

FACT SHEET



- South Dakota's statewide high school graduation rate is 89%.
- Statistics show that adults with no high school diploma will earn less and have a higher rate of unemployment than their counterparts with a diploma.
- Young adults with a bachelor's degree earned 114% more than those without a high school diploma.
- The Sioux Empire United Way developed USucceed in partnership with Lutheran Social Services.
- USucceed matches at-risk high school freshman with a volunteer mentor for the four years of high school.
- The Sister Sheila USucceed Scholarship at University Center is funded by a \$200,000 endowment from Avera McKennan Hospital and University Health Center.
- Sister Sheila Schnell is a Presentation Sister who ministers to the Latino population in Sioux Falls at Caminando Juntos.
- USucceed University seeks to provide higher education information and assistance to students and mentors during the high school years. This may include workshops on topics such as financial aid, academic planning, and applying to colleges.
 - All local post-secondary institutions are invited to participate.
 - Augustana College, Killian Community College, Southeast Technical Institute, University Center, and the University of Sioux Falls have all signed on to the project to date.