



September 3, 2021

Greetings Students!

I am very pleased to welcome you to the start of a new academic year! We are looking forward to the first day of fall semester classes on Sept. 8. I want to assure you that creating a safe environment on our college campuses is a shared responsibility. We will continue to address issues related to minimizing the spread of COVID-19 and variants and your cooperation is required:

- All students are required to access a "Safe on Campus" training prior to the first day of classes (more information below).
- All employees, students and guests are required to wear face coverings while indoors regardless of vaccination status and are required to follow posted social distancing guidelines
- **Important COVID-19 information for the college community including Contact Tracing protocols and Frequently Asked Questions related to the pandemic have been updated and posted at [www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus)**

Because we believe that receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and others, we are collaborating with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for a free vaccination clinic on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This walk-up clinic will be located in the lower level of the cafeteria at the Texas Township Campus and is open to all students, employees and community members. The Pfizer vaccination will be provided. Face coverings will be required.

I recognize that many of you are dealing with concerns about all that is going on locally and across the world and that you may have personal issues causing you concerns. We know that life is a balancing act. Please know that everyone at the college is dedicated to helping you achieve your educational goals.

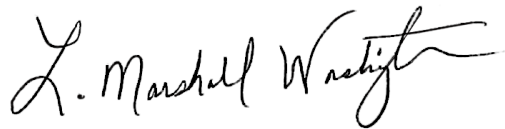
My advice to you is to attend and participate in your classes, complete your assignments and if

you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask for help. See a complete list of student services below. Our staff are ready and excited to help!

The Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund application will be available beginning Sept. 8. It provides limited emergency financial support to students who have experienced unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. I encourage all students to apply.

Thank you for choosing Kalamazoo Valley. For returning students, welcome back! New students, we trust that you will find everything you need to achieve your educational goals here at the college.

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President



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**COVID-19**

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of the virus

### **Safe at College Training**

Everyone taking classes, either in-person or online, is required to complete COVID-19 Safe at College Training. This brief training outlines the steps Kalamazoo Valley has taken and will continue to take to assure that we are able to operate in a manner that is safe for everyone. It also clearly states what is expected of you, as a student, when you are on Kalamazoo Valley's campuses. The training should take no more than 10 minutes.

To complete the training, click [here](#) (you will need to log into your MyValley account). Be sure to take and submit the short quiz at the end of the presentation so we can verify your participation.

# STUDENT SERVICES

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## Need Assistance? Student Services can Help!

Students who need assistance should contact one of the many student services departments listed [here](#) to schedule:

1. Virtual appointments
2. In-person appointments

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.



## New to Kalamazoo Valley? Get Your Valley ID Card Now

As a new student, you need to get a Valley ID card. A Valley ID card is needed to use many student services, including parking validation, testing and door access at our downtown campuses.

We are happy to produce your student ID card virtually using the Student Information Center. Here's what you need to do:

- Take a clear, front-facing, head and shoulders photo of yourself

- Upload your photo and required information [here](#) (you'll need to log into your MyValley account)

Once we verify your ID, we'll link your photo to class rosters and send your ID in the mail. It may take up to two weeks for you to receive your Valley ID in the mail, so upload your photo today. **You must be signed up for classes for the fall semester and tuition must be paid before you will receive your ID.**

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### Cougar Kick Off is Wednesday, Sept. 8

Join us for Cougar Kick Off Sept. 8 at the Texas Township Campus from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. and at Anna Whitten Hall from 12 -1 p.m. and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Connect with college resources, student clubs and grab Cougar giveaways and snacks.

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## ADVISING & COUNSELING

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### Extended Advising and Counseling Hours September 7-10

If you still need help selecting classes for your program, advisors and counselors are available for drop in appointments both virtually and in person through September 10. To schedule a phone or zoom meeting call 269.488.4040. If you prefer to meet someone in person, advisors and counselors will be available for drop in appointments at both the Texas Township Campus (Room 9300) and the Arcadia Commons Campus (Room 109 in Anna Whitten Hall). Virtual and in person drop in appointments are available as follows: Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Last sign in is one hour before advertised closing times.**

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**COUGAR BOOKSTORE**

### Back to School just got Easier!

Save time - avoid the lines - order everything you need for class online at [bookstore.kvcc.edu](http://bookstore.kvcc.edu). Easy pickup at any campus location or shipped to your home for only \$5. Pay with financial aid, credit card or voucher. Simple returns or exchanges. We have everything you need for a great semester at [bookstore.kvcc.edu](http://bookstore.kvcc.edu)!

