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As I reflect on the past year with the Mitchell Technical College Foundation, I continue to be inspired by the generosity and partnership that make our work possible. Every scholarship awarded, every program supported, and every opportunity created is a direct result of alumni, donors, industry partners, and friends who believe in the future of Mitchell Tech students.

This year brought exciting momentum for the Foundation. Through the incredible support of our community, we reached our \$50,000 fundraising goal during our annual cornhole tournament, helping continue the impact of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship for incoming students. We also celebrated the establishment of new scholarships and endowments that will create lasting opportunities for future generations of Mitchell Tech students.

Our partnerships with industry and community supporters remain at the heart of our mission. These relationships help provide scholarships, equipment, learning resources, and real-world experiences that strengthen both our students and our programs. Together, we are investing not only in education, but in workforce development and the communities our graduates will serve.

I am inspired by the generosity, encouragement, and belief our supporters show toward Mitchell Tech students. This support strengthens opportunities which allow our graduates to build careers, support families, strengthen communities, and pursue brighter futures.

Thank you for being part of the Mitchell Tech Foundation community and for helping us continue to grow, innovate, and create opportunities for the next generation. We look forward to all that lies ahead and invite you to visit campus to see the exciting progress taking place across Mitchell Tech's campus. Please feel free to reach out if you would like to schedule a visit or learn more about the exciting initiatives and opportunities we are continuing to expand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heather Kulm'.

Heather Kulm
Director of Foundation Relations

*It is the **mission** of Mitchell Technical College
to provide skills for **success** in technical careers.*

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@Tech is published annually for alumni, partners, and friends of Mitchell Technical College. Through stories of student success, alumni achievements, and campus growth, @Tech highlights the people and programs shaping the future of Mitchell Tech.

The publication reflects the ongoing partnership between the Mitchell Technical College Alumni Association and Foundation in supporting students, strengthening programs, and advancing opportunities through scholarships, industry partnerships, and campus innovation.

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Students gather in the student lounge at Mitchell Technical College, a space designed for connection, collaboration, and community between classes. From hands-on labs to student life spaces across campus, Mitchell Tech continues to create an environment where students can learn, grow, and build lasting friendships.



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Presidential Updates



As I reflect on my first year as President of Mitchell Technical College, I am filled with gratitude and pride for the remarkable accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and college. These achievements continue to demonstrate why Mitchell Tech is such a special place and how we live out our mission every day.

Mitchell Tech began the academic year with record enrollment, which is a powerful testament to the strength and reputation of the College. Across the country, technical education continues to gain momentum as students and families recognize the value of hands-on learning, industry-aligned training, and the career readiness of our graduates.

National recognition further affirmed our momentum. Mitchell Technical College was ranked #1 in South Dakota and #9 nationally in SmartAsset's analysis of the Best Community Colleges in America. WalletHub's 2025 Best & Worst Community Colleges report also ranked Mitchell Tech #1 in South Dakota and #13 nationally. These recognitions, based on national and state reporting data, affirm the outstanding outcomes our students achieve and the confidence employers and families place in our institution.

This spring, we celebrated the graduation of 563 students, many of whom entered the workforce with employment already secured. Our graduates continue to strengthen industries and communities throughout the region and beyond. Employer confidence in our graduates remains exceptionally strong, with 93% of employers and industry partners indicating they would recommend Mitchell Tech without hesitation.

Campus growth and innovation continue to create exciting opportunities for students. This fall, Mitchell Tech will celebrate the opening of the new Touchstone Energy Utilities Lab, which will expand hands-on training opportunities in underground utility infrastructure across our energy-related programs. In addition, we will celebrate the remodel of the Muth Technology Center Amphitheater, another exciting enhancement to campus that supports student engagement and community connection. These projects reflect the continued support for program expansion and the student campus experience.

Looking ahead, Mitchell Tech remains committed to workforce development and to exploring opportunities for new and enhanced programs that meet the evolving needs of industry. While emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence will continue to shape the workforce, the demand for technically skilled professionals with hands-on expertise will remain strong. Mitchell Tech is embracing these changes and preparing graduates to meet future challenges with confidence, adaptability, and technical excellence.

