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RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENS SEMESTER WITH A VISION

“This is our opportunity to dream, to envision the future,” inspired Dr. Alicia Harvey-Smith, River Valley Community College President, as she outlined her visions and expectations in an open assembly for students, faculty and staff, as part of Welcome Week activities at the College.

Dr. Harvey-Smith, who became RVCC’S president in July, encouraged the college to adopt the theme: “Envision the Future – Our Future By Design.” She said, “Over the next several years, it is my vision that River Valley Community College will lead the way in innovation, instructional pedagogy, Student Services and in the establishment of solid corporate and business partnerships that will enable us to provide greater access to students throughout the region and beyond.”

She challenged the assembly to envision a new path - a new beginning, working together examining programs, services and policies, and making the necessary changes to position the college for greater success. “As we envision the new future for River Valley, I encourage your excitement, passion, optimism, creativity and determination to do whatever we must to achieve positive outcomes for our students, who deserve nothing less than our very best.”

Dr. Harvey-Smith spoke of her love for the work she does and called for a new level of commitment to the College. “We will plan as a college, discuss the difficult issues and respond in a manner that will always move us forward in fulfillment of our targets and benchmarks.”

She charged students to dream big and to envision their lives and what River Valley can be as we move the institution forward. “You are not taking this journey alone. We need to hear the student

voice, you can guide us. You are our partners as we create a plan for improving and expanding learning.” She talked about a renaissance taking place at the college and challenged everyone to dream about what River Valley Community College can be. “What we are to become is up to us, we must hold true to this vision as we create a new path and brighter future where everyone contributes as equal partners with distinct and important roles.”

River Valley opens the 2013 academic year with over 1,000 students taking classes in Claremont, Keene, online and through workforce training. It is one of seven colleges in the Community College System of New Hampshire.