



Mayville State University
Land Acknowledgement Statement

Mayville State University, a land grant institution created in 1889, collectively acknowledges that the region we occupy rests upon the ancestral, traditional, and current lands of Indigenous groups of the Dakota, Ojibwe, and Metis. We pledge to build our relations with the contemporary First Nations of North Dakota including the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation; Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation; Spirit Lake Nation; Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, as well as neighboring tribes.

Mayville State University advocates for the healing of the historical trauma endured by the descendants of those who were forcibly removed from their homelands. We recognize and support the sovereignty of tribal nations and for Indigenous communities.

Mayville State University strives toward an emerging future of friendship, collaboration, and progress.

Brian Van Horn

Dr. Brian Van Horn, President

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Purpose

It is important to understand the history that has brought people to the land on which they reside. A Land Acknowledgement Statement seeks to show respect, recognition, and gratitude to Indigenous Peoples who call the land home.

Use

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