



March 8, 2021

Greetings Students,

This fine spring weather signals the middle of the semester and the countdown to the Drive-Thru Commencement celebration scheduled for May 2.

Before we get to the end of this semester, however, there is still much to be accomplished. First, do not give up; you are so close to completing your studies. Remember, if you need assistance, engage with your instructor during office hours. If you need additional resources or personalized tutoring, these services are available. We are here to help you achieve your goals.

For those completing your program of study, remember the deadline to petition to graduate in May is March 31. Make time to discuss this option with an advisor or counselor and complete the required paperwork by the deadline.

In addition, for those of you who are not ready to graduate, now is a great time to register for summer semester classes. Completing classes during the summer months is a great way to get ahead and stay ahead on your degree or certificate completion schedule.

Finally, diligence is still required as we fight the spread of the Coronavirus together. Creating a safe and healthy environment at the college is a shared responsibility. I want to applaud you for continuing to follow all health and safety protocols, including:

- Using a face covering
- Maintaining proper social distancing
- Frequent hand washing along with the use of hand sanitizer
- Completion of a daily **health assessment** prior to arriving on campus
- Receiving the vaccine when it is available

Practicing public health safety recommendations every day, both on and off campus, will help to keep us all safer, all the time.

Stay determined, stay focused and stay well.

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

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## ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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### Summer Semester Registration Opens TODAY

Get ready for a new registration experience! We have upgraded our system to provide you with some new tools to make planning easier. You'll have better search functions, a weekly schedule grid and more. Check it out while registering for your summer classes. Then, stay tuned for more information. You'll soon be able to plan your schedule in advance and save it for Fall 2021 registration.

Summer registration opens today based on earned credit hours, according to the following schedule:

- 48 or more credit hours - March 8 at 8 a.m.
- 36 or more credit hours - March 9 at 8 a.m.
- 24 or more credit hours - March 10 at 8 a.m.
- 12 or more credit hours - March 11 at 8 a.m.
- Registration for all students - March 12 at 8 a.m.

You can access the schedule [online](#). If you need assistance picking out your classes, call 269.488.4040 to make an appointment with an advisor or counselor. If you see someone in the Office for Student Access, call 269.488.4397. You can also self-schedule online through your MyValley account.

As a reminder, **tuition is due by 7 p.m. April 6, 2021**. If tuition is not received or payment arrangements made, classes will be dropped.

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# VIRTUAL VISIT WITH **KENDALL**

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 AT 11 AM

## Learn More about Kendall College of Art and Design

Kalamazoo Valley Art and Art & New Media students are invited to attend a virtual visit with Kendall College of Art and Design.

This 30-minute presentation with a short Q&A session afterward will be hosted via Zoom Friday, March 12 at 11 a.m. Information about transferring also will be covered, [sign up](#) for this event to get the Zoom link.

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Student Life and Engagement   
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## Get Involved on Campus (Virtually)

The Office for Student Life and Engagement is here to connect you with a number of events in our new virtual space. From meeting with transfer colleges, to making a budget, to learning about your strengths - our office offers learning opportunities outside the classroom. Meet new people and connect with campus contacts to make your college experience count.

Upcoming events include

### March 9 | Sister2Brother | 9 - 10 a.m.

S2B events are for students looking to network, discover and develop leadership skills. [RSVP](#) to get the Zoom link.

### March 9 | Healthy Relationships | 3 - 4 p.m.

Join us for a chat with the YWCA about how to have a healthy relationship and how to spot warning signs of unhealthy ones. [RSVP](#) to get the Zoom link.

### **March 10 | Western Wednesday | 10 - 11 a.m.**

Are you interested in transferring to Western Michigan University after goal completion at Kalamazoo Valley? Meet with admission representatives to learn more about the transfer process. [RSVP](#) to get the Zoom link.

### **March 16 | Transfer Tuesday: University of Michigan - Flint | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Are you interested in transferring to the University of Michigan - Flint after goal completion at Kalamazoo Valley? Meet with admission representatives to learn more about the transfer process. Click [here](#) to get the Zoom link.

