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Kehr Lecture Series Presents “Education and Action for a Sustainable Future” Lecture on April 14

Blue Ridge Community College presents the Sixth Annual Kehr Lecture Series on Thursday, April 14 featuring internationally known speaker and sustainability expert Dr. Debra Rowe. Dr. Rowe helps individuals, organizations, and communities create a sustainable future. During the Lecture, she will show participants how to reduce bills and increase their quality of life while creating sustainable abundance.

The Lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Thomas Auditorium in the Sink Building following a reception at 6 p.m. in the adjacent Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.



About Dr. Rowe: Dr. Rowe is the President of the U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development. The U.S. Partnership convenes members of the business, education, communities, government, and faith sectors and catalyzes sustainability initiatives. Dr. Rowe is also National Co-coordinator of the Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium, Founder of the Disciplinary Associations’ Network for Sustainability, Senior Fellow at Second Nature and Senior Advisor to the Association for the

Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. She helps higher education professionals integrate sustainability into mission, curricula, research, student life, purchasing and investments, facilities and operations, and community partnerships.

Debra has also been professor of energy management and renewable energy for 30 years at Oakland Community College. She created a model energy services technician degree design for colleges, funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. She has helped numerous colleges develop their sustainability and energy curricula.

Dr Rowe is presently chairing the Technical Advisory Group for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). In this role, she convenes energy and sustainability experts, collects and reviews resources, and authors overarching documents for AACC's Sustainable Education and Economic Development Resource Center. Debra Rowe is often a keynote speaker at national and international education conferences and is the author of numerous publications on the integration of sustainability into education.

She holds a Ph.D. in Business and two master's degrees from the University of Michigan. She has an undergraduate degree from Yale University.

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