



October 25, 2021

Dear Students,

The fall semester is nearly half over. How is it going for you? I'm interested in hearing from you. All of this week, I will be visiting our college campuses and hope that you will make time to stop in for a visit. The schedule follows below.

- Monday, Oct. 25 | 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | AWH 304
- Monday, Oct. 25 | 12 - 1 p.m. | CNM 170
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 | 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | TTC 4230, Forum
- Wednesday, Oct. 27 | 6 - 7 p.m. | TTC 5840
- Thursday, Oct. 28 | 10 - 11:15 a.m. | CAH, Second Floor Lobby
- Thursday, Oct. 28 | 12 - 1 p.m. | GRV 1410

Reservations are not required and this is a free event. Snacks will be available. I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Marshall Washington'.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

### Financial Wellness Survey - Input Needed

We are about to launch a survey to learn more about your experiences and opinions concerning how you pay for college and how you address money issues. We are partnering with Trellis – a non-profit company that helps students succeed in college – who will be sending out the survey on our behalf. Completing this survey will help inform policies that better serve you and your classmates as you move towards graduation.

Also, students who participate will be entered into a national drawing to win a \$100 Amazon gift card (25 total gift cards are being given away).

You can expect this online survey in your email inbox TODAY.

Your privacy is important to us – all your answers will be combined with others and will not be linked with you personally. Please complete this survey when you receive it. We really believe that learning about your money challenges can help us better support you in your education.

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Louis Thomas at [lthomas@kvcc.edu](mailto:lthomas@kvcc.edu). Thank you for participating!

## ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

### Winter Registration is Open

If you need assistance picking out your classes, make an appointment now to meet with an advisor or counselor by calling 269.488.4040. If you work with someone in the Office for Student Access, call 269.488.4397. Students who are part of KVAAP should call 269.373.7945. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. Email [success@kvcc.edu](mailto:success@kvcc.edu) for additional questions.

Full payment for registration between Oct. 11 and Nov. 9 is due by 7 p.m. on Nov. 9.

## WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER

### Wellness and Fitness Center Update

and capacity will remain in place. Use will be based on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

- First-time users of 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 as of this time.

## ADVISING & COUNSELING

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Drop-in advising and counseling hours tomorrow, Oct. 26, will be from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (last sign in) due to New Student Orientation. Normal hours, 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (last sign in at 6 p.m.) will resume Nov. 2. Call 269.488.4040 to get in a virtual line or stop by Room 9300 on the Texas Township Campus.

## FINANCIAL AID

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### Scholarships for Winter 2022 Semester Now Available

The Financial Aid Office is currently promoting scholarships sponsored through the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation for the 2022 Winter Semester.

To view and apply for **Kalamazoo Valley Foundation-Sponsored Scholarships** go to [www.kvcc.edu/scholarships](http://www.kvcc.edu/scholarships).

The deadline to submit an online scholarship application is November 10, 2021, unless noted otherwise. **Applications will not be returned for missing information.**

## APPLY NOW

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office by phone at 269.488.4340 or by email at [financialaid@kvcc.edu](mailto:financialaid@kvcc.edu).

to assist families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Staff will be available to answer questions. If you have questions or need help, stop by the Financial Aid Office, Room 9210 on the Texas Township Campus between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the following upcoming dates:

- Oct. 26
- Nov. 2
- Nov. 9
- Nov. 23
- Nov. 30



## 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 more meaningful.

Upcoming events include:

### **Oct. 25 | Student Veteran Resume Workshop | 6:30 p.m.**

We welcome our student veterans to join Tracey Corbett during this event for tips on translating their military skills into language that will enhance their civilian resumes! For more information, please contact [Charles Heidelberg](#)

### **Oct. 26 | College for Creative Studies Transfer Information Session | 10 a.m.**

Art and Art & New Media Students, learn about transferring to the College for Creative Studies during a presentation and Q&A covering highlights about CCS, students, faculty, facilities and career services. Review "How Credits Transfer" application requirements and timeline for a successful and smooth transition. Tips for maximizing credit transfer and info on merit scholarships and financial aid will also be available. If interested, register [here](#).

### **Oct. 26 | Interview Skills**

Come join this digital event designed for students who would like to refresh their interview techniques, practice their interview skills and learn tips for making a great impression in a job interview.

10 - 11 a.m. | Interview Skills | For more information, contact [Mary McConnell](#)

3 - 4 p.m. | Interview Skills | For more information, contact [Mary McConnell](#)

### **Oct. 26 | 2021 Independent Pathways Virtual College Fair | 12:30 - 2 p.m.**

private colleges and learn why transferring to a smaller, independent college or university might be the best fit for you. Want to know the best part? All of these schools accept The Kalamazoo Promise! If interested in attending, register [here](#).

**Oct. 26 | Taps on Tuesday | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Sample student-made beers and appetizers during this happy hour-type event at Kalamazoo Valley's Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary/Allied Health Building.

**Oct. 26 | How to Study Liberal Arts/Humanities | 6 p.m.**

This event will provide discussion about ideal practices to be successful in various Liberal Arts/Humanities courses. This event will be held via [Zoom](#). For more information, please contact [Beth Brandon](#).

