



Minnesota North College

Commencement

Class of 2023

Hibbing Campus Ceremony

Friday, May 12, 2023



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ORDER OF EVENTS

Processional

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Vicki Gornick, Organist

Music

Musical Selection

Mya Petroskey

Dean's Welcome

Aaron Reini Dean of Liberal Arts; Director of Operations – Hibbing Campus

President's Welcome

Dr. Michael Raich

President, Minnesota North College

Commencement Speaker

Rob Farnsworth

State Senator, District 7

Alumnus of Hibbing Community College

Presentation of Minnesota North College – Hibbing Campus

Candidates and Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Aaron Reini Dean of Liberal Arts; Director of Operations – Hibbing Campus

Dr. Michael Raich

President, Minnesota North College

Recessional

– HPAT will be live streaming –

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MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE–HIBBING

2023 Candidates for Graduation

Name	Award	Major	Honors	Hometown
Adams, Zaraely	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Agravante, Cristo †	AAS	Law Enforcement		Hibbing
Agyeiwaa-Lee, Adjoa	AS	Nursing		Burnsville
Ahmed, Kowthar	AS	Nursing	H	Minneapolis
Albright, Emily *	AAS	Dental Assistant	HH	South Range
Albright, Emily *	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	South Range
Alim Ahmed	AS	Nursing		St. Paul
Ali, Miski	AS	Nursing		St. Paul
Amundsen, Owen	DIP	Law Enforcement		Int'l Falls
Anderson, Allison	AS	Nursing	H	Virginia
Anderson, Lane	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Ely
Anderson, Sara	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Nashwauk
Anderson, Sofie *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Chisholm
Anderson, Sofie *	CERT	Coaching	HH	Chisholm
Anderson, Wendy	CERT	Nursing Assistant	HH	Chisholm
Antonutti, Luke	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Aririsukwu, Brian	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Arvila, Lauren	AS	Nursing		Angora
Babb, Cali	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Aurora
Backe, Erin	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Babbitt
Benoit, Emily	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Cook
Berens, Logan	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	HH	Aurora
Bergin, Hailey	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Meadowlands
Bergstrom, Jasmine	AAS	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Grand Rapids
Bissonette, Tia	AS	Nursing	H	Babbitt
Bosch, Samantha	DIP	Culinary Arts		Proctor
Braaten, Taryn	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Int'l Falls
Bretto, Luciana	CERT	Nursing Assistant	HH	Hibbing
Brown, Wayne †	AAS	Law Enforcement		Remer
Bubb, Jacob	AAS	Law Enforcement	HH	Duluth
Buchwitz, Blake	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Burman, Dylan	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Talmoon
Butler, Lorena	CERT	Pastry Artist		St. James
Butterfield, Joanna	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Campbell, Kyra	DIP	Dental Assistant		Hibbing
Capes, Spencer	DIP	Dental Assistant		Duluth
Carlson, Ei Malachite *	AFA	Associate of Fine Arts	H	Keewatin
Carlson, Emma	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Carlson, Keanna	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Carlson, Luke	AAS	Law Enforcement	H	Sandstone
Carpenter, Zachary	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Iron

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Chagerben, Jorge	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Guayaquil
Chaulklin, Christopher	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech	HH	Cook
Chico, Benjamin	DIP	Automotive Technician		Warwick
Childs, Samantha	DIP	Dental Assistant	H	Superior
Chosa, Roseblossom	DIP	Culinary Arts		Nett Lake
Christiansen, Peter	DIP	Law Enforcement		Duluth
Christlieb, Brandon	DIP	IT Networking Technician		Osage
Clarke, Matthew	DIP	Automotive Technician		Hill City
Clough, Angela	DIP	Medical Coding		Duluth
Collins, Nehushta	AS	Nursing	H	Lewisville
Collman, Brandi	AS	Nursing	H	Cromwell
Connor, Sean	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Cook, Jack	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.	HH	Orr
Copeland, Janelle *	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Grand Rapids
Couture, Tessa	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Mountain Iron
Current, Cameron	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Dahlsten, Amber	AAS	Medical Lab Technician		Jackson
Dale, Michelle	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Damjanovich, Samantha	DIP	Dental Assistant		Hibbing
Daniels, Rylie	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Daugherty, Robert	DIP	Automotive Technician		Hibbing
Deaconu, Irina	AS	Nursing		Bellevue
Dee, Emily	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Cambridge
DePaulis, Braden	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech	HH	Keewatin
Dergantz, Margaret	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Chisholm
Desrosiers, Stevie	AAS	Law Enforcement	HH	Wawina
Disserud, Derek	AAS	Culinary Arts		Taconite
Doely, Shelby	CERT	Pastry Artist		Palisade
Dolinich, Emma	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Dragony, Bella	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Chisholm
DuChamp, Emma	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
DuChamp, Emma	CERT	Coaching		Chisholm
Edstrom, McKenna *	AS	Nursing	H	Chisholm
Eide, Jessica	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Chisholm
Eidsmoe, Riley	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Grand Rapids
Eisenbraun, Megan	AS	Nursing		Chisholm
Elhardt, Dylan	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Bigfork
Erickson, Brenna	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Erickson, Tabbitha	AS	Nursing		Chisholm
Escamilla, Diego	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Aguascalientes
Fena, Jacob	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Chisholm

