

Minnesota Business Venture

2025 Program Recap

PROGRAM IMPACT



386
students



115
schools



170
volunteers



PROGRAM RESULTS

- ▶ 97% of students said they developed workforce readiness skills including teamwork, communication, and networking.
- ▶ 95% they feel more confident in their interviewing skills.
- ▶ Top 3 skills students said they learned while attending MBV: Communication, Teamwork, Public Speaking.

"I would recommend MBV because it opens doors for numerous opportunities and builds relationships that can last a lifetime."

- Park Center IB World School student

MBV Speaker Schedule

Session 1: June 28 - July 3; Session 2: July 18 - 23

University of St. Thomas

Dare to Dream Day

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Oie Dobier, Bloomdocking
Pauleen Le

Career Day

Developing Your Brand

Amber Holm, Winnebago Industries
Chris Damsgard, Boston Scientific

Career Skills Breakout Sessions

Wade Anderson, RBC Wealth Management
Dr. Anne Finch, SCA Surgery
Sydney Hobart, Allina
Josh Jenkins, Comcast
Mitchell LeGrand, H2O For Life
Heather Rosales, RBC Wealth Management
Joy Svoboda

Entrepreneur Day

Starting a Business

Nadia Owens, University of St. Thomas '26
Payton Maas, University of St. Thomas '26
Justina Palmer, University of St. Thomas '26

Business Plan Breakout Sessions

Katie Brokaw Palalay, Ecolab
Preenon Huq, Metro Transit
Neil Manthe, Cetera Advisor Networks
Sydney Rohrer, Deloitte

Financial Freedom Day

Money and Values

Echo Huang, Echo Wealth Management
Roya Moltaji, Roya LLC

Philanthropy Breakout Sessions

Lataya Allseits, U.S. Bank
Alyssa Banks, General Mills
Katie Clark Sieben, Cargill
Michelle Diggs, 3M
Sam Holsen, Xcel Energy
Kate Mayer, Securian
Jeff Payne, Huntington
Kenna Poppler, Allianz
Kirsten Sersland, Marathon Petroleum

Financial Literacy Breakout Sessions

Matt Adey, Morgan Stanley
Chase Brakke, North Star Resource Group
Amanda Charles, Moxie Wealth
Ann Erickson, Froehling Anderson
Tina Jones, Blaze Credit Union
Becky Ortell, Medtronic
Jodi Slais, Wings Financial
Mainhia Yang, ECMC
Tony Yang, Blaze Credit Union

Empowerment Day

Presentation Tips

Eric Forstrom, Wells Fargo

Dreams to Action

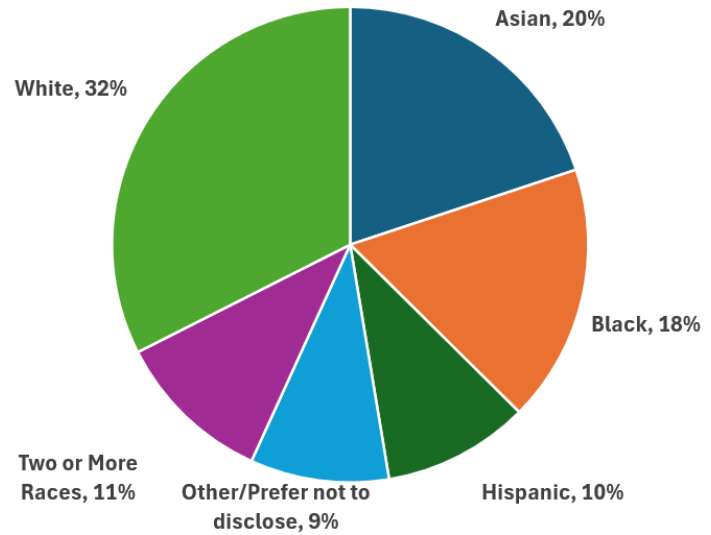
Shaunie Grigsby, Flava Cafe
Bella Lam, Coconut Whisk

"This week I learned so much it's hard to process it all. I became a leader in ways I haven't had the opportunity to. I met people who I really value. Most importantly I feel more prepared to join the world in a job whether that be now or later in my future."

- Mayer Lutheran High School student



2025 MBV Demographics



47%

of MBV students qualify for
free or reduced lunch at school

Highlights from 2025

- Seventh highest student enrollment in the camp's 44-year history.
- A new student leadership role came available, Operations Associates, who helped facilitate the camp's activities.
- Built and strengthened new relationships to fill the Resident Business Leader roles, notably with Minnwest Bank bringing in 3 RBLs in their first year.
- New partnerships developed with the Girl Scouts Leadership Institute and Metro State's TRIO program to bring in campers.





"MBV is only 5 days, but teaches you lifelong tips that will help you for the rest of your life from budgeting, to investing, to paying for college."

