

# Williston State College

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# Williston State Mission

Williston State College,  
"Where the People Make the Difference",  
is to provide accessible, affordable, life-changing and  
life-long educational pathways to residents of North  
Dakota, the Upper Plains, and beyond.



# Overview

- **Fall Headcount: 1038 (+17.69%)**
- **Fall FTE: 738 (+27.55)**
- **TrainND: 16,660 (11,923 unduplicated)**
- **Cost to attend**
  - Full-time, with parent residence: \$13,561
  - Full-time, on campus residence: \$19,337
  - Full-time, off campus residence: \$20,929

# Typical student profile

- **Typical profile for students**
  - **2015 Freshman ACT score: 19.3**
  - **2015 Freshman GPA: 2.81**
  - **70% of students from Williams County**
- **Outcomes**
- **IPEDS rates 2013 (first-time, full-time students)**
  - **Retention: 58%**
  - **Graduation: 37%**

*Note: IPEDS does not track students who transfer to another school within the system and graduate.*

# Williams County Scholarship

- **New scholarship (Alva Field Trust, WSC Foundation & ND Challenge Fund).**
  - **\$6,500/year for tuition, fees and books.**
  - **\$2M/year to students.**
  - **60% of Williston State full-time students received scholarship.**
  - **Freed up other scholarship dollars for other WSC students.**



# Geographically Isolated

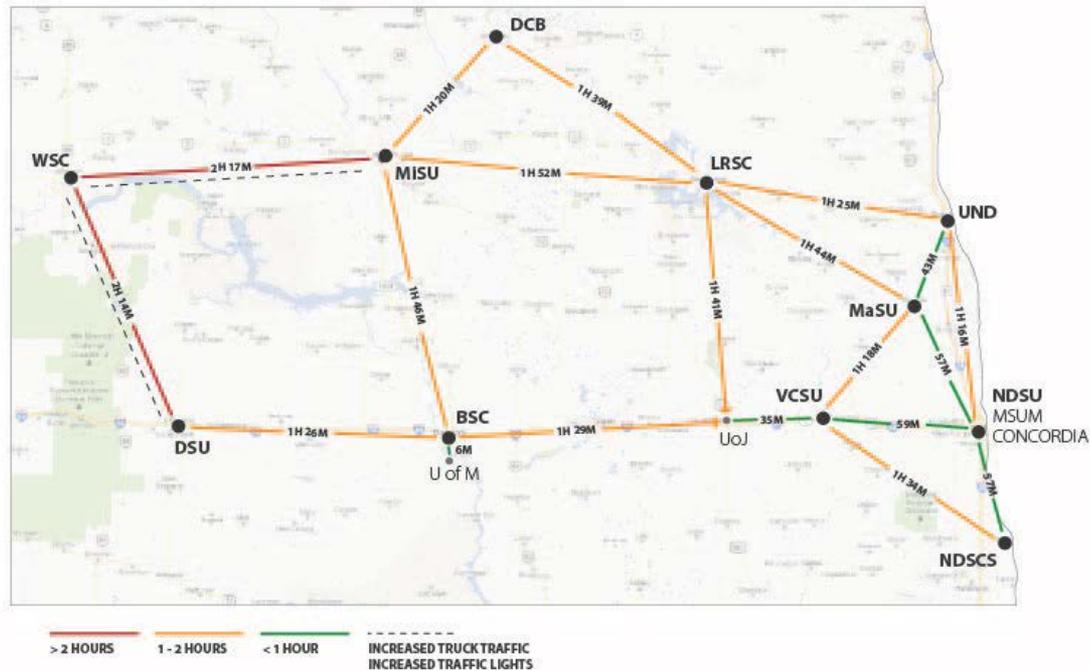
In many communities, the community college is the only game in town. The community college might provide cultural activities, athletic events, a lecture series, and access to the library for citizens.