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Figueroa Suarez, Jose	AS	Business		Barquisimeto
Fishel, Emily	AS	Nursing	H	Hibbing
Flom, Charly *	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Embarrass
Folstad, Gavin	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Mountain Iron
Folstad, Harmony	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Waubay
Frider, Beau	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Fuhr, Jerad	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Palo
Furey, Eric †	CERT	Pastry Artist	HH	Hibbing
Furey, Eric †	AS	Nursing	HH	Hibbing
Gacengeci, David	AS	Nursing		Saint Paul Park
Gacengeci, Esther	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Gaetzke, Hayley	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Gangl, Damon	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Nashwauk
Gauthier, Trevor	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	H	McGregor
Gebrehiwet, Haben	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Seattle
Gebrehiwet, Haben	AS	Nursing		Seattle
Gelling, Keeley	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Big Lake
Gibson, Jacob	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Embarrass
Giroux, Hanna	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Goggin, Conor	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Denver
Gogleye, Zephaniah	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	H	Grand Rapids
Gonzalez Martinez, Ariel	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Guaynabo
Goranson, Jaeger	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Cromwell
Gordon, Ramaj	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Houston
Goss, Brady †	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Hibbing
Grebowski, Adam	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		East Bethel
Greenwood, Kelsey	CERT	Nursing Assistant	HH	Hibbing
Halvorson, Abigail *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Nashwauk
Harling, Brianna	AS	Nursing	H	Bovey
Helgeson, Cody †	AS	Nursing		Iron
Hengel, Baily	AS	Nursing		Virginia
Henry, Tanaya	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Highland, Alexis	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Gilbert
Hippolt, Kayla	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Iron
Hoche, Hannah	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Holland, Maggie	DIP	Medical Coding		Hibbing
Holman, Carter	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Orr
Holter, Anna	DIP	Dental Assistant		Warroad
Hopke, Madysen	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Howard, Emily *	AS	Nursing		Keewatin
Howard, Sophie	AS	Nursing		Hibbing

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Huhta, Lola	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Hunt, Caleb	DIP	Automotive Technician		Hibbing
Hurley, Stephanie *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Eveleth
Iverson, Bryanna	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Alexandria
Jaco, Angel	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Virginia
Jacobs, James	AS	Nursing		Nashwauk
Jacobson, Christina	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Jama, Fadumolucky	AS	Nursing		Boocame
Janezich, Juliana	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Side Lake
Jaynes, Arianna *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Johnson, Elizabeth	DIP	Culinary Arts		Bemidji
Johnson, Janelle	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Jones, Jeanna	AS	Nursing		Eveleth
Judd, Alvin	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Washington
Kaercher, McCartney	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Ely
Kafut, Ethen	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Hibbing
Kearney, Grace *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Kemp, Jayna	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Floodwood
Kemp, Kasey	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Hibbing
Keranen, Brent	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Pengilly
Khalid, Kafayat	AS	Nursing		Anoka
Kingston, Megan	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Mountain iron
Kingston, Megan	AS	Nursing		Mountain iron
Kinn, Brady	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Bigfork
Kintner, Riley	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Mountain Iron
Kittley, Dorothy	AAS	Medical Lab Technician	HH	Sweetwater
Kivi, Katie	AS	Nursing		Saginaw
Kivi, Maria	CERT	Pastry Artist		Hibbing
Kivi, Maria	DIP	Culinary Arts		Hibbing
Knauss, Gabrielle	AS	Biology		Marble
Knauss, Gabrielle	CERT	Pastry Artist		Marble
Kne, Hannah	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Koenig, Garrett	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	HH	Int'l Falls
Kolsky, Madison *	DIP	Dental Assistant	H	Duluth
Kolsky, Madison *	AAS	Dental Assistant	H	Duluth
Koskela, Jacob	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Cherry
Kowarsch, Lydia	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Kralich, Kaitlin	AS	Nursing		Britt
Kunze, Hattie *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Grand Marais
Kuschel, Reece	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	HH	Effie
Laho, Bridget	DIP	Dental Assistant	HH	Buffalo

