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KVCC Names Erica Mazzeo Academic Dean

FAIRFIELD—Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC) has named Erica Mazzeo, most recently curriculum director for Falmouth Public Schools, the college’s academic dean effective July 6, 2016. In this role Mazzeo will serve as the focal point between the faculty and administration, oversee the college’s upcoming 10-year accreditation review, evaluate existing academic programs, facilitate development of new areas of study, and expand professional development for teaching and learning.

“Erica comes to KVCC with a comprehensive view of education and curriculum, as well as direct experience with accreditation and linkages between secondary and higher education—all critical to the college and our faculty,” said President Richard Hopper. “We are excited to have Erica move KVCC through an important phase focusing on a system-wide initiative on student success, on a college-wide move toward broader faculty professional development opportunities, and on growth of the KVCC Honors Program.”

Mazzeo joins KVCC with nearly 20 years of experience in domestic and foreign education, including faculty, administrative, and consultative roles. As curriculum director in Falmouth, and previously in Ellsworth for RSU 24, Mazzeo has experience in budgetary issues, assessment and rubric development, curriculum development, academic support programming, and legislative advocacy.

She is also a consultant with the University of Southern Maine, where she has helped bridge high school and university experiences and been a member of a leadership team developing International Early College and Honors College.

Prior to Mazzeo’s work in public schools she served as director of the International School of Krakow (Poland), taught as a university lecturer in English and American studies programs in Poland and Japan, and worked in communications for the U.S. State Department.

“While much of my early career was spent overseas, my family and I returned to Maine when my children were young so they could grow up here,” Mazzeo said. “Returning to Maine has been incredibly meaningful, both professionally and personally. ... It is an

honor to be offered this opportunity to serve the Kennebec Valley community. With its location in the heart of Maine, KVCC truly is the lifeblood of furthering educational and economic opportunity.”

Mazzeo earned a bachelor’s degree at the University of North Carolina, a master’s in international education at Framingham (Mass.) State College, and a nonprofit management certificate from the University of Maine. She has served on numerous committees and boards, including the College Board’s National SpringBoard Advisory Council and several Maine Department of Education committees.

Ranked among America’s best two-year colleges, Kennebec Valley Community College offers more than 35 programs and is recognized as the best value in higher education. The college has invested nearly \$25 million over the past three years, opening a new campus, upgrading infrastructure, expanding program offerings, and ensuring the highest-quality instruction. More than 94 percent of KVCC graduates find jobs in their field or continue to a four-year college or university. KVCC provides an affordable and practical path to success with small class sizes, excellent support services, and flexible scheduling. KVCC has the lowest tuition in New England, yet most students receive generous financial aid packages to cover the cost of tuition and fees.