

December 18, 2020

Dear Students,

Congratulations, you have made it to the end of the fall semester. Your remarkable persistence in overcoming the challenges placed in your way throughout this pandemic season is impressive. We are proud of you!

For those of you who are not graduating, we look forward to welcoming you back to the college next year. You still have time to <u>register</u> for Winter Semester 2021, classes start Friday, Jan. 15.

In whatever way you choose to celebrate the holidays, we wish you all the best. Stay safe, stay well and happy holidays from all of us at the college.

Sincerely,

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L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. President



Student Feedback Needed!

Students! How was your experience at Kalamazoo Valley during the pandemic? Please fill out this <u>survey</u> to help us make improvements as we move into the winter semester.

Need Assistance? Student Services can Help!

Student services are still available via email, voicemail and virtual meetings during regular business hours.

If you need assistance, please contact the following:

Admissions, Registration and Records: <u>arr@kvcc.edu</u> or 269.488.4481 Financial Aid: <u>finaid@kvcc.edu</u> or 269.488.4340 Student Success Services: success@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4040

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

Advising and Counseling: counseling@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4040 Tutoring: learningcenter@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4397 Library Services: libraries@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4380 IT Help Desk: IT@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4250 Pay Station: paystation@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4292 Bookstore: bookstore@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4030 Office for Student Access: studentaccess@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4397 KVAAP: kvaap@kvcc.edu or 269.373.7946 Apprenticeships: apprenticeship@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4873 Prior Learning: lbrooks@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4873 Internships: intern@kvcc.edu 269.488.4635 Kalamazoo Promise Services: mmorales@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4515

Please note: The college will be closed for the holiday Dec. 24 - Jan. 3. Regular business hours resume Jan. 4.



As announced last week, the Drive-Thru Commencement Celebration scheduled for Sunday, December 20 has been canceled, due to the ongoing COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

The successful completion of a college credential is an amazing accomplishment that should be celebrated. Graduates will be invited to participate in the college's spring commencement celebration. For now, check out the Virtual Commencement Celebration on the college website at <u>www.kvcc.edu/commencement</u>.



Futures for Frontliners Application Deadline is Dec. 31

Did you leave your house to go to work between April and June of this year? If you did, you could qualify for the Futures for Frontliners scholarship program which gives essential workers who kept our state going free community college tuition. If you think you might qualify, fill out the application at

www.Michigan.gov/frontliners. As someone who is already pursuing an education at Kalamazoo Valley, why not see if you can continue going to school for free? Don't wait! The application deadline is December 31, 2020. Call 269.488.4303 if you have questions about Futures for Frontliners at Kalamazoo Valley.

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS



Register now for winter semester classes. View the class schedule <u>here</u> and check out our faculty's "<u>Commitment</u>" video and some of your classmates in our "<u>New Normal</u>" video. Both videos highlight online learning in the wake of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Classes start Jan. 15, 2021.

ADVISING & COUNSELING



Drop-In Advising & Counseling

Still need to register? Or need to confirm your winter classes? Advising and counseling staff have virtual drop-in appointments from Jan. 4 - Jan. 15. No appointment is necessary. Simply call 269.488.4040 to get in the virtual line and wait comfortably at home for a call from an advisor or counselor.

Hours are as follows:

Monday, Jan. 4 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5 | 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 | 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 | 8:30 - 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12 | 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 | 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Books for Winter Semester

Stay safe and save time by ordering your course materials online! It's EASY! You can pay with financial aid, credit card or 3rd party voucher and choose to pick up at TTC or pay \$5 for shipping to your home! Just visit the bookstore website at <u>bookstore.kvcc,edu</u> to order and get up-to-date information on course materials, hours and more.



Need a Job? Career Coach Can Help

If you're looking for a job, Kalamazoo Valley has a tool to assist you. Career Coach, Kalamazoo Valley

Community College's online job board, matches job seekers with careers based on their personal interests and skills. <u>Career Coach</u> is a free online tool anyone can use to explore, prepare for and find the right career. The Career Coach assessment tool identifies a person's interests and matches those to potential career areas. Using that information and a simple keyword search, job seekers can learn about the employment prospects for a variety of careers, wage information and current job postings in the area.

VETERAN SERVICES

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Attention Michigan National Guard students! The Michigan National Guard Tuition Assistance Program (MINGSTAP) changed with the fall 2020 semester. The program is now a reimbursement program between you and the Guard and there is no longer a school certification process. For more information about the program, please call 517-481-7640 or email MINGSTAP@michigan.gov. Your unit Training and Readiness NCOs should also be able to help you and we have a link with information at <u>kvcc.edu/veterans</u>.



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Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: Helping You Wrap Up Your Semester!

Bogged down with library books, calculators, cameras, or other library materials from all your end of term assignments? Ready to unload all of that extra weight? Take advantage of curbside returns! Simply drive up to the Tower Entrance at the Texas Township Campus, call (269) 488-4380, and someone will come help you get started on your winter break! If you are registered for classes next term and have a laptop or hotspot checked out, you may keep it for next semester! The library will remain open for curbside services through December 23. Please see our website for more details.

Library staff are available virtually through email, phone, Zoom, and 24/7 chat to assist you with reserves, printing, scanning, research, citation, or any last minute needs you might have before break. The library staff wishes you a safe and happy winter break, and we hope to see you all in the new year!

Curbside Assistance: Texas Township Campus Library (TTC) Monday - Thursday, 8am - 6pm Friday, 8am - 5pm

Contact us: Visit us online at <u>https://www.kvcc.edu/library/</u> Call: 269.488.4380 (TTC) or 269.373.7848 (ACC) Email: <u>libraries@kvcc.edu</u> Chat with a college librarian 24/7: <u>https://www.kvcc.edu/library/asklib.html</u> Follow us on Instagram: <u>@kalamazoovalleylibraries</u>I



January Virtual Art Hop Feature Bibilomo Jimoh

The Center for New Media's virtual Art Hop exhibit for January 2021 features the work of painter Bibilomo Jimoh. His art will be displayed and archived on the CNM's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> accounts and the exhibit will premier on Jan. 8 during Art Hop. Nigerian-born Jimoh is a teacher, artist and motivational speaker who has lived and worked around the world. His teaching and art career spans more than three decades. His early interest in art was developed by the courtyards around his grandfather's palace. His style of painting is what he describes as an exploration in abstract expression, "which basically comes from his inner experience and dream and rendered in acrylic, pastel and tempera."



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