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Larsah, Jamesetta	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Leahy, Mariah	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Lehman, Krystal	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Letsch, Theresa	AS	Nursing		Baudette
Little, Mikalah	AS	Nursing	H	Grand Rapids
Lomsak, Charina	AS	Nursing		Biwabik
Luna, Fabien	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Macho, Jessica	AS	Nursing		Ely
Magnuson, Madison	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Mahlberg, Arne	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Hibbing
Maki, Alexis	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	HH	Duluth
Maki, Jocelyn	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Mancini, Robert	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Cherry
Mancini, Thomas	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Mt. Iron
Maqsudi, Crystal	AS	Nursing		Savage
Marks, Natalie	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Hibbing
Maroste, Chloe	AAS	Medical Lab Technician	H	Gheen
Martin-Lenzen, Jasmyrn	CERT	Nursing Assistant		Chisholm
Marx, Katelyn	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Marx, Weston	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Nashwauk
Masucci, Joshua	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Mattson, Britni	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
McGee, Stephen	AAS	Law Enforcement		Grand Rapids
McGough, Kody	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Nashwauk
McLaughlin, Kylee	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
McNamara, Daniel	AAS	Law Enforcement		Grand Rapids
McNeil, Jonathan	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Bovey
Meillier, Mattison	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Milani, Miriam	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Moen, Nicole	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Grand Rapids
Moen, Nicole	AS	Nursing	HH	Grand Rapids
Moore, Nicholas	CERT	Coaching	HH	Cibolo
Moore, Nicholas	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Cibolo
Mostad, Alex	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech	H	Grand Rapids
Murphy, Caitlyn	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hoyt Lakes
Musich, Chase	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	H	Hibbing
Nagler, Myles	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech	HH	Nashwauk
Nakanwagi, Gloria	AS	Nursing		St Paul
Nash, Ryan	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Nelson, Clara Anne	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Nelson, Destinee	AS	Nursing		Ely

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Nguyen, Donnie	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	HH	Grand Rapids
Nobens, Nicholas *	AAS	Law Enforcement	HH	Hibbing
Ocepek, Christie	AS	Nursing		Hoyt Lakes
Olerich, Alyson	DIP	Law Enforcement		Zimmerman
Omwoyo, Rose	AS	Nursing		Coon Rapids
Otto, Brea	AS	Nursing		Bovey
Owsley, Jerrien	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Indianapolis
Palkki, Levi	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Hibbing
Palm, Rebecca	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Forbes
Palm, Rebecca	AS	Biology		Forbes
Pearson, Jonathan*	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Chisholm
Pechovnik, Madison	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Pederson, Ava *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Pederson, Randi	AS	Nursing	H	Int'l Falls
Penning, Jacob	DIP	Culinary Arts		Lake City
Perpich, Greta	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Chisholm
Pessenda, Mya	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Chisholm
Petersen, Jacob	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Grand Rapids
Peterson, Ashley	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hoyt Lakes
Peterson, Ashley	AS	Nursing		Hoyt Lakes
Peterson, Samantha *	AS	Health Science Broad Field		Roseville
Phillips, Jordyn	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Grantsburg
Phillips, Jordyn	AS	Nursing		Grantsburg
Pickard, Carter	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Fort Wayne
Pierce, Nathanael *	DIP	Automotive Technician	HH	Marble
Pimentel, Schuyler	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Pimentel, Schuyler	CERT	Coaching		Hibbing
Pohjonen, Carl	DIP	Culinary Arts	HH	Britt
Poitra, Colin	DIP	Heating & Cooling Tech		Virginia
Pokorny, Crystal	AS	Nursing		Aurora
Pulis, Samantha	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Gilbert
Rajkovich, Autum	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Ramos, Luis	AAS	IT Networking Technician		Toa Baja
Rantala, Kiara	AS	Health Science Broad Field		Bovey
Ray, Katie Lee	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Reckmeyer, Katherine	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Reed, Jamie	AS	Nursing		Keewatin
Reiter, Preston	DIP	Culinary Arts		Rochester
Rewertz, Claire	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Richards, Deanna *	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Rikkola, Lela	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing

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Robinson, Arielle	AS	Nursing		Grand Rapids
Rounsville, Marc	AAS	IT Networking Technician		Hibbing
Rounsville, Marc	DIP	IT Networking Technician		Hibbing
Rozinka, Alyssa	DIP	Automotive Technician		Virginis
Ruelle, Philip †	AS	Law Enforcement		Int'l Falls
Ruper, Caleb	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Chisholm
Sanborn, Jered	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Sand, Madison	DIP	Law Enforcement	HH	Aurora
Sandstede, Grace	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Schall, Sara	AS	Health Science Broad Field		Arlee
Scholler, Jessica	AS	Nursing		Int'l Falls
Schreiner, Jack	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Virginia
Schroeder, Liberty *	AAS	Dental Assistant		Grand Rapids
Schulze, Jonathan *	AAS	Medical Lab Technician	HH	Pipestone
Scofield, Katie	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Scott, Kyeshia	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Phoenix
Scott, Kyeshia	DIP	Medical Coding		Phoenix
Serna, Samuel	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Eveleth
Sersich, Joshua	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Sigan, Rachell	AS	Nursing	H	Grand Rapids
Sime, Hannah	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Simmons, Patrick	DIP	Law Enforcement		Menahga
Smart, Anastasia	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing
Smith, Brock	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Smith, Jacob	DIP	Diesel & Heavy Equip. Maint.		Grand Marais
Smith, Katherine	AS	Nursing		Hibbing
Smith, Owen	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Coeur d' Alene
Soderberg, Luca	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Chisholm
Splinter, Dillon	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Chisholm
Steele, Simfany	AAS	IT Networking Technician	H	Nashwauk
Steinbrecher, Lindsay *	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	HH	Hibbing
Steinbrecher, Nicole	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences		Hibbing
Stella, Kendra	AS	Nursing		Embarrass
Stenson, William	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.	H	Toivola
Stickney, Joshua	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Britt
Stone, Nicole *	AS	Nursing		Eveleth
Stougaard, Brandi	AS	Nursing		Nashwauk
Straabe, Matthew	DIP	Electrical Maint. & Const.		Bagley
Swanberg, Krystal	AAS	Medical Lab Technician		Eveleth
Taylor, Peyton	CERT	Nursing Assistant	H	Hibbing
Taylor, Peyton	AA	Liberal Arts & Sciences	H	Hibbing

EXPLANATION OF MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE DEGREES

AA	Associate of Arts
AFA	Associate of Fine Arts
AS	Associate of Science
AAS	Associate of Applied Science
Diploma	Diploma
Cert.	Certificate

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HIBBING CAMPUS STAFF

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Mark Backman	Facilities Services Supervisor

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 ASE Advanced Level CertificationsAutomotive
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 Receivable /Cashiering
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PHI THETA KAPPA

Phi Theta Kappa exists to recognize and encourage scholarships among students in two year colleges. The honor society provides opportunity for the development of leadership, an intellectual climate for the exchange of ideas, and stimulation of continuing academic excellence. To be eligible for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, a student must: 1) be enrolled in a two-year college; 2) have completed a minimum of 12 credits and be a full-time student; 3) have a grade point average of at least 3.35; 4) be of good moral character and possess recognized qualities of leadership.

MINNESOTA NORTH COLLEGE – HIBBING CAMPUS

Hibbing was one of the first towns in the nation to expand educational opportunities by opening a two-year college in 1916. Thus, Minnesota North College – Hibbing is one of the oldest two-year colleges in Minnesota and the nation. Eleven students attended the first and only course offered in 1916 at Hibbing Junior College—later known as Hibbing State Junior College, Hibbing Community College, and then Minnesota North College – Hibbing. The location of the college has changed three times, from North Hibbing, to the west wing of Hibbing High School, and finally, in 1969, to its current location along Highway 169.

The Hibbing Area Vocational Technical Institute was established in 1962. It responded to the need to provide post-secondary vocational opportunities for high school graduates and miners who were being affected by the “boom and bust” cycles on the Iron Range. The institution was renamed a Technical College in 1989. In 1992, it merged with the Eveleth campus to form Range Technical College.

Hibbing Community College, a technical & community college, was established on July 1, 1996, through the consolidation of Hibbing Community College and Range Technical College – Hibbing. On May 23, 2022, Hibbing Community College merged with Itasca Community College, Mesabi Range College, Rainy River Community College, and Vermilion Community College to form Minnesota North College.

Today, Hibbing's campus serves more than 1,200 students and provides 26 degree options on-site, including A.A., A.F.A., and A.S. degrees. The campus offers a wide variety of liberal arts courses, transfer programs, occupational and technical programs, customized training, continuing education, student activities, athletics, and fine arts programs.

THE MACE

The mace is traditionally used in the commencement ceremony at Hibbing's campus. The word “mace” is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to the implement of breaking armor during the Middle Ages. Today, its use is more peaceful, for it now is a staff borne by, carried before, or placed near a dignitary as an insignia of dignity and authority. The mace used in today's commencement was designed by former Hibbing Art Instructor William D. Goodman. The staff is made of wood and topped by the lamp of learning which symbolizes the illuminating quality and the clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The staff is carried by the most senior instructor at Hibbing's campus.

