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Chamber President Dana Connors comments on MDF's Laurie Lachance taking top post at Thomas College

Today, Thomas College announced its selection of Laurie Lachance as the college's next president. Below are the remarks and reactions of Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce.

"We are extremely pleased for Laurie to have this opportunity to serve the state of Maine and Thomas College in this capacity," noted Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. "I can't think of anyone better suited for this role – both professionally and personally. It's a match made in heaven!"

Since early 2010, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and the Maine Development Foundation have worked in collaboration to produce the Making Maine Work series. Based on an extensive business survey, this series explores in detail the benefits of specific and strategic economic investments in order to better position our citizens in the global marketplace.

"The Maine State Chamber has enjoyed a very special partnership with Laurie and her team at MDF," Connors continued. "Both organizations expect the *Making Maine Work* initiatives to move forward in a productive, proactive manner, and Laurie is committed to assisting in the continuation of our *Making Maine Work* effort.

Her insight and understanding of the complexities of the data are unparalleled. She will be sorely missed at MDF, but we expect that she will make additional contributions to advancing our state's economy in her new role at Thomas College."

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About the Maine State Chamber of Commerce...

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce represents a diverse network of 5,000 businesses statewide and advocates on behalf of their interests before the Legislature and regulatory agencies and through conferences, seminars, and affiliated programs. Through its OneVoice program, the Maine State Chamber represents thousands of businesses with fewer than 10 employees. Its Grassroots Action Network works to involve members and their employees in the legislative process through outreach campaigns.