Reuben Begin
2009 Student

Reuben Begin spends his summers roofing buildings with his father, but his ambitions run beyond the family business in China, Maine.

Reuben decided he wanted to attend college but not go deep into debt to do it. He wanted a major that would give him good job prospects. He didn’t know what college would be like, so he wanted to avoid committing to four or more years of school until he had tested the waters.

Then he found KVCC, and its highly-regarded health care programs.

“I chose nursing because I wanted to do something meaningful with my life,” Begin said. “There’s an increasingly high demand for nurses today, and although it’s a very difficult field, I’m happy to know I’ll be doing a service by improving our current health dilemma.”

He applied for and has been accepted into that challenging program for the fall of 2009. He expects to work in an area hospital after graduation to gain experience.
Join the thousands of students who have found a better future here at KVCC. From occupational programs that prepare you to enter the workforce armed with new skills, to liberal studies programs that give you credits toward advanced degrees that you can take to four-year schools across Maine and beyond, we offer some of the best, most affordable education around.

We are one of the fastest-growing colleges in Maine, and one of the most highly-regarded community colleges in the state. Your path to success starts here.

Diversity
Kennebec Valley Community College is a small and dynamic community, made up of students of all ages and from all walks of life.

Numbers of recent high school graduates on campus have surged as many take advantage of the affordability of KVCC for the first two years of their college experience, later transferring credits to four-year colleges and universities. Others choose a quicker path to employment, earning certificates and diplomas that prepare them for fast entry into jobs in specific professions.

Something for everyone
With more than 30 programs of study, from one-semester certificate programs to two-year associate degrees, we know you will find something you enjoy at KVCC.

Financial aid
More than two-thirds of our students receive financial aid from various sources, including scholarships from our own KVCC Foundation. Qualifying students use the aid to pay for tuition, fees, books, as well as rent, transportation, and childcare. KVCC offers financial help to eligible students in part-time or full-time credit programs that lead to degrees, certificates or diplomas. We assist you with applying for awards from grant, scholarship, work and loan programs. Visit www.kvcc.me.edu/fa to find out more.

Admission is easy
Meet with an admissions advisor to learn more about majors, a typical class schedule, KVCC costs, and how to apply for financial aid. You’ll follow a simple three-step process, with our friendly admissions staff to help you every step of the way. Visit www.kvcc.me.edu/admissions to find out more.

Low tuition (as of Fall 2011)
Tuition for in-state students is $86 per credit hour, or $2,580 for a full-time, 30-credit hour course load. For out-of-state KVCC students it is $172 per credit hour.
first time college student

At KVCC we have a support network to guide you through every stage of your college experience, from registration to taking advantage of the latest financial aid opportunities. Whether it is scheduling problems or trouble identifying the best program for you, we are here to help.

**Flexibility**
We understand the difficulty of balancing the demands of work, family, and education. From on-campus child-care to evening classes to part-time enrollment options, we make every effort to help you find a schedule that will fit your life.

**Online and off-campus**
We utilize the latest technology to deliver many courses and programs online and in satellite classroom settings, saving time and money for our students. If you think you don’t have time for college, take a look at KVCC, and think again.

**Small classes, instructors who care**
Our class sizes average 20 students, so you can expect the personal attention from instructors that will help you excel. Tutoring, career counseling and referral to personal counseling is available, and after graduation our staff will still be there for you with career placement assistance.

**Start here, go anywhere...**
Looking for a four-year degree? Enroll in our liberal studies program for the first two and pay a fraction of the cost of a four-year college or university. Then transfer your credits to one of the many schools with which KVCC has credit-transfer agreements.

**Unique programs**
We offer programs you won’t find anywhere else in Maine, from Electrical Lineworker Technology to Sonography. Graduates of these programs are in demand across the region, and our close connections with area employers ensure the skills we teach are the skills they need. KVCC is also expanding its training in energy services, technology and building science and technologies, including photovoltaics, solar thermal, wind power, weatherization and energy auditing. The skills of the future are being taught here now.
**TRiO**
KVCC’s TRiO Program enrolls 180 eligible students each year and provides services to help students achieve their goals of graduation or transfer. Services may include academic advising, guidance with the financial aid process, career exploration, transfer assistance, professional learning assistance in math, science and writing courses, study skill enhancement, and assistance for students with disabilities.