Thank you for your continued support of Mitchell Technical College and for the role you play in helping our students and college thrive.

Looking to the future,

Theresa Kriese

Theresa Kriese
President, Mitchell Technical College



Mitchell Tech's new underground utilities training facility is expanding hands-on learning opportunities for students preparing for careers in the utility industry. Recently named the Touchstone Energy Utilities Lab in recognition of a significant gift from Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and its utility partners, the facility provides real-world experience in installing, maintaining, and troubleshooting underground utility systems in an environment that mirrors the field.

Once complete, the project will add 48,000 square feet of instructional space, benefiting all four Energy Division programs—Power Line Construction & Maintenance, Electrical Construction & Maintenance, Utilities & Substation Technology, and Wind Turbine Technology—while supporting enrollment growth and workforce development.

From First Student to Industry Leader:

Gil Dummer's SCADA Journey

Gil Dummer was one of the first students to earn an associate's degree from Mitchell Tech's Automation Controls/SCADA (Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition) program, graduating with the class of 2002.

"My older brother graduated from Mitchell Tech so I decided to check it out. While I was there, an instructor told me about the new SCADA program starting that fall," he explains. "I was into electronics, so it sounded like a great path for me."

Dummer joined the inaugural cohort, learning alongside classmates such as current SCADA instructor Josh Renken and guided by Tony Russell, the program's instructor, now retired.

"My classmates were smart and we helped each other through the program," he says. "I remain in contact with many of them today."

Over the past two decades, Dummer has applied his technical training across a wide range of industries, from security systems and ethanol production to climate control and food technology.

"Mitchell Tech did a great job demonstrating what the industry had to offer and preparing me with the foundation to

be successful in my career," he says. "This is a high demand field and there is no limit to what you can do with this degree."

Today, Dummer serves as the Technology Leader at Empirical Foods in Dakota Dunes, where he integrates emerging technologies to improve efficiency, productivity, and advanced standards across the company.

"I am able to work with leading manufacturers and companies from all over the world to bring the highest levels of automation available to Empirical Foods," he says. "It's a position that keeps me on top of developing technology and allows me to travel and network with industry leaders."

His industry insight also strengthens Mitchell Tech's SCADA program. As a member of the SCADA Advisory Board, Dummer helps evaluate curriculum, shape program development, and ensure graduates are prepared for the rapidly evolving automation field.

"I also help recruit MTC grads for Empirical Foods," he says. "We offer four full-ride scholarships each year to Mitchell Tech students who want to work with us after graduation. We know we are getting people who are knowledgeable and prepared. It's a great program and I'm glad to be a graduate."



You can help Mitchell Tech students discover their *potential.*

At Mitchell Technical College, students discover more than a career path. They discover their potential. With hands-on training, supportive faculty and programs built around real-world needs, Mitchell Tech alumni go on to build meaningful careers and fulfilling lives. Whether on campus or online, students gain the confidence and skills to be the best in industries that keep South Dakota and the nation moving forward.

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GRADS



Ashley Weber earned her LPN diploma in 2021 and will graduate with an associate's degree from the LPN to RN program in August 2026.

Ashley Weber '21

Ashley graduated from Freeman High School in 2018. After a semester at a four-year university, she enrolled in the Medical Office Professional program at Mitchell Tech. She began working at a local medical clinic and realized she wanted to pursue a career in nursing. With the support of her husband (also a Mitchell Tech grad) and her family, she earned her licensed practical nursing diploma and is thriving in her career.

Ashley knew a bigger university wasn't the right fit and wanted a quality education close to home. Mitchell Tech's program offered a 100% job placement rate and had a schedule that allowed her to continue working while in school. She chose to pursue her LPN to RN degree at Mitchell Tech with the assistance of a full-ride Build Dakota scholarship.

Being able to participate in extracurricular activities alongside campus and community events made Ashley feel involved and engaged while earning her LPN. During both her classroom and online experiences, she enjoyed learning from skilled instructors and being part of a close-knit cohort of nursing students.

