Both the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University occupy the original homelands of the Dakhóta and Anishinaabe peoples. We honor, respect, and acknowledge the Indigenous peoples forcibly removed from this territory, whose connection remains today. St. Benedict’s Monastery and St. John’s Abbey previously operated boarding schools for Native children. Now, students, faculty, and staff are working to repair relationships with our Native Nation neighbors.

For more information on CSB/SJU’s historical legacy, its reverberations today, and current reconciliation initiatives, see the following resources:


2. Many CSB/SJU students are involved in service and research projects that directly serve needs identified by Native Nations. In November 2020, the McCarthy Center’s Anti-Racism series hosted, “Decolonization in Action: Service and Research with Native Nations at CSBSJU”, featuring five students, along with a tribal official from the White Earth Nation, discussing the importance of this work. This presentation can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/C0ty1fGz6Ak