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River Valley Community College Reports Increased Enrollment for Fall 2009

River Valley Community College opens the 2009-2010 academic year with an 12.4 % increase in enrollment over last fall 2008 at the Claremont campus and the Keene Academic Center. The College continues to see growth in many of its programs with the most significant increases this fall in the allied health fields, including Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant and Respiratory Therapy. Other increases are reported in Phlebotomy, Early Childhood Education and Liberal Arts with particular interest in Teacher Education and General Studies. A new “Explorer Option” in General Studies allows students to experience a variety of college courses before deciding on an associate degree major. A new degree program in Business Management has exceeded enrollment expectation, with Accounting and Computer Technology remaining strong.

“We are pleased to be able to serve increasing numbers of students in the area seeking a college education,” says President Steve Budd. “We are also seeing many students who start at River Valley, then transfer to a four-year college or university. It is a more affordable option for many who want to pursue a bachelor’s degree.”

In addition, River Valley is offering non-credit workshops at both locations throughout the semester that range from computer skills to hobbies and enrichment as well as noncredit online “ed-2-go” classes. Business and industry training is available at the College or onsite. All College programs and services can be accessed on the web at www.rivervalley.edu.