### **March 16 | Transfer Tuesday: University of Michigan | 2 - 3 p.m.**

Are you interested in transferring to the University of Michigan after goal completion at Kalamazoo Valley? Meet with admission representatives to learn more about the transfer process. Click [here](#) to get the Zoom link.

### **March 18 | Laker Thursday | 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Are you interested in transferring to Grand Valley State University after goal completion at Kalamazoo Valley? Meet with admission representatives to learn more about the transfer process. [RSVP](#) to get the Zoom link.

### **March 26 | Strengths & Wellbeing | 12- 1 p.m.**

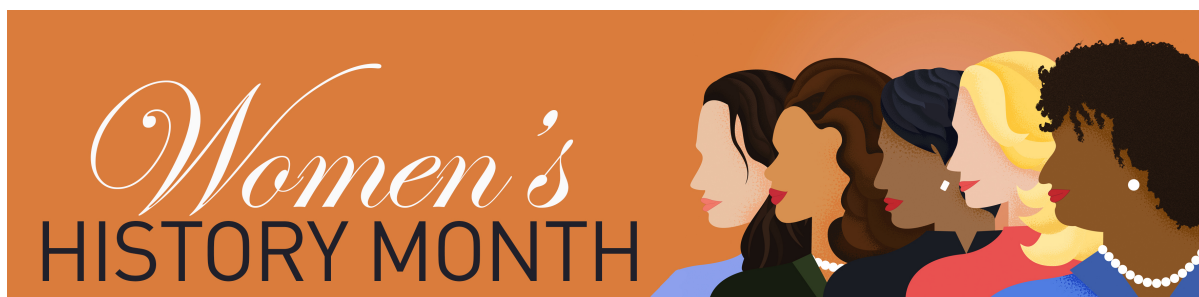
Know your top 5 Strengths, but still wondering what it looks like to apply them to your daily life and goals intentionally? Join us for a conversation about how Strengths discovery, development, application, and relationship building leads to increased engagement and improved wellbeing. [RSVP](#) for the Zoom link.

## **Student Organizations**

Did you know Kalamazoo Valley has a number of student clubs and organizations? From dance club to anime there is something for everyone. Clubs are a great way to meet people virtually! Check out the complete list [here](#). What to start your own club? Contact Coty Dunten at [cdunten@kvcc.edu](mailto:cdunten@kvcc.edu).

## **College Social Media**

Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on both [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for all of the latest campus news. Check out the [college calendar](#) for a complete list of upcoming events and activities at the college and in the community.



## **Celebrate Women's History Month**

In celebration of Women's History Month, the college is hosting different events during the month of March and providing multiple opportunities to recognize the achievements and challenges of women. Check out Sociology and Gender & Women's Studies faculty Rebecca Durkee's preview of the events [here](#).

**March 18 | "Are We There Yet? Recognizing 100 Years of Imperfect Progress" | 2 p.m.**

**RSVP** to get the Zoom link.

**March 25 | Kalamazoo Valley Community College Women: Reflections on the Pandemic | 12:30 - 3 p.m.**

**RSVP** to get the Zoom link.

The Kalamazoo Valley Libraries have also created a virtual display of books related to Women's History. Check out the full display [here](#).

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### **Virtual International Student Showcase**

International Student Services and the Kalamazoo Valley Global Student Union are excited to announce the 2021 International Student Showcase, a series of educational student-produced videos highlighting some of the countries represented among Kalamazoo Valley's student body.

Videos will be released via college social media on Wednesday, March 24 at 11 a.m., both individually and as one continuous program. Kalamazoo Valley welcomes students from over 20 countries - learn more about them by enjoying the International Student Showcase!

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### **Center for New Media Hosts Virtual Student Fine art Show**

The Center for New Media will host the Student Fine Art Show during the month of April. Digital entries will be accepted for consideration until 5 p.m. March 26, 2021. This is a juried art competition and not all entries will be accepted into the show. All accepted entries will be displayed on the CNM's Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Any Kalamazoo Valley Community College student enrolled between September 2020 and May 2021 is

eligible to participate. Each student may submit a maximum of two pieces of artwork that has been completed within the past two years. [More](#)

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## ADVISING & COUNSELING

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### **Virtual Workshop "A Year of Grief and Loss"**

We've all been heavily impacted by the multitude of events that have transpired over this past year. Join Kalamazoo Valley counselors as they explore the different types of grief and loss that have been experienced, as well as the impact. Counselors will address coping strategies, normal emotions and reactions that coincide with grief/loss and how to support others.

