Dear River Valley Family,

Happy Graduation Day! This is my favorite time of the year as excitement fills the halls at both our Claremont and Keene Campuses. As we continue to stake claim on the future and build upon our strategic directions of Student Access, Student Success, Teaching & Learning and Sustainability, new hope for the future of our college permeates our space. I am so pleased with the many notes, messages and visits from our faculty, staff and students who readily share their excitement and optimism about our college and our future.

I encourage each of you to invest authentically in our future, support our scholarship drive and be visible models of what makes River Valley Community College special. We have launched our annual scholarship drive, "Envisioning A Brighter Future - Year of Giving Scholarship Campaign" to support scholarships for deserving students. The goal of the campaign is to raise One Million Dollars by this September 18, 2015. Please see the attached brochure for further information and do share the brochure with your family, friends and others with the will and ability to support our students. Also, we will have a call-a-thon in July where we will reach out to alumni and invite their support. An auxiliary scholarship team is being developed to complement the efforts of our Year of Giving Committee. Please contact Jillian Davis, Executive Assistant to the President, if you are interested in joining that team.

I would like to share again the forward movement of our Lebanon Academic Center of Excellence efforts. Throughout the entire year we have been diligently working to elicit your feedback and take thoughtful steps towards this venture. We have completed a thorough feasibility study and to this day are receiving regular messages and commitments of support for our expansion to the Upper Valley from officials, community members and businesses in that area. This effort aligns with our strategic direction of Sustainability and our success is dependent on all of our combined efforts.

As we come to the close of another academic year, I am compelled to convey a sincere message of gratitude to our faculty, staff and students who have worked hard to support the forward movement of River Valley Community College. The challenges we face are in fact opportunities to grow together as we work to lift and sustain the communities that we serve. I sincerely look forward to our continued efforts and future successes.

Academically yours,
Alicia B. Harvey-Smith, Ph.D.
President