

TCC's new VP knows student side well

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Daniel T. DeMarte knows firsthand that students can receive a great education at community college.

He knows because he attended one. And today, he's the vice president for academic and student affairs at Tidewater Community College.

In the role he began in August, he oversees the curricular offerings on all four TCC campuses. He is also responsible for counseling, advising and admissions.

Community college is a good option for many reasons, said DeMarte, 42, who lives in Hickory with his wife Desiree and daughter Hannah, 13. He attended Community Col-



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lege of the Air Force in the mid-1980s while in the military.

"The quality of what we teach is as good or bet-

ter than what any student will find in their first two years at a university," he said. "At the same time, students attending community college can save some money."

He loves his position at TCC.

"I see a lot of opportunity in Tidewater to take us to the next level academically," said DeMarte, a native of western New York. "I want to see our students succeed in whatever their goals are, whether it's to take one course, to get a certificate, to earn a degree, to transfer, whatever it is. Their success is our highest priority."

TCC President Deborah M. DiCroce said DeMarte is an asset to the college.

"His experience in innovative curriculum development is especially impressive," she said. "And

he has a proven record in entrepreneurial outreach in response to the needs of both students and employers."

DeMarte comes to Virginia from Green Bay where he served as vice president for learning at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Prior to that post, he was vice provost for student and learning development at Macomb Community College in Michigan.

He said he looks forward to his future at TCC.

"I think the people at Tidewater are great," said DeMarte. "I've got a great team. And I really feel that I've landed in a great place that has room to grow and get even better at what we do now."

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