After graduating with her LPN degree, Ashley served on the orthopedic/trauma floor of Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls for 2.5 years. She gained valuable experience but decided to pursue a job closer to home, taking a position at the Rural Medical Clinic in Freeman, SD. She eventually moved from the clinic into the Freeman Regional Health Services where she works in the emergency room and inpatient care.

Being able to help and serve people in her hometown is important to Ashley. "I know ninety percent of the people we see," she says, "and it just feels good to know I can support them in their hard times and hopefully help them reach their goals and return home."

Ashley plans to remain in healthcare and is looking forward to utilizing her RN degree.

ON THE GO



Trevor Ryan graduated with a Wi-Fi & Broadband Technologies degree in May 2019.

Trevor Ryan '19

Trevor grew up in Highmore, South Dakota, and graduated with a small class of eighteen students. While in high school, he interned at Venture Communications in Highmore and became interested in the telecommunications industry.

Trevor knew he wanted to live and work in South Dakota and enrolled in Mitchell Tech's Wi-Fi and Broadband Technologies program with the help of a Build Dakota scholarship. He was drawn to the college's small class sizes and more personal experience.

Having a tight-knit class and building lasting friendships with his MTC classmates made his time in college memorable and fun. Trevor enjoyed all of the activities available for students on campus, from dodgeball to movie nights. He also notes the food on campus is incredible. "My friends and I rarely missed a lunch," he says.

While at Mitchell Tech, Trevor gained hands-on experience working for Mitchell Telecom and was hired full time after graduation as an installation and repair technician. He enjoyed the work, the people and the chance to build real-world skills. About a year later, an installation and repair technician position opened at Venture Communications in Highmore, and he jumped at the opportunity to return to his hometown. He later advanced into a central office technician role, where he continues to thrive in a career he loves.

Trevor enjoys working in the town where he grew up, providing a needed service to people he has known his whole life. "This industry is constantly changing," he says, "so my goals are to just keep learning and advancing my skills every day."



Lacey Westphal graduated with an associate's degree in Human Services, now renamed to Social Services, in 2025.

Lacey Westphal '25

Born into a farm and ranch family in Leola, South Dakota, Lacey assumed she would pursue a career in agriculture. That all changed after taking psychology and sociology classes in high school, sparking an interest in the field of human services. Her passion for helping others led her to pursue a degree in social services.

After investigating options at four-year universities, Lacey decided to tour Mitchell Tech. The college offered everything she wanted in a two-year program, and she felt the location, price, and program were the right fit for her.

Lacey especially appreciated all the hands-on opportunities at Mitchell Tech, including community service projects at places like 401 Create/LifeQuest in Mitchell. She also enjoyed participating on Mitchell Tech's rodeo team and being part of a small, engaging college community.

After graduation, Lacey began serving as a mental health associate for adolescents at the Human Services Center in Yankton and is still enjoying that role. Making an impact and helping young people navigate mental health issues makes every day worthwhile.

"I initially thought I didn't want to work with teenagers," she says, "but while earning my degree, I gained a new perspective. This is where I want to focus my work."

Lacey would eventually like to work for Child Protection Services, which will require a return to college for a bachelor's degree.

Graduates Guiding the Next Generation

Alumni Bring Experience, Relevance, and Knowledge

At Mitchell Technical College, many of our employees share a common starting point—they began here as students. Drawn back by the positive experiences they had on campus, these alumni choose to build their careers at Mitchell Tech, bringing with them a deep appreciation for the college's culture, mission, and opportunities. Their journeys from student to staff reflect the lasting impact of a Mitchell Tech education.

Today, alumni serve across campus in administration, admissions, career services, instructional roles and more, bringing both professional expertise and a deep personal connection to the institution.

Approximately half of Mitchell Tech's instructors are former students, while others fill key roles that help shape the student journey. Tessa Hohn, a 2023 Animal Science graduate and current admissions representative, says returning to campus felt like a natural fit.

"Working in admissions, I have the opportunity to help students who may be feeling unsure, just like I once did. I really connect with students who are exploring different paths or considering a transfer to MTC, because I've been in their shoes. It truly feels like this role is where I'm meant to be."