Bailey & Kubala, 2001, p. 794



## NORTH DAKOTA HIGHER EDUCATION ACCESS

WILLISTON → FARGO 6H 4M  
WILLISTON → GRAND FORKS 5H 10M

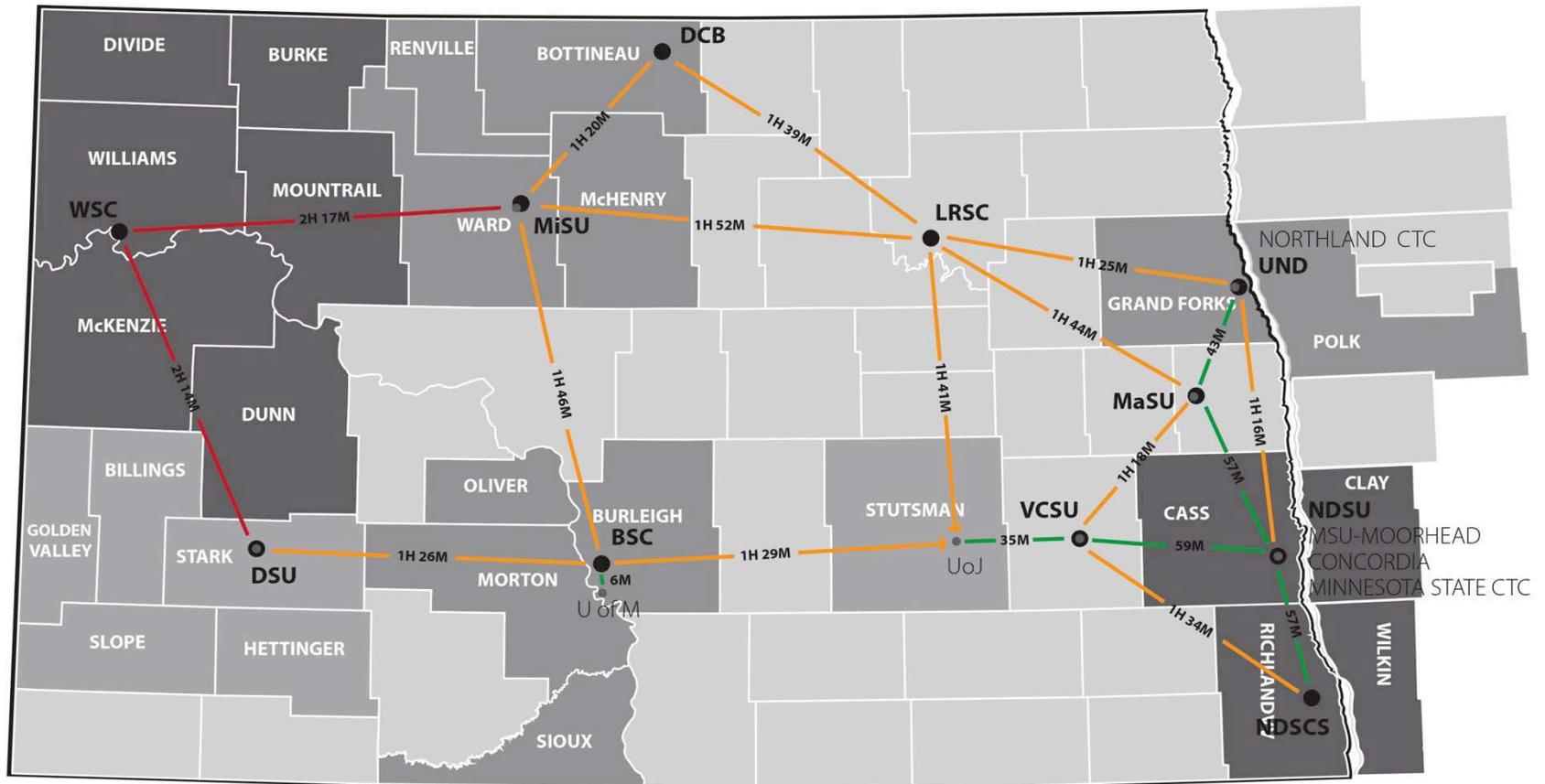


