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The Blue Knights Athletics program at Dakota County Technical College received the Innovative Student Affairs Program Award from Minnesota State Academic and Student Affairs. The award recognizes innovative programs that use new ideas, methods, or techniques that result in improved educational or developmental activities, services, or management for a college or university community.

These programs or activities must have been in operation for at least two years. The following criteria were used to evaluate nominations:

- Demonstrate financial creativity or cost effectiveness
- Encourage diverse and/or multiple subgroups to participate
- Be adaptable to other institutions
- Address a demonstrable need on campus
- Contain an evaluation component
- Involve collaboration with other college or university departments
- Enhance student learning or development

“I am so proud of the Blue Knights Athletics program and the campus community,” said Marki Struensee, the college’s athletic coordinator. Marki also serves as an academic and financial advisor as well as an Individualized Studies and athlete advisor. “A special shout out to our student-athletes who work so hard to make this all possible! It’s a great day to be a Blue Knight!”

About Dakota County Technical College

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) provides highly skilled and technical training for today’s most in-demand jobs. The DCTC community includes more than 2,200 full- and part-time students training in 55 different programs to boost their earning potential and launch or change their careers. DCTC was founded in 1970 and is located less than 20 miles south of Saint Paul in Rosemount, Minnesota.

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