

A BRIEF HISTORY OF
LAKE



Superior, comprehensive
technical education that
changes lives and launches
careers.

AREA
TECH



1965

State legislature passes legislation to implement the **Federal Vocational Education Act** of 1963

1970

Medical Assisting, Ag Business and Medical Lab Tech programs launched



1975

Student Center built

1983

LAVTI buys **TOPO Robot** to prep students for the future



1985

425 **students** graduate

1990

Gary Williams named **Director of LAVTI**
LAVTI Foundation Forms



1995

Technical **Education Center** building finished

2000

First Annual Foundation **Holiday Festival of Trees** fundraiser established



2005

Formal **program-to-program articulation agreement** with South Dakota State University

2010

16,000+ **students** have graduated from Lake Area Tech since its founding



2015

President Barack Obama delivers Commencement Address

2020

Lake Area Tech **celebrates 55th Anniversary**