When: Monday, March 29, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Join via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93779500482>

For more information, contact Chris Stroven at [cstroven@kvcc.edu](mailto:cstroven@kvcc.edu).

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## HUMAN RESOURCES

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### **Part-Time Groundskeeper Position Available**

Do you love working outdoors and need a part-time job? Consider becoming a groundskeeper at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The college is hiring someone to work 15-29 hours per week with start times and responsibilities varying by season. Assigned duties include snow removal, putting down salt, trash removal for the entire campus, the trimming of trees, shrubs and ornamental grass, lawn mowing and pulling weeds. If you're interested, [apply now](#).

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# PROFILES OF STUDENT SUCCESS



## Jay Ware



Jordan "Jay" Ware has completed nursing prerequisites at Kalamazoo Valley and will enter the nursing program in fall 2021. He attended high school in Aurora, Colorado and moved to Kalamazoo about two years ago with his parents, one of whom retired from a military career.

He's been impressed with the instruction he's received at Kalamazoo Valley and isn't hesitant to share his enthusiasm for the college. "I really thought that community college would be a good way to get the experience that I needed," he said. "The instructors have more time to focus on teaching."

Ware is active with the college's Sister2Brother student group and is also a Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Association Program (KVAAP) student. The KVAAP program covers tuition and fees for participants and helps them stay on track toward obtaining an associate degree. KVAAP students have access to advising, personalized support, career development and educational pathway assistance.

[More](#)

## LIBRARIES

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### **Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: New! How-to Library and Technology Videos**

Do you need help navigating the library website and using its resources from home? Do you have questions about formatting in Microsoft Word or Google Docs? Or maybe you just want to learn how to add an attachment to your email? The library has created a guide with how-to videos for all of these topics! See our How-To Video [Research Guide](#) or our [YouTube channel](#) for our tutorials. Our librarians provide step-by-step instructions on some of the most common technical issues that arise for students working on their assignments. And of course, library staff are always available in-person, curbside, and virtually to help you with any other questions.

Contact us today and let us help you simplify your semester!

- Call: 269.488.4380
- Email: [libraries@kvcc.edu](mailto:libraries@kvcc.edu)
- **Chat** with us
- Follow us on **Instagram**
- Online: <https://www.kvcc.edu/library/>
- Zoom by appointment, please **email** to schedule

**Virtual Hours:**

Monday - Thursday | 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Chat** with a college librarian 24/7

**Library Open Hours:****Texas Township Campus Library (TTC)**

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Arcadia Commons Campus Library (ACC)** (located in Anna Whitten Hall, Room 321)

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Curbside Assistance:****Texas Township Campus Library (TTC)**

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Need Food? Valley Food Share Can Help**

Valley Food Share is an initiative designed to meet the immediate food needs of Kalamazoo Valley students. Through the program, currently enrolled students can pick up a box, or a "share" which includes food grown locally and sourced through our own Food Innovation Center as well as nonperishable items from Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes, to take home. The college has provided students with shares once a week for the last year.

Valley Food Share distribution is currently a drive-thru service on Thursdays between 2 - 4 p.m. alternating between the Food Innovation Center and the Texas Township Campus. You will receive an email each Thursday afternoon with a link to sign up for a box of food for the next week. If you come by car, we ask that you remain in your vehicle and the share will be placed in your trunk by college employees. If you come on foot or on a bicycle, please wear a face mask.

If you have any questions, please email [foodshare@kvcc.edu](mailto:foodshare@kvcc.edu).





# MICHIGAN RECONNECT

## **New Scholarship for Adult Learners now Available**

Are you 25 years or older and pursuing a degree or certificate at Kalamazoo Valley? If you are, you may be eligible for free tuition through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Development's new program called Michigan Reconnect. Michigan Reconnect is a scholarship designed specifically for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree at a Michigan community college or a skills certificate at a training school. Michigan Reconnect pays the remaining balance of in-district tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. Students who attend out-of-district community colleges will receive a large tuition discount.

