



April 4, 2022

Greetings Students,

Together with the nearly 1,000 other community colleges across the country, Kalamazoo Valley Community College is celebrating Community College Month during April. This monthlong campaign is designed to improve awareness about the economic, academic and equity advantages of attending community colleges and to break the stigma associated with public two-year colleges.

We are delighted that you have chosen to attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College. You are a part of a large group of intelligent and determined individuals who recognize the unmistakable value of attending Kalamazoo Valley.

Community colleges are a uniquely American educational model designed to guarantee access to affordable, high-quality higher education for all. We believe that the full diversity of our students enhances the learning environment, fully preparing them for transfer to a four-year institution or for immediate employment in their field of study. Our graduates are in high demand. I am proud of the impact that you as students and graduates make on the communities we serve. More than 300,000 students have enrolled at the college since 1966 and many of you stay in the area after degree or certificate completion and help to make the region prosperous and growing!

I have observed that Kalamazoo Valley Community College students are among the most dedicated individuals in the nation. Therefore, during this month of celebration, I celebrate you, our current students, alumni and our outstanding faculty, staff and administrators. Working together, we make Kalamazoo Valley a great place for every student, employee and guest to learn, belong and find success!



Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

As a part of Community College Month, more than 15 people tell their stories about the college in special messages [available now](#) on the college YouTube channel.

Examples include student athlete, Justin Bushu, sharing why he chose Kalamazoo Valley, alumna Micah Makoni talking about finding her career pathway and her husband at the college and employer Jim Williams, supervisor at Eimo Technologies, talking about the quality of Kalamazoo Valley graduates. Take a look and [share your story](#) on the college's Facebook page.



Jim Williams, Micah Makoni and Justin Bushu



APRIL IS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 MONTH




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SHOW YOUR KALAMAZOO VALLEY PRIDE IN APRIL!

WHEN April 1 - 30, 2022

WHERE Texas Township Bookstore

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Summer Tuition Due Tomorrow

Payment for summer semester **early registration** is due Tuesday, April 5 by 7 p.m. Payment after April 5 is due within five business days. Summer semester classes begin May 9. A payment plan is available for summer semester. Log in to "MyValley" and select "Payment Plan" to enroll today.

Registration will be closed for non-payment cancellations between April 5 at 7 p.m. - April 7, 7 a.m. Beginning April 7, classes that are not paid for, on a payment plan, covered by financial aid or covered by a third-party will be dropped after five business days.

You are responsible for dropping all classes you are not planning to attend, and are responsible for payment of classes in which you are enrolled. Do not assume you will be dropped from your class(es) for nonpayment. It is your responsibility to verify your enrollment status.

If you have registered for classes and are no longer planning to attend, you must drop those courses yourself before the end of the add/drop period or you will be responsible for the tuition owed. Contact Admissions, Registration and Records at 269.488.4281.



Ludacris Tickets on Sale Tomorrow at TTC

The date has changed for when the State Theatre will be selling **Ludacris tickets** on campus. Its mobile box office will be at the TTC Student Commons on **Tuesday, April 5, from 4 - 8 p.m.** (not March 29, as previously reported). There's a two-ticket limit to this April 9 concert, which is open only to *students, faculty and staff* of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, WMU and K-College. Tickets are \$20 each.



- Tickets **CAN ALSO** be purchased at the State's box office in downtown Kalamazoo.
- More concert details at the Facebook event page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/630025441423851>.

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 and 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. For more information, contact [Coty Dunten](#) or [Ezra Bell](#).

Upcoming events include:

April 5 | Taking Procrastination Out of the Equation | 6 p.m.

This presentation is about breaking the habit of procrastination and gives students tools to help them stay on track. This event will be held via Zoom. To learn more about how to attend, contact [Beth Brandon](#).

April 6 | KVAAP Connect Virtual | 10 a.m.

Sign up to attend a virtual information session to learn more about how KVAAP can help you achieve your educational goals. Upon signing up, a virtual meeting Zoom link will be emailed to you. Register [here](#).

April 7 | Kalamazoo Promise Services Progress Report Luncheon | 12 p.m.

Kalamazoo Promise Services invites Promise Scholars at Kalamazoo Valley to drop in and join us for lunch and to get to know the Promise Services team. It is also an opportunity to review Progress Reports as well as exchange and explore strategies for success. For information on how to attend, please contact [Narda McClendon](#).

April 12 | Business Career Fair: Real People Real Careers | 12 - 2:30 p.m.

The Business Career Fair: Real People Real Careers event will be held on April 12 at Anna Whitten Hall located on the First Floor Lobby from 12 - 2:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

April 13 | 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.