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RAICH

Dear Graduates,

On behalf of all faculty and staff of Minnesota North College, I want to congratulate you on reaching a very important milestone in your life. Earning a college degree is not easy, as it requires an investment of time and money, hard work, and perseverance. You should be proud of this well-earned accomplishment, which will serve as a launching point for you to advance your life and career goals.

An important highlight of this graduation is that we are honored to have you as a part of the inaugural graduating class of Minnesota North College. Whether you pursued your degree at Hibbing, Itasca, Mesabi Range Eveleth or Virginia, Rainy River, or Vermillion Campuses, we thank you for choosing Minnesota North to continue your studies. Again, congratulations and best wishes!

Michael Raich, President

YEAR IN REVIEW

*The Hibbing Campus was a busy place this year.
Here are some highlights of what was happening!*

- Our Culinary program showcased its talents by putting on several events throughout the year such as the Fall Harvest Buffet. Please note that the Culinary program provides food service daily on campus for students. The general public is always welcome to come and have lunch on campus!
- Students graduating today wearing gold stoles and tassels are members of the Hibbing Campus Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. This year, Phi Theta Kappa inducted over 30 new members.
- Three local high schools sent their students to the Hibbing Campus Automotive program for a few Fridays per month to learn about and engage in the program. In addition, Automotive instructor Kevin Hyduke traveled to 3 different local high schools to work with students in their own Auto shops.
- Our Electrical Maintenance and Construction students worked on a Habitat for Humanity home in Hibbing and worked with the Carpentry program at the Mesabi Eveleth Campus to build a room in the electrical motor control lab. The room is used for storage of motor control parts and the outside of the room holds 9 more motor control stations. The Electrical students painted the walls and built all the lab stations. The Electrical Maintenance and Construction program would like to thank Leo and his students for the help!
- The Nursing program was approved for pre-accreditation with CNEA while maintaining accreditation with ACEN. An accreditation site visit will be anticipated in the fall of 2024. Nursing faculty across four campuses are collaborating together to support alignment and quality and provide our region with quality education for nursing assistants, practical nursing, and registered nursing.

- Aaron Brown and the Communication Department received a \$4,700 grant from the Hibbing College Foundation to build a Communication Lab in Rolfzen-Higgins (F) 40. The lab includes a professional video camera and microphones, backdrop, teleprompter, and other tools used to produce a student news broadcast in the Public Speaking class. The materials will also be used to produce student and faculty videos for educational use.
- The Hibbing Campus hosted a Technical Career Day with over 300 students attending from a total of 18 area high schools.
- The Hibbing Campus Inclusion and Equity Committee have worked on a number of programs and projects to increase dialogue around difference and enhance inclusion and equity. The Hibbing Campus Inclusion and Equity Committee strive to create a diverse and inclusive, friendly, fair, equitable, and supportive environment for all.
- Student Activities offered a number of events designed to provide an enjoyable and engaging college experience for our students. The third annual dodgeball tournament saw its largest turnout yet, with 70 students, faculty, and staff competing. Students also actively participated in the Fall and Spring Spirit Week activities, which included a highly popular and competitive daily mascot scavenger hunt. Kudos to the students in the Electrical Maintenance Program for finding the majority of the hidden birds!
- Student Senate has kept the food closet fully stocked and senate members attended several professional development opportunities, including a leadership conference in Washington DC.
- The Marinelli Library promoted reading and literacy with its annual “Blind Date with a Book” event and engaged with students, faculty, and staff through educational, interactive Library Escape Room Activities, which introduced students to the library’s resources and services, providing students with the opportunity to develop research and information literacy skills.
- Faculty, Staff, and Students walked and represented Minnesota North College in the Hibbing summer “Jubilee” and winter “Spirit of Unity” parades.
- Minnesota North College EMPOWER seeks to support the education of women entering high-wage, high-demand non-traditional fields and roles. These fields are well-represented across the Iron Range and Northern Minnesota, and support mining, construction, transportation, and heavy-industry sectors. This brings diversification to these workforces, bringing new perspectives and talent to these fields. Assistance may be able for Tuition, Childcare, Transportation, and Student Support.
- The Hibbing College Foundation awarded \$69,000 in student scholarships and over \$18,000 in staff and faculty grants for the 2022-2023 academic year. To learn more or to donate to our 501(c)(3) non-profit that supports our Hibbing campus, please visit www.foundationhcc.org.