## Remote and Isolated

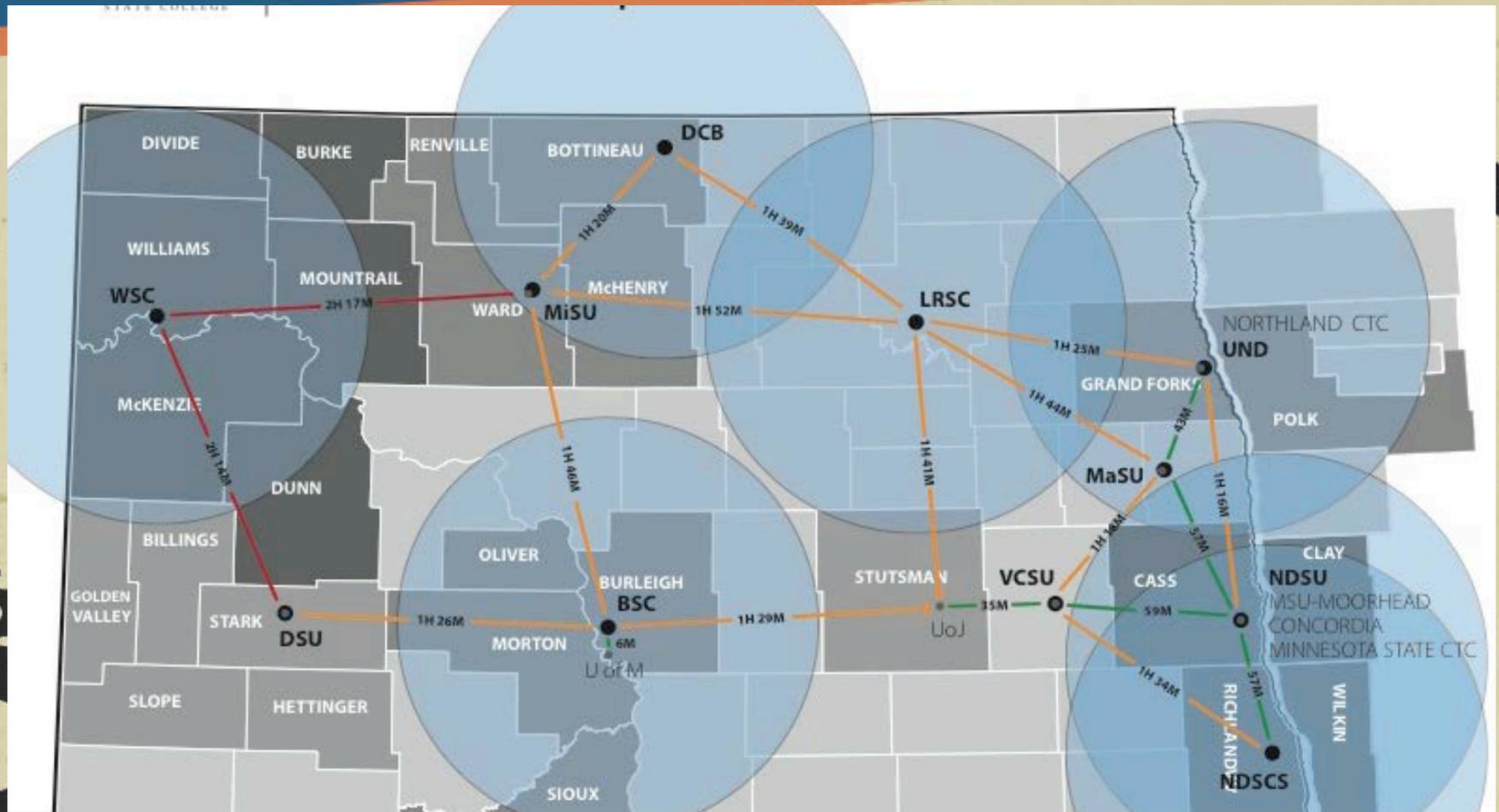
“Every community college has its own culture and serves a unique geographic area and clientele”  
(Vaughan, 2000, p. 2).