Currently, thirty-five alumni instructors are teaching in the very programs that launched their careers. Their industry experience and firsthand understanding of Mitchell Tech's standards create a powerful learning environment for today's students.

"The influence my instructors had during my time on campus stayed with me long after I graduated. In fact, eight years later, their encouragement still carried enough weight to inspire me to return and pursue a teaching position here,"

says Jordan Von Eye, a 2015 MTC graduate who is now an Accounting and Business Management instructor.

Alumni instructors also strengthen student confidence by modeling what success looks like.

"Being an alum allows me to create a stronger connection with students. They see that I was once in their position and that success is absolutely possible," explains Ashley Alarcon, a 2016 MTC graduate now teaching Radiologic Technology. "I also understand the reality of balancing school, work, family and a personal life. I went through the program while raising two daughters, so I know the importance of time management and support systems."

For many alumni, the call to return is rooted in a desire to shape the next generation of professionals. Their industry experience becomes a valuable teaching tool that goes far beyond traditional learning.

"Teaching from a curriculum and textbook can only take you so far. Real-world experience will season you as an electrician," says Brandon Puetz, a 2005 graduate now instructing in the Electrical Construction and Maintenance program. "Bringing years of knowledge into the classroom gives my students a jumpstart on their careers. I can give them a true idea of what to expect and how to succeed."

Mitchell Tech's strong reputation across industries—from healthcare to manufacturing—reflects the quality of its graduates and the staff who prepare them. Employers consistently seek out MTC students, many of whom secure jobs before graduation. That success is due in no small part to the alumni who return as teachers, mentors, role models, and dedicated professionals.

"I love going to graduation in May and watching students cross the stage, as I know so many of them. It's fun seeing our students learn, grow, and mature, knowing they'll go out into the world to make a difference."

Julie Gross '20

General Education Coordinator & English Instructor



Alumni Employees

Ashley Alarcan
Brandon Andersen
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Chandler Baumgart
Matt Bilben
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Shelly Colwell
Austin Crilly
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Doug Fuerst
Julie Gross
Nicole Grasz
Rayne Guindon
Layne Hantke
John Henkel
Tessa Hahn
Robin Jacobsen
Natasha Jennings
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Paula Schmidt
John Schumacher
Anthony Shelburg
Lon TeKrony
Hillary Vining
Jason Van Eye
Jordan Van Eye
Shirlyce Weisser
Barbara Wright

Not all alumni employees and staff are pictured.

“The saying ‘If you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life’ holds true and is proven more each day I work at MTC. I liked my past jobs in the diesel power industry, but Mitchell Tech is the place that feels like home. The place I was meant to be.”

Noah Munsen ‘16
Diesel Power Technology Program Coordinator & Instructor

Precision Ag Technology Grad Enjoys *Success* as Business Takes Flight

Aaron Sundquist is not one to sit back and wait for doors to open. The ambitious entrepreneur launched his own business before graduating from Mitchell Tech in 2023, taking out a loan in order to buy a large spray drone and a truck. He built a trailer to haul his equipment and started making calls to farmers and ranchers he knew around his hometown of Gregory, South Dakota.

“The first year was hard,” he admits. “Some people were skeptical about the drone, but after they saw the benefits of precise drone mapping and the easier convenience of aerial application, things changed. I was able to build my business mostly through word-of-mouth.”

Sundquist chose Mitchell Tech’s Precision Ag Technology program after years of working on farms and ranches across rural South Dakota. He recognized a gap in services, especially West River, and saw the potential for drone technology to fill it.

“The area needed someone to step into that role,” he explains. “I’d worked with some really intelligent people who encouraged me to pursue this degree. I already had an interest in drones and my family supported me.”

After high school, Sundquist joined the South Dakota Air National Guard and began classes at SDSU following basic training in December 2021. But the experience wasn’t what he hoped for.

“Attending SDSU during Covid was not for me, and I didn’t enjoy having to take all the general education courses before getting to the stuff that interests me,” he said. “I left SDSU and enrolled in the two-year program at MTC. It was the best decision for me.”

Sundquist graduated from Mitchell Tech’s Precision Ag Technology program in 2023 and continued building on his education by completing the Entrepreneurship program in 2024, strengthening the business skills that supported the



growth of his company.