**Oct. 26 | Volleyball Game | 6:30 p.m.**

Home game against GRCC.

**Oct. 27 | Western Wednesday | 10 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. For more information on how to attend, please contact [Ezra Bell](#) or [Levi Funk](#).

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**Oct. 27 | How to Study Liberal Arts/Humanities | 2 p.m.**

This event will provide discussion about ideal practices to be successful in various Liberal Arts/Humanities courses. This event will be held via [Zoom](#). For more information, please contact [Beth Brandon](#).

**Oct. 27 | Student Veteran Interview Workshop | 6:30 p.m.**

Student veterans, come join Tracey Corbett for job interview tips including ways to utilize useful techniques for translating your military experience in a civilian job interview. For more information on how to attend, please contact [Charles Heidelberg](#).

**Oct. 30 | Volleyball MCCA State Championship**

Volleyball MCCA State Championship (If qualify). Details TBD.

**Nov. 1 | Pre-Nursing Meeting | 4 p.m.**

**Nov. 2 | 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 and university admission representatives at Transfer Tuesday.

10 - 11 a.m. | Olivet College | This event will be held via [Zoom](#).

1 - 2 p.m. | Davenport University | This event will be held via [Google Meet](#).

**Nov. 2 | Taps on Tuesday | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Sample student-made beers and appetizers during this happy hour-type event at Kalamazoo Valley's Culinary/Allied Health Building.

**Nov. 2 | Taking Procrastination Out of The Equation | 6 p.m.**

This event/presentation will discuss the topic of breaking the habit of procrastination and will give you tools and information to help stay on track. This event will be held via [Zoom](#). For more information, please contact [Beth Brandon](#).

**Nov. 3 | What Is Right With You? | 1 p.m.**

Take the Clifton Strengths Assessment and discover your Top 5 Strengths! This meeting will be held via Zoom, register [here](#). For more information, please contact [Sabrina Kooy](#).

**Nov. 3 | Taking Procrastination Out of The Equation | 2 p.m.**

This event/presentation will discuss the topic of breaking the habit of procrastination and give you tools and information to help stay on track. This event will be held via [Zoom](#). For more information, please contact [Beth Brandon](#).

**Nov. 5 | Art Hop: Abstract Painting by Mark Olson | 5:30 - 8 p.m.**

Art Hop: Abstract Painting by Mark Olson at the Center for New Media.

*Check the college [calendar](#) for other upcoming opportunities.*

**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](#).

**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.

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## UNIVERSITY CENTER

### Ferris State University Virtual Open House

Explore all of the ways Ferris - Kalamazoo is here to help you move your education forward. Join Ferris' [Virtual Open House](#) on Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m or 6 - 8 p.m. to learn about the programs offered locally in partnership with Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Meet with admissions and financial aid experts to have your questions answered. They'll send you a Ferris t-shirt with attendance!

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### Kalamazoo Valley Community College **VETERANS SERVICES**

p. 269.488.4970 e. [veterans@kvcc.edu](mailto:veterans@kvcc.edu)

### Veteran Services Presents the Film American Exile

Join us for a showing of "American Exile," a film about the deportation of U. S. military veterans will be shown on **Oct. 28** in Rm 4240 (TTC) at 4:30 p.m. Manuel and Valenta Valenzula are two brothers who both volunteered and fought in the Vietnam War. Now 50 years later, they are being deported to Mexico, a country they have not been to since childhood. Join John Valadez, the award-winning filmmaker of "American Exile" and the director of the documentary film program at Michigan State University, will be joining us for the screening and will be available for Q & A after the film. Advanced registration is required. [RSVP](#) now.

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## Kalamazoo Downtown **PARTNERSHIP**

community that makes up downtown Kalamazoo. They work on increasing inclusivity, getting feedback from local residents, and discovering new and better ways to make downtown welcoming for everyone.

The Coalition for Place focuses on continuously developing downtown into an inviting place that everyone can enjoy, in any season and circumstance. We don't only work on building a beautiful environment, we also work on developing public infrastructure, such as sidewalks, street lighting, and maps of downtown.

The Coalition for Growth supports entrepreneurship and investment downtown, working to create a place where businesses of all sizes can launch and thrive. We actively support new businesses, help attract new businesses, and guide start-ups. We also work closely with the downtown community's anchor institutions to continuously develop and grow the downtown economy.

The Coalition for Experience works to curate downtown Kalamazoo into an engaging social space. We brainstorm ideas for events, programs, and public art - including murals and sculpture - with the goal to draw people into downtown. We also work to promote downtown and its businesses with creative marketing ideas that showcase the unique beauty and diversity of the community.

Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership is looking for community leaders who want to have an impact. Apply now to help make downtown a more vibrant urban center. [Apply](#) by Nov. 1.



### **Domestic Violence Awareness Events**

Kalamazoo Valley Community College is hosting a series of events in October and November designed to heighten Domestic Violence Awareness.