# Changing State Demographics

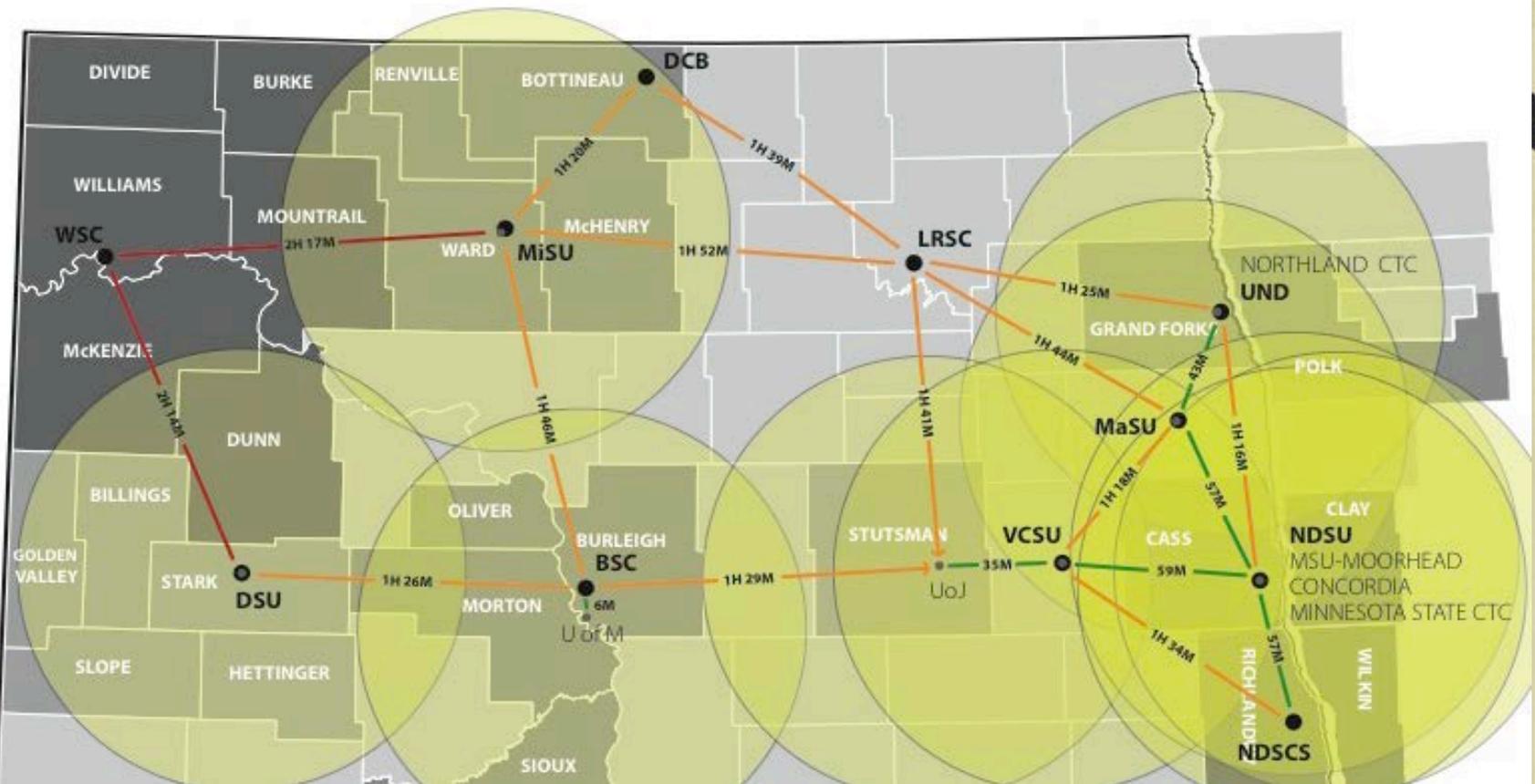
## 3 Metropolitans, 4 Micropolitans



# 60 Mile Radius – 2 Year Colleges



# Major Service Areas 4 Year Colleges



# Higher Education Access

Williston State is exploring possibility of UND presence on Campus

- History: Williston State operated as UND-Williston.
- Energy: The energy field is driving the northwest economy and UND has taken the state's leadership role in engineering.
- Health: Infrastructure needs are critical to the area especially in the areas of health services. UND has taken the state's leadership role through the school of medicine.



# Higher Education Access

- Distance Education
  - Mayville State University
    - Bachelor of Science Business Administration
    - Bachelor of Science Education-Elementary Education
    - Bachelor of Science Education-Early Childhood/Elementary Education
    - Bachelor of Arts Early Childhood/Elementary Education
    - Bachelor of Arts Early Childhood
    - Associate of Arts Early Childhood



# Multiple Missions

## Comprehensive Mission

### Education

- Transfer
- Workforce/TrainND
  - Nursing 100% Pass Rate
- Support Services  
Housing, Tutoring,  
Advising, Counseling,  
etc.
- Athletics

### Community

- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Foundation Housing –  
Critical Workers
- Parks/College Rec Center –  
Quality of Life
- Small Business  
Development Center
- Fort Berthold Nursing  
Program



# Business Collaboration

## TrainND 2015

- Contracted w/ 369 Businesses
- Trained 16,690 Employees
- 98% Satisfaction
- Training Revenue: \$3.9M
- Primary Training: Oil Field Safety
- College used 1.5 million in one time funds for building construction

## TrainND 2016

- Despite Slowdown in Economy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Results Currently at pace with 2015.
- 7.5 Million Facility Opened
  - College used \$800,000 in one-time funds for completion of parking lot.



**Questions?**

