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FROM 18 PRIVATE COLLEGES

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ASSOCIATION OF VERMONT INDEPENDENT COLLEGES
The private higher education sector is a driving force behind economic development and job growth in the state:

- $1.04 billion . . . Institutional Expenditures
- $197 million . . . Construction Expenditures
- $112 million . . . Student Spending
- $58 million . . . Visitor Spending
- $678 million . . . Faculty & Staff Spending

Total: $2.09 Billion

Vermont’s private colleges create clean, green jobs that boost the state’s vitality. They are industry anchors in communities throughout the state.

Institutional spending on payroll, purchasing and construction makes a formidable impact with other spending providing an additional infusion.

Students spend their college savings in Vermont and all those connected with higher education are also active consumers. Spending by students, visitors, and staff enriches the towns, cities, and regions hosting the campuses.

Vermont’s private colleges also attract an estimated 138,456 visitors, friends, and families annually.
MORE CREATIVE YOUNG PEOPLE

Private higher education is a key reason people decide to move to Vermont.

...80% of private college students come from out-of-state—
that’s over 15,500 young people.

Vermont has a higher percentage of out-of-state students seeking a degree, mostly at private colleges, than any other state in the U.S. This creates a pool of students who are a source of talent for employers.

Private colleges further attract top faculty, researchers, and scholars from around the globe who contribute to the economic, social, and cultural life in Vermont.

MORE first-year students come to Vermont than leave every year...

...creating a BRAIN GAIN of 2,800 students.
Vermont’s private colleges serve nearly the same percentage — 21.6% compared to 23.2% at four-year public institutions — of low-income students who qualify for need-based Pell grants.

Sources of Student Aid Grants at Vermont Private Colleges (All figures in millions)

- Institutional: $207.2
- Federal: $29.3
- State: $3.5

An annual average of 82% of students receive financial aid from Vermont private college resources.

60.3% of our bachelor degree-seeking students graduate within four years compared to 49.6% at public institutions.

...This saves parents and students both time and money.
Vermont’s private higher education industry supports 7,102 EMPLOYEES across the state, driving local economies and growing the state’s revenue base.

Private higher education generates still MORE jobs because capital spending and construction adds $197 million more into Vermont’s economy.

Students from across the state, nation, and world choose to study at Vermont’s private colleges. As alumni, they include the next generation of entrepreneurs, coders, artists, teachers, nurses, scientists, and business executives, as well as government and community leaders. The result is a surge of workforce engagement.

$373.7 million......Salaries & Benefits Paid
$12 million.........State Income Tax Paid

37,000 alumni live and work in Vermont.
MORE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Economic vitality? Check. Brain gain? Check. Sizable population of creative, civic-minded, and energetic people? Double check. Vermont’s private college students have the assets to make a big difference in the lives of others. This engagement benefits individuals and society alike.

Private college students contribute thousands of community service hours annually. Students serve in a myriad of ways from staffing rescue squads to mentoring schoolchildren to cleaning up after storms to providing community meals and much more.

COMMUNITY SERVICE MATTERS.
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Bennington College          Saint Michael’s College
Champlain College           SIT Graduate Institute
College of St. Joseph       Southern Vermont College
Goddard College             Sterling College
Green Mountain College      Vermont College of Fine Arts
Landmark College            Vermont Law School
Marlboro College            Associate Members:
Middlebury College          Albany College of Pharmacy
New England Culinary Institute & Health Sciences
Norwich University           Union Institute & University

AVIC is the only statewide organization dedicated to Vermont’s independent educational network, which attracts students who contribute to the state’s future workforce as well as the economic, civic, and cultural life of Vermont.