*Please note: While these events are valuable and important for the enrichment of our campus, they are not suitable for all audience members. Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence will be discussed in detail, which will be difficult for some people. Self-care should always be your top priority. Kalamazoo Valley counselors are present at all events, and referrals are available for anyone in need of help.*

### **November 5**

Trauma expert Dr. Mays Imad of the Gardner Institute will visit campus for sessions with



classroom community, and how these relate to cognition, metacognition, and, ultimately, student learning and success.

She'll be on hand for a breakfast with students in Rooms 4370 and 4380 from 10 - 11 a.m. at Texas Township. Pre-registration is required. Register now [here](#).

The Kalamazoo Valley libraries will promote awareness of domestic violence through curated collections of books, podcasts, and other resources.

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# PHI THETA KAPPA

## HONOR SOCIETY



### **Congratulations to New Phi Theta Kappa Members**

Phi Theta Kappa, the International honor society of the two-year colleges, inducted new members at a formal induction ceremony on Tuesday, Oct. 19 in the Commons Theater at the Texas Township Campus, at 7 p.m. Dr. Washington offered remarks. **PHOTOS TO COME**

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### Are you ready to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy, and confident?

Help girls learn vital social and emotional life skills? Empower girls to know that they can do anything? There is a team of girls just waiting to call you COACH this spring!

### Ready to have so much fun?

The GOTR coach application is now open! The season starts March 21st and ends May 24th.

For more information visit:  
[girlsontherunkazoo.org](http://girlsontherunkazoo.org)



## LIBRARIES

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### Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: See What's New in November

#### New Book Drop

The Texas Township library has a new outdoor book drop. Tired of lugging your heavy book returns all the way back to the library? Drop off your books in the brand-new book drop just outside of the flag entrance. Our staff will collect your returned items. Please use the book drop for books only. Laptops, hotspots, cameras, and other electronic items should be returned directly to the library's front desk.



### **New Books**

The Kalamazoo Valley Libraries have new books on the shelves; books that are just waiting for the right reader. Some of our newest titles include: *Why Do We Still Have the Electoral College?* by Alexander Keyssar, *African Europeans: An Untold History* by Olivette Otele, and *Climate Justice: Hope, Resilience, and the Fight for a Sustainable Future* by Mary Robinson. Come visit either of our locations and see what other new and interesting titles we have to offer, or you can find a list of recently purchased titles [here](#).

### **November Virtual Book Display**

November is Native American Heritage Month. Beginning Nov. 1, check out our virtual book display for helpful resources that highlight Native American history, literature, and culture. All prior virtual displays are still available for your perusal throughout the year. Click the [link](#) to check them out.

### **Witch Book Will Enchant You?**

Dying for something new to read before Halloween? Come browse our Halloween book display on the lower level of the Texas Township Library before it disappears. Find fiction and nonfiction books on vampires, ghosts and more.

*\*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](#)

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

# MISSION STATEMENT FEEDBACK



## Insight Needed

Kalamazoo Valley Community College is embarking on a review of its mission statement and is asking you, our students, to complete a questionnaire as a part of the review of the existing mission statement.

“The mission statement is a snapshot of who we are as an institution,” said Tracy Labadie, Ed.D., Associate Vice President of Collaboration, Compliance and Analytics. “It serves as a guide for institutional decision-making and keeps the college focused on our core purpose and goals. We are asking all college stakeholders to participate in this process by completing a short questionnaire.”

The questionnaire can be accessed [here](#). The mission statement is an institution's formal, public declaration of its purposes.

Mission statements generally remain in effect for long periods and should contain specificity providing an easily recognized definition. The mission statement should also provide the flexibility necessary to respond to the needs of the community. The current mission statement – adopted in June 1994 and last modified in December 2016, reads:

We are committed to enriching the lives of our students and communities through quality educational programs and services.

To accomplish these ends, we will:

- Support student goal achievement through access to learning experiences and assessment.
- Support a balance between a comprehensive curricular base and innovations in education, personal development and technology by strategically utilizing resources.
- Provide curriculum and supportive services relevant to the needs of individuals, enterprise and government.
- Maintain a learning environment built upon the inclusivity of ideas of all cultures and ethnic backgrounds.
- Support economic vitality and stability through development of a skilled local workforce.
- Integrate the components of campus-based instruction, the Groves and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum to support student and community needs.

We appreciate your participation in our ongoing self-analysis and self-improvement efforts. Please respond by Nov. 12.

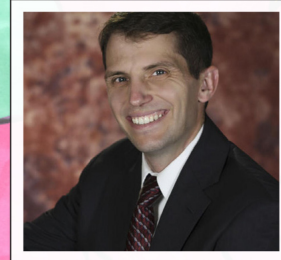
THURSDAY, NOV. 4 | 6 P.M.

# Kaleidoscope EYES:

A Different Perspective on Autism, Art and the World PRESENTED BY DR. JOSHUA DIEHL

Join Dr. Diehl as he presents how autism represents a different way of processing the world, and how that difference leads to both talent and areas in need of support.

This online program hosted by Kalamazoo Valley Museum compliments the exhibit "Expanding Scott's World: A Journey of Autism Through Art," on display through January 2, 2022.



The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
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