

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mount Wachusett Community College is a student-centered school in the heart of North Central Massachusetts. We have been recognized nationally for our innovation and commitment to students, whether you are a first time college student or returning to school. Our small class sizes and deeply engaged faculty and staff are here to help you navigate college life and meet your goals.

Everyone at MWCC is here to support you as you complete the admissions and financial aid process, develop a class schedule, and find a healthy work-life balance. At the Mount, your classes will be challenging, but we will help you meet and exceed those challenges.

MWCC programs are designed to help you achieve your goals, whether you are a recent high school graduate, an adult returning to school, a military veteran, or a current high school student who wants to get an early start on college. With more than 70 degree and certificate programs you will be able to match your goals to an education that will help you achieve them. You'll also have a chance to be a part of a vibrant campus that has over 30 student clubs and organizations. You'll also have the chance to make a difference in your community through the service learning, volunteer, internship, and co-op programs offered by our Brewer Center for Civic Learning and Community Engagement. Our students contribute more than 121,000 hours of service to our surrounding communities. These opportunities make North Central Massachusetts a better place to work and live and also provide great resume building opportunities for our students.

At the Mount, you will be able to find your place at the Gardner campus or one of our satellite campuses in Leominster, Devens, and Fitchburg.

Whether you plan to head into the workforce or transfer to a four-year college, the next phase of your life will begin when you enroll here as a Mount Wachusett student. I look forward to you joining us here at the Mount and shaking your hand when you earn your diploma.

James Vander Hooven, Ed.D.

President