

## 1997: THE MISSION OF BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

As the college founded to serve the needs of Berkshire County, the mission of Berkshire Community College is to place higher education within reach of all Berkshire County residents.

Berkshire Community College is committed to access, academic excellence, student success, and leadership in the community.

- We will provide access to higher education by helping students overcome financial, physical, or social barriers.
- We will hold the college to standards of academic excellence that prepare students for transfer or careers, and that foster a lifelong enthusiasm for learning.
- We will promote student success by providing the services students need to meet our academic standards and to achieve their personal and professional goals.
- We will collaborate with community organizations, employers, and civic leaders to meet the county's economic development needs, to serve as a center for cultural activities, and to provide learning opportuni-ties for families and residents of all ages.