- Cristo Rey Jesuit High School student

2025 Participating Schools

Academy of Holy Angels, Richfield
Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington, MD
Andover High School
Apollo High School, St. Cloud
Apple Valley Senior High
Austin Public School District
Benilde-St. Margaret's School, St. Louis Park
Bethlehem Academy, Faribault
Bishop McNamara High School, Forestville
Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington, VA
Blaine High School
Blake School, Minneapolis
Bloomington Kennedy High School
Breck School, Golden Valley
Browerville High School
Burnsville High School
Calvert Hall College High School, Baltimore, MD
Cathedral High School, St. Cloud
Centennial High School, Circle Pines
Central High School, St. Paul
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Sr.
Columbia Heights High School
Community School of Excellence, St. Paul
Como Park Senior High School, St. Paul
Concordia Academy, Roseville
Cotter Schools (Jr/Sr), Winona
Cretin-Derham Hall High School, St. Paul
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Minneapolis
DeLaSalle High School, Minneapolis
Duluth East High School
Eagan High School
East Ridge High School, Woodbury
Eastview High School, Apple Valley
Eden Prairie High School
Edina Senior High
Elk River High School
Exploration High School, Minneapolis

FAIR School Downtown, Minneapolis
Foley Senior High
Forest Lake High School
Gentry Academy, St. Paul
Glenbrook North High School, Northbrook, IL
Harding Senior High School, St. Paul
Hastings High School
Hiawatha Collegiate High School, Minneapolis
Highland Park Senior High School, St. Paul
Hill-Murray School, Maplewood
Hinckley Finlayson High School
Hmong College Prep Academy, St. Paul
Holy Family Catholic High School, Victoria
Home School
Hopkins High School, Minnetonka
Humboldt High School, St. Paul
John Marshall High School, Rochester
Johnson High School, St. Paul
Lakeville North High School
Lakeville South High School
Le Sueur-Henderson High School
LEAP High School, St. Paul
Lincoln International High School, Minneapolis
Lionsgate Academy, Shoreview
Lourdes High School, Rochester
Loyola Catholic School, Mankato
Mahtomedi High School
Maple Grove High School
Math and Science Academy, Woodbury
Mayer Lutheran Christian School
Minneapolis Public Schools Online
Minnehaha Academy-Upper School, Minneapolis
Minnetonka High School
Mounds Park Academy, Maplewood
Mounds View High School, Arden Hills

North Community High School, Minneapolis
North Senior High School, Minneapolis
North St. Paul High School
Northfield Middle School
Northfield Senior High
Open World Learning Community, St. Paul
Osseo Senior High School
Paladin Career & Technical High School, Coon Rapids
Park Center IB World School, Brooklyn Park
Park High School, Cottage Grove
Prior Lake High School, Savage
Providence Academy, Plymouth
Robbinsdale Armstrong High School, Plymouth
Robbinsdale Cooper High School, New Hope
Roseville Area High School
Shakopee Senior High School
Simley Senior High School, Inver Grove Heights
Southwest High School, Minneapolis
Spring Lake Park High School
St. Anthony Middle School
St. John's Preparatory School, Collegeville
St. Louis Park High School
St. Thomas Academy, St. Paul
STEP Academy Charter School, St. Paul
Tartan High School, Oakdale
Totino-Grace High School, Fridley
Two Rivers High School, West St. Paul
Venture Academy, Minneapolis
Visitation School, Mendota Heights
Washburn High School, Minneapolis
Washington Tech Magnet School, St. Paul
Wayzata High School, Plymouth
White Bear Lake Area High School North Campus
Willmar High School
Winona Senior High School
Woodbury High School

Resident Business Leaders

Rick Anderson, Osaic
Eric Baehman, Minnwest Bank
Carly Baker, Wells Fargo
Oie Dobier, Bloomdocking
Joe Dragonjac, HB Fuller
Heather Duppong, Travelers
Allison Fisher, HB Fuller
Bobby Fruhstruck, Ecolab
Christopher Gerhardson, Ecolab
Natalie Gjermo, HB Fuller

Kim Graff, BestPrep
Jared Little, Wings Financial
Kelli Martin, Thrivent
Diane Matson, Minnwest Bank
Tim Mercil, Medtronic
Lizabeth Nyoike, Page Education Foundation
Janae Olinger, BestPrep
Emily Ollig, Ecolab
Caleb Potratz, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Thor Riemer, Minnwest Bank

Phoebe Rodda, Ecolab
Sydney Rohrer, Deloitte
Tanya Schmitt, Ecolab
Ananya Sharma, Page Scholar
Tom Stutler, Travelers
Veronica Tan, Page Scholar
Susan Thompson, Optum
Andrew VanOvermeiren, Travelers
Joyal Varghese, Travelers
Tongmee Xiong, Medtronic

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