Who's Eligible? Adults age 25 years and older at the time of application who have lived in Michigan for a year or more, have a high school diploma or GED, are not in default on a federal student loan and have not yet completed an associate or bachelor's degree.

**Apply** today!

For more information about Reconnect at Kalamazoo Valley, call 269.488.4303 or visit [www.kvcc.edu/reconnect](http://www.kvcc.edu/reconnect).

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## STUDENT SERVICES

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### **Need Assistance? Student Services can Help!**

Students who need assistance should contact the departments below to schedule:

1. Virtual appointments
2. In-person appointments (by appointment only)

**Call or email for an appointment so that we can best serve you. You can also [self-schedule](#) your appointment through MyValley. Click on "Schedule an Appointment with Student Services" under My Links.**

**[Student Services Contact List](#)**

Admissions, Registration and Records: [arr@kvcc.edu](mailto:arr@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4281

Advising and Counseling: [counseling@kvcc.edu](mailto:counseling@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

- In-person appointments available
- Virtual drop-ins - no appointment necessary on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Simply call to get in a virtual line and wait for a call from an advisor or counselor.

Apprenticeships: [apprenticeship@kvcc.edu](mailto:apprenticeship@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4873

Bookstore: [bookstore.kvcc.edu](http://bookstore.kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4030

Financial Aid: [finaid@kvcc.edu](mailto:finaid@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4340

Internships: [intern@kvcc.edu](mailto:intern@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4635

IT (Computer) Help Desk: [IT@kvcc.edu](mailto:IT@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4250

- Texas Township Campus Computer Lab  
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday
- Arcadia Commons Computer Lab  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday
- Phone and Email Support  
During lab hours (as indicated above)  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Kalamazoo Promise Services: [mmorales@kvcc.edu](mailto:mmorales@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4515

KVAAP: [kvaap@kvcc.edu](mailto:kvaap@kvcc.edu) or 269.373.7946

Life Resources: [cdunten@kvcc.edu](mailto:cdunten@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

Office for Student Access: [studentaccess@kvcc.edu](mailto:studentaccess@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4397

Office of Early/Middle College and Dual Enrollment: [earlymiddlecollege@kvcc.edu](mailto:earlymiddlecollege@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4509

Pay Station: [paystation@kvcc.edu](mailto:paystation@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4162 (open for in-person payments)

- Make payments online 24/7. Log into MyValley and select the Pay Tuition Bill option under My Links to be directed to the payment portal
- Payment plans are still available for the winter semester. Log into MyValley account and select Payment Plan under My Links to enroll today.

Prior Learning: [lbrooks@kvcc.edu](mailto:lbrooks@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4873

Student Employment Relations: [careercenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:careercenter@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

Student Strengths Development: [strengths@kvcc.edu](mailto:strengths@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

Student Success Services: [success@kvcc.edu](mailto:success@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

Transfer Resource Services: [ebell@kvcc.edu](mailto:ebell@kvcc.edu) or [lfunk@kvcc.edu](mailto:lfunk@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

Testing Center

(TTC): [testcenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:testcenter@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4235

- In-person testing by appointment only
- Some remote services available
- 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday

(AWH): [acctestingcenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:acctestingcenter@kvcc.edu) or 269.373.7800

- In-person testing by appointment only
- Some remote services available
- 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday - Thursday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday

Tutoring: [learningcenter@kvcc.edu](mailto:learningcenter@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4397

- Tutoring for math and writing will be available by drop-in remotely
- Remote appointments will also be available for other course offerings.

Veteran Services: [cheidelberg@kvcc.edu](mailto:cheidelberg@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4040

All students and guests who schedule in-person appointments are required to adhere to **strict safety measures**.

- Face coverings must be worn properly at all times.
- When possible, proper social distancing of a minimum of six feet must be observed.
- Frequent hand washing along with the use of hand sanitizer.
- Completion of a daily **health assessment** prior to arriving on campus.

*Kalamazoo Valley Community College follows the guidance of the Kalamazoo County Public Health Department related to COVID-19 testing. Access the most up-to-date information about testing locations and appointments on its [website](#).*

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