 (Fri)	*Itasca	HOME	6:30 PM
17 (Wed)	Gogebic	HOME	6:00 PM
24 (Wed)	St. Cloud	St. Cloud	5:30 PM
26 (Fri)	*Alex Tech	HOME	6:00 PM
27 (Sat)	*Northland	HOME	12:00 PM

October

1 (Wed)	*Itasca	Grand Rapids	6:30 PM
4 (Sat)	Lake Region	HOME	TBA
4 (Sat)	DCTC	HOME	TBA
8 (Wed)	*Vermilion	Ely	6:30 PM
10 (Fri)	*Central Lakes	Brainerd	6:30 PM
11 (Sat)	*Rainy River	HOME	12:00 PM
15 (Wed)	-Itasca	Grand Rapids	3:00 PM
15 (Wed)	-DCTC	Grand Rapids	5:00 PM
18 (Sat)	DCTC Triangular	Inver Grove Heights	TBA
22 (Wed)	*Vermilion	HOME	6:30 PM
24 (Fri)	Gogebic	Ironwood, MI	6:00 PM

* Denotes MCAC Northern Division Matches

^ Denotes MCAC Crossover Tournament

+ Denotes Siouxland Invitational

- Denotes MNC-Itasca Triangular

Region Tournament Oct. 31 & Nov. 1 @ Coon Rapids

National Tournament Nov 13-15 Cedar Rapids IA

Fall Sports—Men's Football

2025 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Aug 30 th (Sat)	ST. SCHOLASTICA	DULUTH (A)	10:00 am
Sept 6 th (Sat)	NDSCS	WAHPETON, ND (A)	1:30 pm
Sept 13 th (Sat)	VERMILION	MT. IRON (H)	1:30 pm
Sept 20 th (Sat)	MN WEST	WORTHINGTON (A)	11:00 am
Sept 27 th (Sat)	ROCHESTER	MT. IRON (H)	2:00 pm
Oct 4 th (Sat)	CENTRAL LAKES	MT. IRON (H)	1:30 pm
Oct 11 th (Sun)	TBD	TBD	TBD
Oct 18 th (Sat)	MN STATE FF	FERGUS FALLS(A)	2:30 pm
Oct 25 th (Sat)	Quarter Finals	TBD	TBD
Nov 2 nd (Sun)	Semi Finals	TBD	TBD
Nov 9 th (Sun)	State Championship	TBD	TBD

Cornhole Tournament

The Norse Club held their second annual Cornhole fundraising event on Saturday, June 21, at BG'S Bar & Grill. Sixteen doubles teams entered the tournament. Each team was guaranteed 5 games, with a top division and a lower division. The divisions were determined with a round robin format before breaking into the two divisions. Approximately \$1,350 was raised for the Norse Club and the athletic programs at Mesabi Range.



A great big thank you goes to all the sponsors who donated for the silent auction or were a sponsor of the event. The sponsors included Mesabi Range Alumni Association, The Wooden Table, BG'S Bar & Grill, Iron Range Cornhole, Hoss Construction, Adventures Restaurant, Barber Graphics, Grandma's Restaurant, The Village Inn, The Freeze, Subway, Dairy Queen, Target, Buhl Shortstop, Sawmill, Brenda Risdon, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, The Copper Nickel, Virginia Golf Course, Silver Creek Liquor, Sipila Law and Mesabi Range College Athletics. Go Norse!



Essentia Health Provides \$2,000 Student Food Pantry Grant

The Mesabi Range Foundation was awarded a \$2,000 Student Food Pantry Grant from Essentia Health to support the Foundation's effort to provide additional funding for the Food Pantry for the students attending the Mesabi Range campuses for the 2025-26 academic year.

Essentia Health prioritizes funding to community non-profits working to address social determinants of health in under-served, low-income, and minority populations, as well as supporting physical, mental, social and emotional well-being.

Many college students face financial struggles funding their education. For many it is the first time away from home, and balancing a budget and making those decisions on their own can be very stressful. Often times students struggle to be able to provide enough food for themselves (and sometimes their families) because of increased tuition costs, inconsistency of food availability for them, increased family responsibilities, and ever-rising living expenses.