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# FINANCIAL AID

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## **Kalamazoo Valley Work Study Positions now AVAILABLE!**

Gain work experience while attending college! Work study opportunities provide flexible work hours at all campus locations. Opportunities are available at the Food Innovation Center, International Student Services, the President's Office and several other areas of the college. For more information, click [here](#) or contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@kvcc.edu](mailto:finaid@kvcc.edu).

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## **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 covering.

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

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# HUMAN RESOURCES

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## **Work on Campus as a Student Ambassador**

Do you enjoy talking to prospective students and sharing your positive Kalamazoo Valley Community College experience with others? The Enrollment Management Office is looking for

ambitious students who are looking to gain leadership skills within the campus and the local community through interactions with the public.

Student Ambassadors will work directly with prospective students, family members, community members, and professionals within Kalamazoo Valley Community College. These individuals will also work heavily with our social media outreach including participating in our "Student Takeovers" on Instagram. This position consists of giving campus tours, participating in select off-campus and on-campus events, giving group presentations, assisting with calling campaigns, data entry and other outreach related activities. Student Ambassadors will also assist with office support activities and other duties as assigned.

[Apply now!](#)

# LIBRARIES

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## **Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: Start Your Semester in the Library**

The Kalamazoo Valley Libraries at the Texas Township Campus and at Anna Whitten Hall are open and available to support you this fall. We are offering a mix of in-person and online services to provide reserve reserve textbooks, laptops and hotspots for loan, and assistance with your research and citations.

### **Services and Hours**

Library materials are available for checkout and staff are available to assist you. We offer services remotely through email, phone, 24/7 chat, and Zoom. Call us at 269.488.4380 (TTC) and 269.737.7848 (ACC) or email us at [libraries@kvcc.edu](mailto:libraries@kvcc.edu) with any questions. See our [website](#) for up-to-date hours.

### **Laptops & Hotspots**

Laptops and hotspots are available in the Libraries for students who do not have access to a computer or Wi-Fi at home. You can borrow technology for the entire semester. Visit our website for more information and an online request [form](#).

### **Reserves & Textbooks**

The Libraries offer access to many textbooks used at Kalamazoo Valley, including those used in the top 25 enrolled classes. Students can come to the front desk to request reserve materials. Most of our reserve items may be checked out for up to three hours.

### **Study Spaces**

Both the TTC and AWH libraries have quiet study space with computer and printer access available on a walk-in basis; no appointment necessary.

### **Research & Citations**

If you are looking for help finding/citing sources and researching for class projects, the Libraries

have multiple ways to assist you. Visit us in person to talk to one of our Reference Librarians. From off campus, you can call or email us. Zoom appointments are available on request. For assistance during non-business hours, the Ask a Librarian 24/7 **Chat** is always available

**We look forward to connecting with you!**

\*We appreciate you following Kalamazoo Valley's safety protocols and practicing social distancing when you visit us.

Visit us [online](#)

Call 269.488.4380 (TTC) and 269.737.7848 (ACC)

Email: [libraries@kvcc.edu](mailto:libraries@kvcc.edu)

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

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### **September 11 Remembrance Ceremony**

Kalamazoo Valley will hold a short 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Sept. 10, 2021 at 12 p.m. in the courtyard near the Texas Township Campus cafeteria (4500 hallway). The ceremony will include remarks by Dr. Washington and an opportunity for those in attendance to reflect on the impact 9/11 has had on them. Please join us.



### **Valley Future Educators' Club Meetings**

Interested in a career as a teacher? Join the Valley Future Educators' Club (VFEC). VFEC will meet at the Texas Township Campus, Room 4230 on Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Jan 24, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 18.

Meetings will also be shared via Zoom at:

<https://zoom.us/j/8945322802?pwd=MEc1MmhwTFhMeW5DbktqcFpxTDNZUT0>

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