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Miller College to host first 2012 Chamber After Hours Networking Event in February

Hastings – The Barry County Chamber of Commerce will hold the first of their 2012 Business After Hours events on Thursday, February 9 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. with Miller College as host. To kick off this successful business networking program in a comfortable social setting, Miller College has partnered with the Seasonal Grille to host the event in downtown Hastings encouraging businesses, community leaders and members to participate.

Miller College is located in Battle Creek and recently expanded their service area to offer courses in Barry County at Kellogg Community College's Fehsenfeld Center. "The partnership with KCC's Hastings campus allows Miller College to continue to serve Barry County students and further expands our ability to serve a broader base of students through higher education," said Chad Danielson, Vice President of Student Services.

The Robert B. Miller College is a private, independent, nonprofit, degree-granting institution offering quality education. The mission is to graduate students who exhibit a high level of competence in their area of study and demonstrate service to the community.

"Miller College is excited about expanding its partnerships with KCC Fehsenfeld and Barry County. The College looks forward to increasing our academic programs and services to provide opportunities for students residing in Barry County communities," stated President Dave Harris.

"The School of Business at Miller College is designed to provide the student with a program leading them to become a valued part of their Community. Our instructors are successful leaders in their chosen professions in addition to their academic credentials. Our goal is to make our students' transition from their Community College into our advanced degree program as seamless as possible and prepare them for advancement with their current employer, successfully find the employment they seek, or further their education at the graduate level," noted David Fisher, Dean of the School of Business at Miller College.

"The Barry County Chamber of Commerce finds value in bringing connectivity between the Chamber community and Miller College. Our businesses need prepared and educated workers in order to grow and Miller College provides valuable educational programs that we hope will thrive here in Hastings. It is a great opportunity for all," stated Valerie Byrnes, Chamber President.

Welcome Miller College to Barry County by attending the February 9th Business After Hours Event while making new contacts and connecting with potential business leads. The event is free of charge to all members of the Barry County Chamber of Commerce and only \$10 for prospective members. If you are interested in learning more about the value of Chamber membership, the After Hours Events are a great way to get acquainted.

Please rsvp to attend by February 6th to Stacy Anderson at stacy@mibarry.com or by calling the Chamber at 269/945-2454.

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From left to right: Valerie Byrnes, Chamber of Commerce; Chad Danielson, Miller College; Tim Sleeve, KCC and David Hatfield, Miller College Instructor.