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MCC named state's top community college

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MANCHESTER — A college planning website ranks Manchester Community College as the state's "best" community college.

According to the website, BestColleges.com, MCC received the high honors because of its student-to-professor ratio, affordable tuition and fees, and program accreditation.

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The website says MCC is a "technology-rich" institution with over 100 "intelligent" classrooms. "MCC emphasizes small class sizes, individualized attention, community, and diversity for an enhanced student experience," the website reports.

The local two-year college ranks ahead of Quinebaug Valley Community College, Middlesex Community College, Asnuntuck Community College, and Northwestern Connecticut Community College, among others.

Founded in 2013, BestColleges.com partners with HigherEducation.com to provide information for students to meet their educational goals through program rankings.

The website says statistical data, academic quality, affordability, and online competency ground their evaluations. Eligible institutions are graded on a 100-point scale. MCC received a grade of 86.67.

Established in 1963, MCC is located in the southwest corner of Manchester and spans over 160 acres. The school offers over 90 degrees and certificates and has a current graduation rate of 43 percent, the website reports.

