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Retiring CVTC Leaders Made Impact

Eau Claire, WI – Chippewa Valley Technical College Vice President of Operations Tom Huffcutt and Director of Institutional Planning and Research Margaret Dickens have retired after long tenures marked by significant accomplishments.

Huffcutt joined CVTC in 2003 as director of human resources, becoming vice president of operations in 2008. He was CVTC's chief negotiator on labor contracts and led the effort to develop a new employee handbook after the enactment of Act 10. As head of operations, Huffcutt oversaw CVTC's Finance, Information Technology, Facilities and Grounds departments. He also took the lead in property management for the college, negotiating lease agreements with a number of area businesses and educational institutions. He was instrumental in development of the Nano Rite Center into the Applied Technology Center.

Dickens joined CVTC in 1983 as a Nursing instructor. She later became program director of Nursing and Emergency Medical Services, then dean of Nursing and Allied Health programs. Dickens was instrumental in developing CVTC's Human Patient Simulation lab and in planning for the Health Education Center. The HEC project involved agreements with the Marquette University School of Dentistry and the UW-Madison Medical School to provide on-site clinics. The combination of public and private universities and a technical college working together was unique in the nation. In 2008 Dickens took over Institutional Planning and Research, greatly increasing outside funding through grants.

"We will miss Tom's insight, judgement and ability to stay cool and calm in almost all types of scenarios," said CVTC President Bruce Barker. "Margaret's dedication, talents and critical thinking skills will be missed. She was a major contributor, first to our health programs and more recently to all other education sectors."

With over 95 programs and both online and on-campus classes, Chippewa Valley Technical College delivers superior, progressive technical education which improves the lives of students, meets the workforce needs of the region, and strengthens the community. CVTC programs are designed with input of business and industry to prepare graduates for today's jobs, with 93 percent employed within six months of graduation and associate degree graduates earning an average annual salary of \$44,000.

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