Since founding AccurAg Solutions in 2023, Sundquist has expanded rapidly, acquiring more equipment, becoming a Pioneer Dealer, and offering seed and chemical products and both aerial and ground applications. He now owns two drone set-ups and a John Deere sprayer. In 2025, he built a shop on the eastern edge of Gregory.

“It really helps having a physical location,” he says. “I never imagined my business would take me where it has, but I am always ready for the next opportunity. Being an entrepreneur is a little terrifying, but I love the freedom of carving my own path.”

While at Mitchell Tech, Sundquist was greatly influenced by Devon Russell, instructor and program coordinator for MTC’s Precision Ag and Drone Aviation & Geospatial Technologies programs. The two remain close friends and collaborators on research projects and mentoring students. In addition to operating his own business, Sundquist now serves as a part-time instructor at MTC and is the project coordinator for the USDA On Farm Precision Experimentation (OFPE) initiative through the Data Intensive Farm Management (DIFM) program. The national research platform involves five community colleges committed to advanced precision ag curriculum, including Mitchell Technical College.

“I enjoy what I do. I get to travel occasionally with the OFPE program and network with other people who are doing amazing things in this industry,” he says. “I’m still learning and training myself every day, so the more I can soak in, the better.” Sundquist hired a Mitchell Tech graduate to fill a full-time position in May and hopes to continue expanding his team.

“I want to hire the right people, expand my business the right way,” he says. “For now, I’m really happy with where things have gone.”



Impact at a Glance

> **320**
scholarships awarded
in the 2025-2026
academic year, totaling
nearly \$270,000

> **99%**
job placement rate
within 6 months
after graduation

> **436**
donors who gave \$1,000
or more to Mitchell Tech

> **84%**
of recently employed
graduates stay
in South Dakota,
strengthening our
local communities
and economy

> **408**
businesses that have
partnered to supply
student resources

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SLPA Grad Becomes a District *Trailblazer*

Before Michelle Hernandez began working at a child development center at Ellsworth Airforce Base, she had never heard of speech pathology. But as she observed children receiving professional help for various speech and language challenges, she realized this was the career path she wanted to pursue.

The Victorville, California, native was living in Rapid City where her husband, Steven, served with the United States Air Force. She began researching the field and discovered she could obtain an associate's degree as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) through Mitchell Tech's fully online program.

She enrolled in 2019. In 2020, her family was reassigned to Las Vegas.

"Fortunately, I could take the online courses from anywhere," she says. "The format was organized by weeks and was very flexible. I got to know my cohort and my instructors very well, even though I never stepped foot on campus."

Hernandez graduated with her associate's degree in 2022. Soon after, another military relocation took her family to Ridgecrest, California, where the school system created a

position specifically to utilize her SLPA training.

"When I applied, they told me to start as a speech paraeducator, because a SLPA position didn't exist at Sierra Sands USD," she said. "I got my foot in the door and eventually became the first SLPA in the district."

During her time at the school, Hernandez was instrumental in researching cost-effective communication supports for non-verbal students. She identified durable vinyl Core Communication Boards, presented the benefits to the school's parent-teacher organization, and received funding for installing the boards at the school. Today, the boards provide a reliable way for students to express immediate needs.

"My degree feels like much more than an associate's degree" she explains. "The amount we had to learn and the depth of the material gave me the confidence to step into this role and make a difference."

Her greatest career reward comes from connecting with students, many of them non-speaking.

"When something clicks, the kids get excited and I am reminded exactly why I became a SLPA."





Wind Turbine Technology Degree Fills Life with Energy and Purpose

Cameron Sides was studying computer science at University of South Dakota when he “caught wind” of a life-changing opportunity. A friend mentioned Mitchell Tech’s Wind Turbine Technology program and the Build Dakota full ride scholarship—and something just clicked.

“It sounded really good, so I applied, got the scholarship and enrolled,” he says. “Looking back, I can’t imagine working at a desk job.”

