



June 24, 2022

Ms. Meghan Beck, President  
Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project  
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Dear Ms. Beck,

On behalf of Bucknell University, I write to express my full support for the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project's continuing efforts to establish a community college to serve our region. I urge the local county commissioners to sign a resolution of sponsorship by the end of the year to create the community college.

Since 1846, Bucknell has provided students from around the world with a liberal arts education in a residential setting on its Lewisburg campus. Throughout this time, the University has been deeply committed to the health and prosperity of the region. An educated citizenry is essential to economic strength, and we strongly support the expansion of affordable, accessible options for continuing education in the Susquehanna Valley. The proposed community college would provide local residents with opportunities to increase their knowledge, skills and earning power right here in our area. It would also benefit regional employers by preparing area residents for good jobs with local companies, deepening our labor market.

Bucknell has had an excellent experience with our Community College Scholars Program, which we established in 2007 to provide talented community college students with an opportunity to earn a scholarship to finish their degree at the University. We have seen firsthand the outstanding talents of these students, many of whom are nontraditional or were not able to afford a four-year college. We believe the establishment of a local community college has great potential for significant impact in the Susquehanna Valley, one of the few areas of Pennsylvania that lacks this option for its residents.

Education is a personal and community investment with the power to truly transform lives. Bucknell appreciates the work of the Susquehanna Valley Community Education Project and offers its support for greater educational opportunities for the people of our region.

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Should we be able to provide additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Carol Kennedy, Executive Director - Office of the President, at [carol.kennedy@bucknell.edu](mailto:carol.kennedy@bucknell.edu) or Robert Midkiff, Vice President Strategic Initiatives, at [midkiff@bucknell.edu](mailto:midkiff@bucknell.edu).

Sincerely,



John C. Bravman

President

cc: Union County Commissioners  
Montour County Commissioners  
Northumberland County Commissioners  
Snyder County Commissioners