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DR. BARBARA WOODLEE TO BE INDUCTED INTO THE MAINE WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME

AUGUSTA, ME – Dr. Barbara W. Woodlee, former president of Kennebec Valley Community College (KVCC), will be inducted into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 21, 2015. The event will begin at 1pm in Jewett Hall at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Dr. Woodlee served as president of KVCC for 28 years and is currently the chief academic officer for the Maine Community College System (MCCS). She was nominated for the award by Dr. John Fitzsimmons, longtime president of the MCCS. She holds the distinction of being the first woman president within the MCCS.

In his nomination, Dr. Fitzsimmons wrote: "For over three decades, Dr. Woodlee has worked to remove barriers to higher education for Maine people. The majority of her students were women, many of them low-income, many of them single mothers, who Barbara believed in and on whose behalf she worked tirelessly. By taking on these challenges, while raising four children, she has opened the door to other women to assume leadership positions."

Dr. Woodlee will be inducted into the Hall of Fame along with Ellen F. Golden of Woolwich, senior vice president at Coastal Enterprises, Inc. The Maine Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1990 by the Maine Federation of Business and Professional Women to honor women who have made an outstanding contribution to improving the lives for all Maine women. For more information, contact Sally Ann Parks at (207) 453-6004.

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