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Kennebec Valley Community College

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Reuben Begin
2011 Graduate

Reuben Begin spent his summers as a teenager roofing buildings with his father, but his ambitions ran 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. Accepted into the challenging program, Reuben graduated in 2011. Since graduating he has worked as a nurse at a summer camp and at a health care center in Colorado, pursued additional education in clinical herbalism, traveled extensively in Central America, and is planning to work next as an emergency room nurse back home in Maine.
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 most highly-ranked community colleges in America with a proven track record of success. Start your future 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 35 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 matriculated 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 2013)
Tuition for in-state students is $88 per credit hour, or $2,640 for a full-time, 30-credit hour course load. For out-of-state students it is $176 per credit hour.

who we are...
Kennebec Valley Community College is dedicated to helping you enrich your life and achieve your career potential. We do this through excellence in teaching and promoting student success.

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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 assistance finding 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**
We utilize the latest technology to deliver many courses and programs online, saving time and money for our students. If you think you don't have time for college, consider online opportunities 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 the state’s first two-year Sustainable Agriculture program. Renewable energy programs continue to grow at our new Energy Services and Technology Center on the Fairfield campus, while exciting new programs in agriculture, culinary arts, and more are now getting underway at our Harold Alfond Campus in Hinckley.
The Learning Commons
The Learning Commons at Lunder Library provides a one-stop location for library, technology, and academic support. The Commons provides a range of services for all students, including peer tutoring in many subject areas, research mentors, library reference assistance, technology assistance, access to assistive technology such as the Kurzweil 3000 text to speech software or Dragon Naturally Speaking which converts speech to text. The Center also provides students with the opportunity to borrow calculators and tape recorders.

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 Writing Center
The Writing center, located in Carter Hall, helps students grow into stronger, more effective writers by providing individualized support at all stages of the writing process. The Center offers one-on-one tutoring, non-evaluative and immediate feedback to writers, help at any stage of the writing process from brainstorming to the final draft, and workshops on topics including grammar and cover letter/resume writing.

“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
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
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. Are you a veteran? Our Veterans Club will connect you with others who share your experiences. Like science? Join others who share your passion in the KVCC Science Club.

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.

Evie Hirschfelt  Nursing Faculty

Evie Hirschfelt knows what it is like to be a nursing student in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program at Kennebec Valley Community College, as she is a graduate of the program, class of 1986.

Evie spent the majority of her nursing career as a critical care nurse at MaineGeneral Medical Center, where she did a lot of teaching and was eventually approached by KVCC faculty with an offer of employment. She joined the faculty full-time after a year and has taught as Associate Nursing Professor since 1999.

Evie is honored to be part of the process of educating future nurses at KVCC. The caring essence and concern for the well-being of patients are the foundation of her nursing philosophy.

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.
“Nursing is not just what I do but who I am.”

~ Evie Hirschfelt
Nursing Faculty
KVCC offers an Associate Degree in Business Administration with options in accounting and marketing/management. We have Associate Degrees in Computer Information Systems, Computer Aided Drafting and Design, and a certificate option in Computer 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 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 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.

“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.”

Business and Computer Science

Maybe you’ve always wanted to own your own business, or join a major company and earn high wages on your own terms. Or you’ve been fascinated by computers since you were young, and want a job that lets you use the latest software and electronics every day.
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~ Jared Harvey
Math Faculty
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 Energy Services and 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.
“...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.”

~ William Dolan
Instructor
Many KVCC students begin college without knowing exactly what they want, but find our liberal studies program an excellent way to explore their 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, Speech/Language Pathology, and Autism Spectrum Disorders give you the skills to work in these growing fields and the confidence to be successful. We have articulation agreements with the University of Maine at Farmington and Thomas College for those wanting to continue their education towards a B. S. degree in early childhood education, assuring those seeking four-year degrees of a clear path to their goals.
Mark Kavanaugh has been an instructor at Kennebec Valley Community College for 15 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