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Lyndon State College President Joe Bertolino to become new president of Southern Connecticut State University

MONTPELIER—Vermont State Colleges (VSC) Chancellor Jeb Spaulding confirmed today that Lyndon State College President Joe Bertolino has accepted the presidency of Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU). Bertolino was selected after a highly-competitive search and will begin his new role in late August. The move will bring him closer to his family in New York and New Jersey.

The VSC Board of Trustees is likely appoint an interim president for Lyndon State College within the month.

“SCSU will have a dynamic new leader in Joe Bertolino. On behalf of the VSC Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Joe for his years of leadership and the strong sense of community he instilled at Lyndon State College. We remain steadfast in our commitment to a strong future for Lyndon and wish Joe the very best in his new role,” stated VSC Board Chair Martha O’Connor.

VSC Chancellor Jeb Spaulding said, “During his time at Lyndon State College, Joe and his team have created a strong, student-centered community that supports the success of all students. He has also led efforts among his colleagues to build stronger connections among the colleges of the VSC. I am confident the Board will use this transition as an opportunity to build upon Joe’s work to enhance students’ academic experiences, to leverage systemwide resources on their behalf, and to pursue a strong alliance with Johnson State College.”

Lyndon continues to receive national recognition for its atmospheric sciences, electronic journalism arts and outdoor recreation management programs. This year it introduced the college’s first on-line degree program in early childhood education and created a new Center for Professional Studies. Recent capital projects include two new science labs, a new music, business and industry lab, a new electronic journalism arts studio, new smart classrooms, a new

veterans' lounge and several other public spaces. In the past two years, Lyndon has secured a record number of gifts from a record number of donors. With these new scholarship funds, many local students have come to Lyndon who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend college.

In a message to the Lyndon community today, Bertolino wrote, "Lyndon is an extraordinary institution. Today I continue to be enamored with it. I am particularly proud of the relationships that we have built and that have strengthened our community. We have always come together to support one another. While the profile of our institution has increased, so too has our LSC Pride."

Lyndon State College, founded in 1911, combines a liberal arts education with nationally recognized professional programs that integrate theory with hands-on experiences to prepare individuals for career success. Lyndon State offers two- and four-year degrees and graduate degrees in education and liberal arts. Founded in 1911, Lyndon's beautiful hilltop campus is located in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.