The Mesabi Range Campus Food Shelf gives students an opportunity to make sure they are getting proper nutrition when needed without having to struggle to allocate their money to do so.

Message from the Foundation Treasurer

By Elizabeth Pluskwik, PhD



Hello Friends of Mesabi Range Foundation!

I'm pleased to share that the Foundation is accomplishing its mission of supporting Mesabi Range College students and their college organizations, thanks to your donations and support.

This past year, the Foundation facilitated the intake of over \$400,000 in donations and grants and provided scholarships to over 100 Minnesota North College students attending Mesabi Range campuses in Virginia and Eveleth.

Thanks to the excellent work done by Foundation Coordinator Scott Wirtanen, the Foundation has received contributions from several new donors this past year. Scott has successfully applied for grants from Target Foundation, Cleveland Cliffs Foundation and others to support the students at both Mesabi Range Campuses in scholarships and selected campus projects. The faculty and staff participate in payroll deduction for scholarship support. Companies are even reaching out to the Foundation to donate additional scholarship funds. Currently, a local company is taking steps to provide up to \$5,000 in new scholarship support for the Welding program.

Under Minnesota North College, the Foundation websites have been consolidated, but each campus Foundation still manages its own funds and student scholarship processes. The Foundation provides oversight for the operating budget and endowment funds, which are invested conservatively and have performed well over the past year. Things are looking good.

Click on this link to find out more and to donate - <https://minnesotanorth.edu/giving/>

Thank you for your continued support and belief in our shared purpose. Together, we accomplish the vision and mission of the College and the Foundation, ensuring that our students are supported to thrive both academically and beyond.

Walmart Provides \$1,000 Spark Good Grant



The Mesabi Range Foundation was awarded a \$1,000 Spark Good Grant from Walmart in June, 2025 to support the Foundation's effort to expand the promotion of scholarship opportunities, provide continued program support for the Foundation Office, and help support creative initiatives for the students attending the Mesabi Range campuses.

With this grant, the Mesabi Range Foundation becomes part of a long history of Walmart's commitment to giving back to the communities where they operate.

In fact, Mrs. Helen Walton used to say "It's not what you gather, but what you scatter that tells what kind of life you have lived." Walmart.org represents the philanthropic efforts of Walmart and the Walmart Foundation. By focusing where the business has unique strengths, Walmart.org works to tackle key social and environmental issues and collaborate with others to spark long-lasting systemic change. Walmart has stores in 24 countries, employs more than 2 million associates and does business with thousands of suppliers who, in turn, employ millions of people.

Walmart.org is helping people live better by supporting programs to accelerate upward job mobility for frontline workers, advance equity, address hunger, build inclusive economic opportunity for people in supply chains, protect and restore nature, reduce waste and emissions, and build strong communities where Walmart operates.



Donor Profile—The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation



The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation was established in 1962 and has been a dedicated resource for charitable giving activities in the United States for over 60 years.

The mission of The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation is to have a positive impact in the areas where Cleveland-Cliffs operates by partnering with and investing in non-profit

organizations that enhance educational opportunities, protect and improve the environment, promote human health, and support vibrant communities.

The Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation invests in programs that serve the communities where they operate and meet one of their focus areas:

Education - Partnering with organizations that build skills, including STEM skills, across all age groups; preparing a ready workforce; and increasing employment opportunities for community members.

Environment - Supporting organizations that protect and restore the environment through land and water restoration, creating green spaces, and promoting sustainable communities and natural areas.

Healthy and Vibrant Communities - Working to build healthy, safe, vibrant communities by providing services and creating opportunities for underserved populations; funding programs that promote healthy lifestyles and combat disease; and investing in community-improvement initiatives led by arts, cultural and civic institutions.

Cleveland-Cliffs has awarded over \$200,000 to the Mesabi Range campuses, including \$150,000 in 2015-2016 for a Nursing/Paramedic Simulation Lab, and student scholarship funding since 2014. Currently the Cleveland-Cliffs Foundation provides \$8,000 in annual scholarships for students in the field of Engineering and the technical trades. The Mesabi Range Foundation is grateful for the assistance Cleveland-Cliffs has provided the Foundation and the students at Mesabi Range.

