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Vermont State Colleges Announce Launch of New Workforce Development Division and Executive Director of Workforce Development

Patricia Moulton Appointed to lead the newly created Workforce Development Division

MONTPELIER, VT – Today the Vermont State Colleges System announced the creation of a new Workforce Development Division designed to enable the VSC to build stronger collaborations between students and employers, and to strengthen the program alignment between Vermont State University and Community College of Vermont.

The Workforce Development Division will bring into alignment the program offerings, administrative support services, operational processes, and systems to meet Vermont's critical talent and workforce needs in key industry sectors such as health care, manufacturing, mental health, education, broadband communications technology, and many more. This will create a clear point of entry with a "no wrong door" philosophy. In addition to providing this unified entity for employees and Vermonters seeking to upskill, this new structure will provide a single point of contact for employers seeking further education for their employees. Building on the strengths of the current programs, expanding to new industry areas, continuing to pool resources, and expanding enrollment access across the state, the VSCS Workforce Development Division is envisioned as a one-stop-shop for Vermonters, Vermont businesses, and industries.

This new division will enable the VSCS to build a more unified focus on serving the workforce needs of the state through strong collaboration with the program leaders within Vermont State University and the Community College of Vermont. To lead this effort, the Board of Trustees today also voted unanimously to appoint Patricia Moulton, current President of Vermont Technical College, as the first Executive Director of Workforce Development. She will assume this role when she transitions out of the Vermont Technical College presidency in July.

Patricia Moulton brings rich experience in economic development, state government, and higher education to this role. She has been with the VSC since 2017 when she was appointed President of Vermont Technical College and holds the distinction of being the first woman to serve in this role. Prior to joining the VSCS, she served as the Secretary of the Vermont the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Commissioner of Labor for the State of Vermont, and Executive Director of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation. She has decades of experience in the State of Vermont supporting economic growth by focusing on workforce development and education, and will be an exceptional leader in bringing the goals of the Workforce Development Division to fruition.

“Pat comes to this position with decades of experience leading significant workforce development efforts within state government, in regional development centers across Vermont, and at Vermont Technical College,” Chancellor Sophie Zdatny said. “This new division under Pat’s guidance will provide greater access to education and training for lifelong learners, those seeking to reskill and upskill, and employers seeking customized trainings.”

Moulton added, “I am excited to continue with the Vermont State Colleges in this new role of leading the new Workforce Development Division. I am passionate about providing opportunities for people to enhance their skills and employers to have the workforce they need to continue to prosper in Vermont. I look forward to working with President Grewal at the Vermont State University and President Judy at Community College of Vermont to continue the excellent work we are already doing and grow even more opportunities. I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for their faith and confidence in me.”

ABOUT VERMONT STATE UNIVERSITY

In 2020, the Vermont State Colleges System embarked on a period of transformation to unify Castleton University, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College into a single accredited entity by July 1, 2023, with administrative and infrastructure transformation over the next five years.

When fully transitioned, the Vermont State Colleges System will be comprised of Vermont State University and the Community College of Vermont (CCV). The new University will increase the reach of learning opportunities for all learners, fueling Vermont’s economic pipeline, and creating opportunities for learners of all ages who would otherwise lack access to affordable higher education opportunities.

ABOUT THE VERMONT STATE COLLEGES SYSTEM

For the benefit of Vermont, the Vermont State Colleges System provides affordable, high quality, student-centered, and accessible education, fully integrating professional, liberal, and career study, consistent with student aspirations and regional and state needs. The Vermont State Colleges system includes Castleton University, the Community College of Vermont, Northern Vermont University, and Vermont Technical College. Learn more at www.vsc.edu.

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