



A Message from the President

Welcome Students!

Thank you for choosing Kalamazoo Valley Community College for your summer semester studies! In less than a week, you will be immersed in your classes and surrounded by a team of student support specialists who are totally focused on helping you achieve your educational goals.

My advice for a successful semester includes staying in close communication with your instructors, completing all of the assigned homework and being an active virtual participant in all of your classes. Keep a close eye on your college email, you will receive important messages with information you need to complete the semester and you will continue to receive this student newsletter with important insights and updates about your time at the college. If you need assistance, reach out, the entire college is mobilized to help you.

Whether you are new to college, a summer guest student or are working hard to complete your degree on time, you are welcome here.

We look forward to celebrating your success.

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph. D.
President

Need Assistance? Student Services can Help!

Student services are available via email, voicemail and virtual meetings during regular business hours. If you need assistance, please contact the following:

Admissions, Registration and Records: arr@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4423

Advising and Counseling: counseling@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4311

Apprenticeships: apprenticeship@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4873

Bookstore: bookstore@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4030

Financial Aid: finaid@kvcc.edu or 269.340.0707
Internships: intern@kvcc.edu 269.488.4635
IT (Computer) Help Desk: IT@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4250
Kalamazoo Promise Services: mmorales@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4515
KVAAP: kvapp@kvcc.edu or 269.373.7946
Library Services: libref@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4380
Office for Student Access: studentaccess@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4397
Pay Station: paystation@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4292
Prior Learning: lbrooks@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4873
Student Success Services: success@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4311

- Career Services
- Life Resources
- Multicultural Services
- Student Employment Services
- Student Strengths Development
- Transfer Resource Services
- Veteran Services

Tutoring: learningcenter@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4397

Important Information about the Summer Tuition Payment Deadline

If you have enrolled in summer semester classes, you have until May 21 to either pay your balance in full, sign up for the **payment plan**, or have financial aid in place to cover the balance.

If you have registered for classes and are no longer planning to attend, you must drop those courses yourself before the end of the add/drop period or you will be responsible for the tuition owed. Drop dates vary depending on the length of your class.

Classes beginning on May 11 have the following drop dates:

4-Week Classes - May 13

8-Week Classes - May 18

12-Week Classes - May 19

15-Week Classes - May 21

Contact Admissions, Registration and Records at arr@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4281 if you have questions about dropping a class.

To lessen your financial burden, additional **payment plan options** have been added to allow for the payments to be spread out over additional months, now going into July and August.

As a reminder, all tuition balances must be paid in full before grades can be released

and/or transcripts can be sent. Additionally, if tuition is not paid, you will be unable to register for fall semester classes.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Pay Station at paystation@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4292.

Valley CARES Application Now Available

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented both Kalamazoo Valley and our students with unprecedented challenges. In consideration of this, the college has created the **Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund**. The Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund provides limited emergency financial support to students who have experienced unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus.

All Title IV eligible students (student who received funds by completing the FAFSA or could have applied for funds through FAFSA) who experienced additional expenses related to the disruption of campus operations can apply. To determine Title IV eligibility, a **FAFSA** must be on file. Other options to assist with expenses may also be available, so please submit the application even if you are not Title IV eligible.

The Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund application can be found in a student's MyValley account, by selecting **Valley Cares Application**, under "My Links."

Eligible expenses for Valley CARES funding include, but are not necessarily limited to, medical, food, housing, utilities, technology expenses, laptop/tablet purchase, unexpected childcare, course materials, and other unexpected expenses included in the student's cost of attendance.

Please **email** the Financial Aid office or call 269.340.0707 with any questions.

Loaner Laptops Available

The college has loaner laptops available for checkout by students who don't have computers at home.

To qualify, you must be registered and paid for summer semester classes, have signed up for a college tuition payment plan or have financial aid on your account to cover your tuition and fees.

These computers are able to connect to WIFI. You will be able to use Moodle and Canvas and have access to Microsoft Office and web applications. However, these laptops are not able to run the resource intensive applications from EDMT and the Center for New Media including AutoDesk, SolidWork, MasterCAM, Adobe Creative Suite as well as most other EDMT and Art and New Media software.

Go to www.kvcc.edu/laptop to complete an application.

Monitor your college email frequently to learn if you have been approved and to receive instructions about how and when to receive your loaner laptop.

KVCC Libraries Are Here for You...At a Distance

Right now, in the KVCC Libraries, the chairs are empty, the printers are silent and the books sit patiently on the shelves.

Yet, also right now, KVCC Libraries exist online, ready for you to visit at a distance. Our website, at <https://www.kvcc.edu/library/> is always open. And, all across Kalamazoo, library staff members are busy at home answering student emails and chats, finding virtual copies of reserve books and dreaming up new and innovative ways to connect you with the information resources you need.

While we are missing the sights and sounds of our library spaces, we are missing KVCC students more. We hope that you'll connect with us soon!

Email us: libref@kvcc.edu

Call us: 269-488-4380

Chat with us: <https://www.kvcc.edu/library/asklib.html> (Chat with a College Librarian, 24/7)

Zoom with us: email or call to make an appointment

Visit our website: <https://www.kvcc.edu/library/>

Follow us on Instagram: [@kalamazoovalleylibraries](https://www.instagram.com/kalamazoovalleylibraries)

News from the Kalamazoo Valley Bookstore

Books for Summer Classes

You can order books online through the bookstore [website](#) 24/7 and get delivery to your home for \$5.

Rental Book Returns

The due date for winter rental book returns has been extended to Thursday, May 28.

Textbook Buy Back Options

1. Keep books for a little longer! The Bookstore will offer a BUYBACK when the college reopens!
 2. Use our Virtual Buyback! Click on the "Sell Textbooks" tab on bookstore.kvcc.edu. Read and follow the directions carefully to sell textbooks online.
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Scholarship Application Deadline Extended until June 28

Need money for college? The Financial Aid office is currently promoting scholarships sponsored through the KVCC Foundation for the 2020 Fall Semester.

The deadline to submit an online scholarship application is June 28, 2020, unless noted otherwise. Applications will not be returned for missing information. For more information visit, www.kvcc.edu/scholarships.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid office by phone at 269.340.0707 or by email at finaid@kvcc.edu.

Online Course Fees Waived for Summer 2020

The college is waiving online course fees for the Summer 2020 semester. If you have already paid summer tuition and fees, you will have the online course fees refunded. Refunds will be processed as follows:

- * Fees paid by credit card will be refunded to that credit card
- * Fees paid by cash or check will be refunded with a check. Check will be mailed to student address on file
- * Fees paid with a payment plan payment will result in future payment plan payment amounts being adjusted to account for the lower overall semester balance remaining

Credit card refunds have already been processed, but may take some time to be reflected on your credit card statement. Checks for cash/check payments were mailed on Friday, April 17.

If you have any questions about your online course fee refund or your tuition balance, please contact the [Paystation](#).

Canvas Orientation

You are encouraged to complete the Passport to Canvas - Canvas Orientation course. Canvas is a cloud-based learning management system currently being used by the college. Passport to Canvas is designed to provide you with a basic understanding of how to interact with Canvas and utilize its numerous features.

To enroll in the course, [click here](#), or click the Help icon on the Global Navigation Menu within Canvas, and then click the Passport to Canvas - Student Canvas Orientation Course link.

If you have questions, please contact [David Kobb](#).



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