Eveleth Campus Welding Program Receives Ziegler CAT Funding Support

The Welding program on the Eveleth Campus has been selected to receive a \$2,500 grant from Ziegler, Inc. through the CAT Dealer Excellence Funds program for the 2025-26 school year. As a recipient of the Ziegler, Inc. grant, the Welding program is eligible to apply for a \$2,500 matching grant through the Caterpillar Foundation.

Founded in 1952, Caterpillar's philanthropic organization, the Caterpillar Foundation, has contributed more than \$975 million to help make sustainable progress possible around the world by building resilient communities that thrive in a rapidly changing world.

The Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund is a “matching gift” program created in partnership between the Caterpillar Foundation, Caterpillar’s Global Service Department, participating dealers, and eligible secondary/post-secondary schools or its eligible foundation. Caterpillar Foundation funding can only be directed to eligible categories of U.S. 501(c)(3) organizations or internationally equivalent charitable organizations.

Walmart Round-Up



The Mesabi Range College Foundation has teamed up with Walmart.com to raise funds for the Foundation. The Foundation is now registered with the Walmart **“Round-Up”** program. You can register on-line and **“Round-Up”** your purchases on Walmart.com or the Walmart app to make a donation to the Foundation. All of your on-line purchases will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar and the Mesabi Range College Foundation will receive your donation.

Follow these simple steps and help the Foundation continue our mission to continue to provide scholarship assistance for our students, while partnering within our communities to meet the workforce’s and community’s needs.

Donate to the Foundation through “Round-Up” at Walmart.com

Go to <https://www.walmart.com>

- Sign into your Walmart.com account
- Top right-hand corner – under your name – click on **“Account”** from the drop-down menu
- Left side of the page – Under Manage Account – Click on **“Giving and Impact”** under “My Profile”
- Find a local charity – Search Charities – Click on **“Mesabi Range College Foundation”**
- Review the message from Walmart – Click **“Done”**

Please feel free to share this information with your family and friends. The **“Round-Up”** program is available to anyone who has a Walmart.com account or uses the Walmart app.

If you have any questions or problems registering, please feel free to contact the Foundation office at 218-550-2519, or email us at foundation-mesabirange@minnesotanorth.edu

Thank you for your continued support of the Mesabi Range College Foundation!

Round-Up Today!

Scholarships!

The members of the Mesabi Range Foundation are grateful for your support of our students at Mesabi Range - Virginia and Eveleth campuses. The Mesabi Range College Foundation's mission is to support the Minnesota North College - Mesabi Range Campuses (Virginia and Eveleth) in the work it does to provide an extraordinary education to our students!

Your support has provided students with over \$100,000 in scholarships each year over the past several years. These funds make a real difference to our students, many of which are adult learners, athletes away from home, and local students from our community.

As the College has transitioned from Mesabi Range College to the Minnesota North College-Mesabi Range campuses, several changes have been made to the logo, name, and websites - but the mission of the Foundation and the students who rely on our support has not changed a bit. In fact, the need is great.

The Mesabi Range College Foundation

- ★ Facilitates approximately \$100,000 of tuition support annually through scholarships – \$3.1 million to over 5,300 students so far!
- ★ Accepts monetary donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations on behalf of Mesabi Range Campuses.
- ★ Facilitates in-kind donations and grant opportunities for the College.

Be part of the positive impact!

Make donations online: go to this webpage →

<https://mesabi-range.givenorth.org/ways-to-give/>

Click the "Give Now" button



- Mail a check made out to *Mesabi Range College Foundation* to
Mesabi Range College Foundation Office
1001 West Chestnut Street, Virginia, MN 55792



- Contact Foundation Coordinator Scott Wirtanen at 218-550-2519



- Email foundation-mesabirange@minnesotanorth.edu

Thank you for your support!

Keep your compass pointed north to find the education you need. Minnesota North College offers programs in a variety of areas of expertise all designed to give you an on-campus college experience unlike anything else you will find. Our six campus locations across Northern Minnesota will ensure you find plenty of off campus activities as well. Let us help you reach your goal of finding an educational experience leading to the career of your dreams. All while you...

Head North



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