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**River Valley Community College Announces
New Faculty Appointments**

River Valley Community College, Claremont and Keene, announces new faculty appointment starting September 2009.

Henry Collier, Cornish, NH, is the Program Director for the Computer Technology program and an Assistant Professor in the business department. He graduated from NH Community Technical College with an AS degree and received a BS from Granite State College. Most recently, he worked as a Senior Technician at Upper Valley Communications in Lebanon, NH.

Kenneth Czechowicz, Claremont, NH, holds an AS from River Valley Community College, a BS from Granite State College and an MS from University of LaRochelle/Clinica, France. He is an Associate Professor in the Respiratory Therapy Department and was an adjunct faculty member at the College from 2008-2009. He will also assume the role of Clinical Education Coordinator for Respiratory Therapy. Previously, he was manager of the Cardiopulmonary Dept/Sleep Lab at Alice Peck Day Hospital and manager of Clinical Studies at Smith Medical.

Carole Putnam, Walpole, NH, is a Professor of Nursing at the Keene Academic Center and Claremont campus. She holds a BSN from Alverno College and an MSN from Marquette University. She worked as an adjunct faculty member at the College from 2003-2009 and was a school nurse in the Alstead Area Schools from 1993 to 2009.

Robin Saunders, Sunapee, NH, is an Associate Professor and Director of the Clinical Laboratory Technician and Phlebotomy Programs. She has a B.S. degree in Medical

Technology from the University of New Hampshire, an M.S. degree in Health Education from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, and is currently completing her doctoral dissertation in Education Media and Communications from Temple University. She has over 9 years of teaching and administration experience at the college level. Her background includes work as a drug and alcohol educator for the State of New Hampshire IDIP program as well as a variety of entrepreneurial ventures.

Denise Steele, Hanover, NH, joins the faculty as an Associate Professor in the Science/Liberal Arts Department. She holds a BA from Amherst College and an MS from Dartmouth College. From 2007-2009, she was an adjunct faculty member at Plymouth State College. From 2004-2007, Steele was a teaching assistant in the Biology Department at Dartmouth College. Prior to Dartmouth, she worked as a teaching assistant at Tufts University and a research assistant at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In addition, three current faculty members have taken on new responsibilities. Associate Professor Michael O'Connell, Newport, NH, has assumed the position of Business Department Chair; Professor Andrea Gordon, Plainfield, NH, is the new Program Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness; and Professor Kerry Belknap Morris, Claremont, NH, is now Chair of the Health and Human Services Department.