

## **1989: THE MISSION OF BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

We at Berkshire Community College believe that higher education is important to the collective good of all people. As a member of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts system of public higher education, we believe that Berkshire Community College has the privilege of, as well as the responsibility for, providing post-secondary educational opportunities to all who are able to benefit personally and professionally.

We value the diversity of our community and our college. We view that diversity as an opportunity to benefit from each other and as a challenge to maintain flexibility while striving to meet many of the educational, social, and cultural needs of our students.

We have a commitment to provide educational programs of the highest quality, ensuring that all students who enter these programs are prepared to succeed. We believe that education is a process, which occurs over a lifetime, and we value that process as much as we value the product, which often results. We are dedicated to the concept that higher education is a major factor in developing a greater understanding of self and society.

Our role in Berkshire County, therefore, is to affect the quality of life in a positive way. We pledge ourselves to standards of personal and educational excellence, to accessibility for all, and to the creation of a learning community, which spans all generations and all individual differences.

With these pledges in mind, we offer programs designed to give students an opportunity to achieve their educational goals at an affordable cost. We emphasize excellence in teaching and provide a variety of services, which support students throughout the learning process.