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“We teach our students the fundamentals which are the building blocks of advanced knowledge and skills. The jobs of tomorrow may be different than today. However, the fundamentals will remain the same. Change is constant and unpredictable. But our grads will find their way to succeed because they have mastered durable skills and knowledge.” — Dr. James Currie, president and vice-chancellor, University of Winnipeg

“At Université de Saint-Boniface, foreseeing the needs and necessary skills for the future is at the heart of our mission. Since its very beginnings, USB plays a lead role in the linguistic, cultural, social and economic growth and development of the French community in Manitoba. We work with the community and our partners in order to ensure that our programs continue to cater to the actual and practical needs of our society. The current work towards the development of a continuum in education, from early childhood to higher education, in order to respond to the lack of teachers and educators, among other things, is a prime example. We do similar work in the health-care industry to train much needed bilingual professionals. Those are but two examples of USB’s important contributions to our society here in Manitoba. An ever relevant mission that we have been proudly fulfilling for 200 years.” — Sophie Bouffard, president, Université de Saint-Boniface

“The most important task we face at the University College of the North is making sure our programs and services are relevant and responsive to the needs of both our students and the northern workforce. A skilled workforce is a necessity, not a luxury. Building bridges and creating alignment between education and training and the world of work is critical.” — Doug Lauvstad, president and vice-chancellor, University College of the North

“Aligning our programs to the labour market is second nature. Whether that is adapting programs based on program reviews, or adding new programs like we’ve done to our Centre for Animal Proteins, where we’re addressing the fact that one in five jobs in the agricultural sector will go unfilled by 2025. This is the work that colleges do day in and day out.” — Mark Frison, president and CEO, Assiniboine Community College

“The University of Manitoba continues to advance the economic success of our province through world-class research and innovation. Industry partnerships exist throughout our faculties, and we foster entrepreneurship and support commercialization through the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship and the Indigenous Business Education Partners as well as our Partnerships and Innovation Office, the Manitoba Industry-Academia Partnership, and North Forge, all located in the Innovation Hub on campus. We continue to expand opportunities for students to build entrepreneurial and innovative skills and become the success stories of today and tomorrow.” — Dr. Michael Benarroch, president and vice-chancellor, University of Manitoba

“We are pleased to welcome this report. Brandon University welcomes 80 per cent of our students from Manitoba, with nearly 90 per cent of those being from the Brandon region. Three-quarters of our graduates choose to stay here and put down roots, putting their innovative and entrepreneurial skills to work building Manitoba’s economic, social and cultural institutions. Each one is a Manitoba success story built right here in Brandon.” — Dr. David Docherty, president and vice-chancellor, Brandon University

“As Manitoba’s largest college and only polytechnic, our programs are uniquely designed in collaboration with employers to grow key industries and fill critical gaps in the labour market, to position our province as a destination to grow, attract and retain talent – both from here and abroad. Manitoba’s Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy provides an important framework for post-secondary institutions to successfully prepare students for in-demand jobs, while accelerating our economic recovery and growth. We’re committed to building more pathways for our students – especially our Indigenous, newcomer and immigrant learners – to move from classroom to career. We are creating the programs and spaces our province needs now, as we work together to ‘future-proof’ education and rebuild a stronger and more resilient Manitoba.” — Fred Meier, president and CEO, Red River College