**The Mickey Marden Center for Student Success**
The Marden Center provides a range of free services for all students, including peer tutoring, a small computer lab with assistive technology, and the opportunity to borrow calculators and tape recorders. Free peer tutoring is available in many subjects. Research mentors from KVCC and writing tutors from Colby College are available to provide assistance with writing assignments.

“The TRiO is one of the most amazing programs I have ever encountered. I have learned how to cope with some of my anxieties and how to work in groups. I was always terrified of being with strangers, but I am now opening up and starting to feel as though I can actually succeed at something. Thank You!”

~ Carol A. Giles
Business Administration, 2009
beyond the classroom...

There is much more to KVCC than classes. Our students have access to a wide range of activities, events, and opportunities on and off-campus. From our student common areas to our many extracurricular clubs and organizations, the College is a place where students make lifelong connections and memories.

Athletics
Enjoy sports? We have ice hockey, basketball, and softball clubs on campus, with more being added every year. Into fitness? The campus includes a Nautilus workout center and miles of walking trails. Our multi-purpose center in Carter Hall includes a basketball court and volleyball net. Our Student Development office can quickly help you find others who share your love of athletics.

Clubs and organizations
If you love the outdoors, our Outing Club offers activities from hiking to snowshoeing, on and off-campus. Like music? You’ll find other musicians on campus, musical activities, and even a campus choir. Enjoy being part of something and working to help others? Our Student Senate is very active, and the Phi Theta Kappa honor society recognizes academic excellence and connects members with others who value scholarship.

Get involved
We are a community college, and our connection to local towns, businesses, and organizations is strong. Many of our students are volunteers in their own communities and on-campus, working to better the lives of those around them. The campus hosts many volunteer events, from blood drives to fund-raisers, and opportunities to connect with others who share your desire. If you want to make a difference, we want to help.
Allied Health and Nursing

Maybe you’ve always wanted to help people. You like challenges and the feeling of doing something important. You want a job in an industry that is growing in Maine and beyond. A job you can build on, and take anywhere.

Karen Hamilton\textit{Nursing Faculty}

Like many of her students, Karen Hamilton did not attend college immediately after high school. She had three daughters when she began studying nursing, so she understands the challenges of balancing school and family responsibilities.

Karen began working as a nurse in 1986 and her desire to teach nursing led her to Kennebec Valley Community College, where the nursing program is recognized throughout New England as top-notch.

In 2006 Karen began teaching KVCC nursing students in a clinical setting at a local hospital. Her respect for the faculty and the nursing team at the College led her to seek a full-time teaching post, and in the fall of 2007 she got her wish.

Kennebec Valley Community College is home to some of the best and most affordable health care education in Maine. From nursing to medical imaging to health information technology, our students learn the latest techniques, developments, and requirements in their fields. Our instructors are professionals, with real-world experience and the dedication to help you succeed.

From one semester certificate programs to full Associate Degrees, we have options that will fit your ambitions. Come to KVCC, and find out why so many health care professionals in Maine got their start with us.
“KVCC offers many opportunities at every age level. All of the faculty have been teaching in these programs for many years and are experts, and they’re driven to work with students. The college is small and friendly and I found this very comforting being a new employee.”

~ Karen Hamilton
Nursing Faculty
KVCC offers business options in accounting, finance, and marketing/management. We have Associate Degrees in Computer Science, Computer Aided Drafting and Design and Geographic Information Systems. You’ll find instructors who understand the latest market trends and technology shifts, who can prepare you to step directly from college into high-paying careers. You have the goals. We’ll give you the tools to achieve them.

