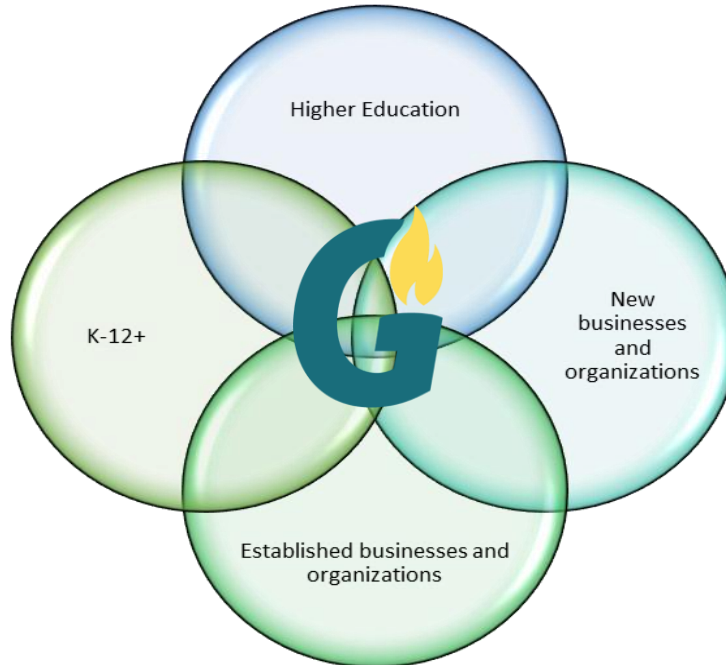




## ***Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges***



Our mission is: **GRAUC will meet the workforce needs of our region.**

To achieve this GRAUC:

- **ADVOCATES** for quality post-secondary educational programs and outcomes.
- **PROMOTES** post-secondary educational opportunities for students to best serve business, education and the region.
- **CONNECTS** post-secondary education with business and industry to further their mutual success.

The GRAUC executive director, executive assistant, and board work directly with Rochester area employers and education providers to promote programs that prepare and educate Southeastern Minnesota's current and future workforce. GRAUC links K-12 and Post-secondary education, regional employers, organizations that support business and the workforce, and elected officials. Six times each year, these GRAUC partners meet to discuss workforce needs, education and training options, and legislative and workforce trends. GRAUC supported and/or spearheaded several initiatives to promote educational and employment success for SE Minnesota students and workers. Examples of GRAUC's activities include:

- *GRAUC Simulation Collaborative*—The goal of the Collaborative is to enhance and expand the Rochester area healthcare workforce by providing access to relevant, effective, and flexible simulation resources for workers and students. Collaborative membership includes representatives from Winona State University, Rochester Community and Technical College, University of MN-Rochester, Saint Mary's University, Luther College, Southeast Service Coop, Mayo Clinic, Olmsted Medical Center, Destination Medical Center, HGA Architects, HealthForce MN Center of Excellence, and GRAUC.

- *Future Ready-- Career and Technical Education*--The Executive Director worked with Southeast Service Coop and a variety of education providers on the Future Ready Career and Technical Education project
- *Workforce Innovators Award*--The Executive Director revised the Workforce Innovators Award application to emphasize collaborations and to encourage programming to assist underrepresented and minority students/workers. The grant maximum was also increased to \$3,000.

<p><b>GRAUC &amp; Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connections to area k-12 &amp; post-secondary education providers</li> <li>• Updates on employment trends &amp; innovations</li> <li>• Sharing priorities for preparation of future employees &amp; continuing training of current employees</li> </ul>
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**GRAUC Partners include representatives from the following:**

- **Post-secondary Education**  
Riverland Community College, Rochester Community and Technical College, Saint Mary’s University, University of Minnesota—Rochester, Winona State University, Luther College
- **K-12 education**  
Kasson Mantorville Public Schools, Rochester Public Schools, Southeast Service Cooperative
- **Business/Employment**  
Benike Construction, Clements Chevrolet, Construction Partnership, Inc., F & M Community Bank, HGA Architects, Hormel Institute, IBM, Mayo Clinic, Merchants Bank, Olmsted Medical Center, RAEDI, Rochester Area Builders, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Development, Inc., Think Bank
- **Rochester Area Legislators:** Rep. Liz Bolden, Sen. Carla Nelson, Rep. Nels Pierson, Rep. Duane Quam, Sen. Dave Senjem
- **Individual Members**

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**GRAUC Partnership Council Member Responsibilities**

**GRAUC Partnership Council members will:**

- Connect public and private post-secondary education providers to regional workforce skill gap needs with active involvement in relevant community initiatives like DMC & Cradle to Career
- Fulfill the role of advocate, promoter, and connector for K-12 and post-secondary education
- Participate in strategic planning activities when invited
- Support committee functions

Membership is open to organizations and individuals as per the established fee structure. Each membership can provide up to three Partnership Council representatives. Each membership is entitled to one vote each for directors and officers.

**Partnership Council 2022-23 Meeting Schedule**

(Meetings will be held from 7-8:30 a.m.)

September 23, 2022

November 18, 2022

January 27, 2023

March 24, 2023

May (TBD)

June Annual Breakfast (TBD)

**Partnership Council Membership Application**

**GRAUC Partnership Council Membership Fees**

Mega Organizations (>10,000 Employees) = \$10,000

Large Organizations (1001-10,000 Employees) = \$2,500

Medium Organizations (51-1000 Employees) = \$1,250

Small Organizations (50 or Fewer Employees) = \$500

Individual Memberships = \$100

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Partnership Council Representatives (Maximum of Three):

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Email completed membership application to Mona Permann at [mona.permann@rctc.edu](mailto:mona.permann@rctc.edu) or complete e-application at [www.grauc.org](http://www.grauc.org)