

New president, new day at **BEAL COLLEGE**

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Sheryl DeWalt, CPA, MBA is the seventh president in Beal College's 125 year history, and the first female president since its founder, Miss Mary Beal, in 1891.

This new position expands DeWalt's leadership in higher education. Her prior experience includes serving as president of a nursing college in Boston, and as a CPA providing financial and regulatory consulting to over 160 educational institutions in 30 states and several foreign countries.

"I've had amazing experiences throughout my career that have shaped and influenced me in numerous ways, but my passion is, and has always been, education," said DeWalt.

"Education is life changing. It is the foundation for deep personal development, strong community engagement, inclusiveness, and positive, sustainable growth. Today, higher education is at a crossroads, and I am fully committed to making decisions that will allow us to thrive as an institution and community leader. One area of immediate focus is to fully engage with the employers and community leaders, within the Bangor area, and expand partnerships to address specific hiring needs. The goal is for Beal College's academic programs to closely align with the employer's needs and provide those employers with well-qualified graduates. I look forward to utilizing my business, finance and operational experience to engage support from the local businesses, community leaders and alumni to allow Beal College to continue to thrive for the next 125 years."



ABOUT BEAL COLLEGE

Founded in 1891, Beal College is one of the oldest educational institutions in the State of Maine. With 125 years of graduates, Beal College has an extraordinary group of alumni including medical professionals, entrepreneurs, public servants, authors, and business leaders, many of whom have returned to Beal College as instructors and experts in their field. We are fortunate to have exceptional faculty, devoted to teaching, mentoring and guiding students well beyond the classroom walls. Beal College began as a business college but has grown by responding to the community needs. Beal has 13 associate degree programs, including Medical/Health, Social & Human Services, Substance Abuse Counseling, Business, Accounting, Criminal Justice and Welding. Medical/Health program graduates are employed with local hospitals and practitioner offices. Healthcare employers

are requiring graduates faster than the college can graduate them. Social & Human Services and Substance Abuse Counseling graduates are employed by agencies helping to fight the drug abuse epidemic in Maine. Criminal Justice graduates become police officers with local police departments, probation/corrections officers, and game wardens. Graduates of the Welding program are in high demand and our lab provides welders certification testing. Beal College offers classes in 8 week terms allowing students the flexibility to balance family, work and school obligations while completing classes efficiently to graduate on time. Beal College also accepts transfer credits from most schools. In addition, Beal College has transfer agreements, with Husson University, Thomas College and St. Joseph's College, which enable our graduates to continue onto bachelor's degrees.