



September 13, 2021

Greetings Students!

It has been a great pleasure seeing so many of you on our college campuses! Again, I welcome you to the start of a new academic year, whether in person, online or any combination, thank you for choosing Kalamazoo Valley.

We are mindful of the many responsibilities you juggle as a college student. In addition to your studies, you balance the demands of family life, employment and for some, the care of family members and friends. We understand.

Even with a busy schedule, it is important that you devote yourself to your education. My advice to you is to attend and participate in your classes, complete your assignments on time and if you need assistance, do not hesitate to ask for help.

Being a college student can be one of the best experiences of your life! I invite you to take full advantage of all that the college has to offer such as joining a student club or by attending an athletic contest - currently our volleyball team is competing - or by visiting the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. College-related extracurricular experiences can be an important part of learning. Keep an eye on the events and activities posted on the [college calendar](#) and see the article below that highlights upcoming campus events.

I am feeling optimistic about this fall semester and the entire college community is here to assist you in achieving your educational goals. Go for it!

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



Safe at College Training

Everyone taking classes, either in person or online, is required to complete COVID-19 (Coronavirus) 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 to verify your participation.

Student Life and Engagement 
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Get Involved on Campus

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:

Sept. 14 | Zoom Office Hours: Your BFF | 6 - 7 p.m.

An event focused on helping students understand the importance of feeling comfortable attending faculty office hours. This event will be held via [Zoom](#). For more information, please

contact Beth Brandon at ebrandon@kvcc.edu

Sept. 14 | Volleyball Game | 6:30 p.m.

Away game against Jackson Community College.

Sept. 15 | Western Wednesday| 10 - 11 a.m.

Are you interested in attending Western Michigan University? Connect with advisors and admission representatives from the Office of Admissions and the College of Arts & Sciences from Western Michigan University. Western Wednesday sessions are live, interactive presentations designed to answer your frequently asked questions about becoming a Bronco. [Register](#) now to get the Zoom link.

Sept. 15 | Zoom Office Hours: Your BFF | 2 - 3 p.m.

An event focused on helping students understand the importance of feeling comfortable attending faculty office hours. This event will be held via [Zoom](#).

Sept. 16 | Constitution Day Presentations | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | TTC, Room 4240

History instructor Tom Hughes will discuss the Constitution at Kalamazoo Valley's annual Constitution Day event.

Sept. 20 | Valley Future Educators' Club | 1 - 2 p.m. | TTC, Room 4230

Interested in a career as a teacher? Join the Valley Future Educators' Club (VFEC). The event will also be held via [Zoom](#).

Sept. 21 | Transfer Tuesday

Are you unsure of what four-year college or university you want to attend after you complete your academic goals at Kalamazoo Valley? Connect virtually with college & university admission representatives at Transfer Tuesday.

10 - 10:30 a.m. | Olivet College | This event will be held via [Zoom](#).

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. | U of M - Flint | This event will be held via [Zoom](#).

Sept. 21 | How to Study: Health Majors | 6 - 7 p.m.

A discussion about practices and tools to use for success within a Health Services Major (Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Dental Hygiene, etc.). This event will be held via [Zoom](#). Passcode: 430647. For more information, please contact Beth Brandon at ebrandon@kvcc.edu.

Sept. 21 | Volleyball Game | 6:30 p.m.

Home game against Lansing Community College.

Check the college calendar at www.kvcc.edu for other upcoming events.

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! Check out the complete list [here](#). Want to start your own club? Contact Coty Dunten

at 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.



Cougar Cafe Hours, Starbucks Reopens

The Cougar Cafe, located on the Texas Township Campus, is open 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday - Thursday. Offerings include: Subway, coffee/tea, breakfast pastries, grab-n-go items, Coke fountain drinks, variety of canned & bottled drinks. Gift cards are now available!

Starbucks, located in the Student Commons on the Texas Township Campus, is now open 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

LIBRARIES

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Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: Meeting Your Technology Needs and More

Wondering where to get the equipment you need to connect with your instructors and do your course work? Kalamazoo Valley Libraries can help.

How can I get a laptop?

First, fill out the online [laptop loaner application](#). Once you have received approval by email, you may borrow a laptop from either library location - Texas Township or Arcadia Commons. You may keep your laptop for the whole semester.

Can I borrow a calculator from the library, too?

Yes, you can! Scientific and graphing calculators are available for semester-long checkout at

either library location- no pre-approval required.

Do you have other questions?

The library offers much more than hardware! We can provide you access to instructor course reserves, help answer research questions, assist you with databases, and search library systems to put that much-needed resource in your hands. We are standing by virtually and in-person this semester to help you.

Also, explore our How-To Video research guide!

Brief and informative, these How-To videos quickly answer frequently-asked questions about using Microsoft Word and Google Docs, performing general computer tasks, and utilizing library resources. Browse this unique research guide [here](#).

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

[Chat](#) with a college librarian 24/7

Follow us on Instagram: [@kalamazoovalleylibraries](#)

WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER

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The Wellness and Fitness Center Reopens

Students taking WPE classes may visit the Wellness and Fitness Center (WFC) during their scheduled class meeting time. Additionally, the Wellness and Fitness Center will be available only for those students enrolled in WPE classes who need to complete WPE assigned activities Monday - Friday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The safety of students remains a top priority. Please make note of the following:

- First-time users of the the WFC will be required to watch a video regarding the use and proper cleaning of equipment;
- Scanning in and out with college ID will be strictly enforced;
- A face covering must be worn at all times;
- Patrons will receive a bottle of cleaner and a cloth upon entry and will be instructed on proper procedures for cleaning equipment after each usage;
- Towels will not be provided.



Havirmill Cafe to Open this Week

The student-run Havirmill Cafe in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building reopens on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Hours will be 7:30 - 11 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for lunch. The cafe will be open Monday through Thursday.

Breakfast options will be mostly grab-and-go items. Lunch on Mondays will be lighter fare like soups, salads, and sandwiches. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will have more entrees and hot food options. Menus will rotate through various regional American cuisines.

Many of the food items will be packaged so as to reduce touch points with serving utensils. Guests are asked to maintain at least three feet of distance between each other while moving through the line. For the next few weeks, the cafe will be open only students, faculty and staff.

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.**



Back to School just got Easier!

Save time - avoid the lines - order everything you need for class online at 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!

FINANCIAL AID

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Apply Now for Valley CARES Funding

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented both the college and our students with unprecedented challenges. In consideration of this, the college 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 pandemic.

The Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund application can be found in your MyValley account, by selecting Valley Cares Application, under "My Links." Students can receive up to \$1,000 for personal expenses for this current semester.

Please [email](#) the Financial Aid office or call 269.488.4340 with any questions.

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.



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.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM

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Relax and Meditate at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Come to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum planetarium, let go for a little while, and feel the effects of ancient sound instruments on your mind, body and spirit on Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Leave feeling a deep peace and calm. In this sound immersion experience, Tibetan bowls, crystal bowls, tuning forks and other sound instruments will be used to help a busy mind down-shift to relaxation, meditation and deep state healing. No previous experience in music or meditation is necessary. [more](#)



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