**Jared Harvey**  Math Faculty

Jared Harvey taught for 10 years in public schools before coming to Kennebec Valley Community College. He got into teaching mathematics after a college professor told him he was better at explaining math concepts than she was, and he has never looked back.

Jared found KVCC a great fit for him and a great place for students, with many advantages not offered at larger institutions.

“Here at KVCC our math classes are small, which allows the instructors to interact and get to know each student,” Harvey said. “The students are more likely to be engaged in class, because each course we offer is directly related to a program—students actually use the math that is being taught, whether they are in nursing or applied electronics.”

Jared also teaches classes at KVCC’s Buker facility in Augusta, and online, and said the flexibility this gives students who do not live within easy commuting distance of Fairfield is one of the College’s growing strengths.

“I have a few students who leave work to come to my class at Buker, and then return to work when class is over,” Harvey said. “Students find online classes very convenient because they can fit the class into their everyday life without the hassle of traveling. This semester I even have a student who lives in Canada enrolled in my online class! There are no boundaries with online learning.”
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~ Jared Harvey
Math Faculty
Trades and Technology

You like learning what makes things work, and how to fix them. You’re not afraid to work with your hands. You’ve always enjoyed jobs that take you outside, or to a new location each day.

Kennebec Valley Community College was founded on excellence in trades and technology training, and that excellence continues today. Our students work with modern training equipment and the latest computers, traditional tools and remote technology. From electrical and electronic technology to pulp and paper, precision machining to line-worker technology, we teach real skills for real jobs.

Programs vary from one-semester certificates to two-year associate degrees. Our strong partnerships with area businesses and our experienced instructors ensure training is up-to-date and certified. Graduates enjoy excellent job-placement rates and high wages.

Come find out why KVCC sets the standard for occupational training in Maine. Your future is waiting.

William Dolan
Instructor

Bill Dolan owned his own electronics business before coming to teach at KVCC full-time, so he knows what it takes to be successful in the fast-changing world of electronics and computer technology.

That focus on teaching state-of-the-art skills and maintaining strong ties to area employers is what drives the success of KVCC’s highly-regarded Trades and Technology Department.

“What makes the Trades and Tech department so strong is its direct connections to both business and industry,” Dolan said. “Each faculty member has spent a number of years employed in the field in which they are teaching, and each faculty member continues to maintain direct involvement with employment trends and opportunities.”

Those strong connections lead to exceptionally high job placement rates among graduates. Students obtain both the technical and “people” skills they need to do their jobs well, and transfer agreements with four-year schools leave the door open for earning more advanced degrees in the future.
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~ William Dolan
Instructor
Many KVCC students beg college without knowing exactly what they want, but find our liberal studies program an excellent way to explore career options while earning credits that can apply toward other programs here and at four-year colleges and universities across Maine and beyond. Others know exactly what they want, but take advantage of our low tuition to earn credits they can later apply at more expensive schools. Our two year Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Studies meets the needs of both, and is an excellent choice of major for many students.

Always wanted to work with young children? Our programs in Early Childhood Education and Speech Language Pathology give you the skills to work in these growing fields and the confidence to be successful. We’re excited about a new partnership with the University of Maine at Farmington beginning in the fall of 2009. UMF instructors will be teaching advanced Early Childhood courses right on our campus, assuring those seeking four-year degrees of a clear path to their goals.
Mark Kavanaugh
Social Sciences
Department Chair

Mark Kavanaugh has been an instructor at Kennebec Valley Community College for 11 years, but he still learns something new at the College every day.

“I love the diversity in the classroom, students from all walks of life and backgrounds,” Kavanaugh said. “Each student is a textbook full of great information.”

The same could be said of many KVCC instructors, who—like Kavanaugh—bring great experience to their roles. Mark has been a social worker, a counselor, an ITV technician, and has worked in mental health and program management, to name only a few of his past jobs. In his spare time he plays bass in a rock band.

“It is this variety of experiences among staff and students that gives KVCC its strength and makes it a great place to start—or finish—a college education.”

~ Mark Kavanaugh
Instructor