



**A**fter 10 years at Montcalm Community College, countless hours connecting with students and members of the community, visits with legislators, endless hours volunteering with local organizations and thousands of handshakes with new graduates, Bob Ferrentino is wrapping up a 35-year career in higher education when he retires from his post as MCC's 11th president on Dec. 31.

Known as a visionary leader who during the course of his career has sought opportunities to positively engage others through active listening and discussion, Ferrentino looks ahead to the future and reflects on his time at MCC.

### Looking back on your time here, how would you sum it up?

It has been the best 10 years of my career.

I had a chance to actually implement a vision and build a joint vision together. I have had chances to make



continue to grow our students and our community and support economic development, all of which work together to create a more vibrant atmosphere.

We have accomplished a lot and we have laid the foundation for more good work in the future.

### What are some of the accomplishments you are most proud of during your time serving as MCC's president?

Getting the job was one of the proudest moments in my career.

After that, we developed the first comprehensive strategic plan for the college. We have played out that plan for the last 10 years. We used that plan to develop initiatives for student success, custom







