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HEADLINE: New **college** in Battle Creek seeks to meet students' needs

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Robert B. Miller **College**, which in September will begin its first fall term, looks to offer students some things they might not get from other educational institutions.

Anjanette Webb, a 36-year-old mother of five, recently completed her associate's degree in liberal arts at Kellogg **Community College**. Then she started searching for a place to continue her education.

"I didn't want to be away from my kids," Webb told the Battle Creek Enquirer for a Sunday story. "I didn't want to leave my **community**."

Miller **College** sparked her interest. And Webb, who will study elementary education, is the type of student that fits with Miller **College's** mission.

"The Battle Creek **community** has felt for a long time they needed a hometown place to receive a bachelor's degree," said Paul Ohm, vice president of Miller **College** and former president of Kellogg **Community College**. "We're it."

On Sept. 6, about 100 students enrolled in the private **college** on Kellogg **Community College's** campus will begin taking junior-and senior-level classes. Disciplines range from elementary education to public service administration.

Miller **College** received more than 1,000 applicants for its opening summer semester. Ohm said the **college** had to refer about 80 percent of those applicants to Kellogg **Community College** to finish or obtain the necessary credit hours.

The new **college** caters to mostly non-traditional students, but Ohm said more of the traditional group of students will come in a year or so after spending two years at Kellogg **Community College**.

The goal is to provide various class times and affordable tuition for adults who want to finish their education but need the convenience since they either work full-time or have family obligations.

"Our perspective is a flip," Ohm said. "It's truly based on student needs."

On the Net:

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