The Huron native graduated from Mitchell Tech in 2018 and began his career with Renew Energy Maintenance of Sioux Falls (now TAKKION), repairing and maintaining major wind turbine components across the region. For four years, he traveled extensively, gaining hands-on experience with some of the most complex systems in the industry.

Eventually, Sides felt the pull to be home more often.

“I wanted to be around for my family and not travel so much,” he explains. “We bought a house in Mitchell, and we’re really happy here. I love working with wind

technology and electricity, being outside. I wouldn’t trade that for anything.”

He accepted a position as a wind technician with Basin Electric, where he now applies the full range of skills he developed at Mitchell Tech.

While at MTC, Sides found community in small class sizes, close knit friendships and instructors who know their students well.

“I learned everything I needed to have a solid foundation in wind turbine technology,” he says. “From maintenance to installation to tower rescues, we covered it all. I use that knowledge every day.”

One of his greatest rewards is hearing a turbine hum to life after a repair or installation.

“It’s so satisfying to power up something that massive,” he says. “That sound never gets old.”

When he’s not working, Sides spends time with his wife Patricia and their children, Raiden and Raelynn. The family loves trips to the Black

Hills and camping at Hart Ranch, a relaxing balance for a busy, hands-on career.

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Cornhole Fundraiser



The Mitchell Tech Foundation's annual cornhole tournament once again brought together alumni, industry partners, and community members for an evening of friendly competition and meaningful impact.

This year's event welcomed 45 participating cornhole teams and many more spectators, all coming together in support of Mitchell Tech students.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, and players, the tournament raised over \$50,000—funds that will directly support student scholarships. That impact goes far beyond the day of the event. The dollars raised have the potential to support 100 students, helping reduce financial barriers and opening doors to high-demand careers across South Dakota and beyond.

Events like the cornhole tournament are a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community rallies behind a shared purpose. From the competition on the boards to the conversations happening off them, every moment contributed to something bigger—investing in the future workforce.

Donors Recognized

The 18th annual MTC Foundation Donor Appreciation Reception was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025. The tradition of the annual event is to express gratitude and recognize the generosity of individuals, families, and businesses who have made donations to Mitchell Technical College throughout the past year.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of special awards to select donors. These awards serve as a token of appreciation for their generous contributions to MTC. The recognition ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate the collective efforts of the MTC community in supporting the college's mission and vision.

This year's honorees were:

Individual Donor Award - Women in Blue Jeans

Corporate Donor Award - Solventum

Volunteerism & Service Award - Sheryl Plagmann

Industry of the Year Award - Touchstone Energy Cooperatives



Touchstone Energy Cooperatives showcased Mitchell Tech's "Industry of the Year" award at the East River Electric all-employee meeting. Over 50 Mitchell Tech graduates work at East River and were represented in the photo.

Scholarship Luncheons

The Mitchell Tech Scholarship Luncheons are special events organized by the Mitchell Tech Foundation to facilitate connections between scholarship donors and recipients. The events recognized more than 40 scholarship recipients and their associated donors, providing a meaningful opportunity for connection, appreciation, and shared stories. Students were able to personally thank those who have invested in their futures, while donors gained insight into the impact of their support.

Building a Legacy of Success

One Scholarship at a Time

Establishing a scholarship is a powerful way to make a difference in the lives of Mitchell Tech students and surrounding communities. Scholarships open doors to opportunities that can shape the trajectory of a student's future, offering the chance to pursue their passions and achieve their goals.

The support and collaboration efforts of alumni, donors, and industry partners amplify the impact of scholarships, ensuring that even more students have the resources they need.

Join us in making a lasting impact and helping build a legacy of success.



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FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

The Mitchell Tech Foundation was established in 1999 by board members Chris Paustian, Gopal Vyas, Pat Clark, Keith Bartels, Ed Olson, Bob Mueller, and Greg Kohlenberg. The Foundation serves as the fundraising arm for Mitchell Tech and is dedicated to four key areas of support:

- + Building Scholarships*
- + Building Endowments*
- + Building Programs*
- + Building Relationships*

Foundation board members include MTC alumni and business leaders in various industries. Members meet four times per year to help advise Mitchell Tech on the four pillars. Current MTC Foundation board members include:

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