April 13 | STEM Career Fair: Real People Real Careers | 2 - 4:30 p.m.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Career Fair event will be held on Wednesday, April 13 located at the Texas Township Campus in the Student Commons from 2 - 4:30 p.m. Register [here](#).

April 15 | Strengths & Well-being | 1 p.m.

Learn about the 5 universal elements of well-being and how your Strengths can connect you to what you find engaging, important and valuable to help you create a resilient and thriving life. This event will be held via Zoom. Register [here](#). For more information, please contact [Sabrina Kooy](#).

For a complete list of activities, check the [college calendar](#).

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 [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for all of the latest campus news.

**Join the Chess Club**

Swing by to see what Kalamazoo Valley's Chess Club is all about! Open to all players. Meets on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. in the Student Commons on the Texas Township Campus. For more information, contact Ryan Pate at rpate5740@mail.kvcc.edu.





Kalamazoo Valley Hosts Foodways Symposium April 5 to 9

The 2022 Kalamazoo Foodways Symposium will take place April 5-9. The event is meant to inspire and empower the greater Kalamazoo community to honor its agricultural history and heritage cuisines, celebrate good food and work together to build a just and healthy future for all.

This year's theme of "Central American and Mexican Foodways" will be explored with experts both online and in person through lectures, workshops, demonstrations, food tastings and an outdoor Foodways Festival.

The virtual keynote presentation with chef Claudia Albertina Ruíz Sántiz can be viewed live from a personal electronic device or at Kalamazoo College's Arcus Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5. Experience live online cooking demonstrations during the evenings of April 6, 7 and 8. Participants will learn from expert instructors about fascinating cultural and heritage food topics as well as how to cook the food at home. Registration for these live virtual sessions is available at kalamazoofoodways.org. [more](#)

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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Two Career Fairs Planned in April

Kalamazoo Valley Community College students are invited to career fairs focusing on business and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) pathways. Details are below. All students are welcome. Registration is *NOT* required, but encouraged. Sign up for the business fair [here](#), and register [here](#) for the STEM fair. For questions, contact [Mary McConnell](#) at 269.488.4046.

- **Tuesday | April 12 | noon - 2:30 p.m.:** "Business Career Fair: Real People Real Careers," first floor lobby, Kalamazoo Valley's Anna Whitten Hall, 202 N. Rose St., downtown Kalamazoo
- **Wednesday | April 13 | 2 - 4:30 p.m.:** "STEM Career Fair: Real People Real Careers," Student Commons at Texas Township Campus



cover page should be dropped off at the Faculty Reception Desk on or before the deadline or mailed to:

Ned Foskey Poetry Prize
English Department
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
P.O. Box 4070
Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070

Mailed entries must be postmarked by the deadline. If you would like confirmation that your mailed entry has been received, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard. Entries will not be returned, so students should keep a copy. Access the contest submission form [here](#).



REDEFINE 269

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9
12-4PM**

Activities, games, music, and giveaways

Discounts at local Kalamazoo shops for students

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Anna Whitten Hall Courtyard
W Water Street and North
Kalamazoo Mall

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FACULTY INSTRUCTIONAL AWARDS

Nominate Your Favorite Faculty

All students are welcome to participate in the 12th Annual Faculty Instructional Awards nomination process. The awards are designed to recognize those instructors who actively encourage students' intellectual curiosity, engage them in the enterprise of learning, and have a lifelong impact. You may only nominate one of your own instructors per year. The deadline for submission is May 15, 2022.



ATHLETICS

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Eight Cougar Basketball Players Win Awards

Congratulations to the three women's and five men's basketball players from Kalamazoo Valley Community College who were recently recognized by the coaches of the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 12 and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association for outstanding athletic performance during the 2021-22 season!

"Being a successful student-athlete at the collegiate level requires excellent time management and discipline to juggle the rigors of academic and athletic responsibilities," said Athletic Director Russ Panico. "The players recognized embody these traits and are excellent representatives of the college."

The players and their awards are as follows:

Women's Basketball

- **Abigail Long**: All-Region, All-MCCAA, First Team All-Conference, All-Defensive Team, All-Freshman Team, Western Conference Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year
- **LaNeshia Burse** and **Lauren Tuin**: Honorable Mention All-Conference

Men's Basketball

- **Devin Marshall**: All-Region, All-MCCAA, First Team All-Conference
- **Myles Johnson**: All-Region, All-MCCAA, First Team All-Conference and All-Freshman Team
- **Kobe Clark**, **Jordan Ross** and **Justin Davis**: Honorable Mention All-Conference

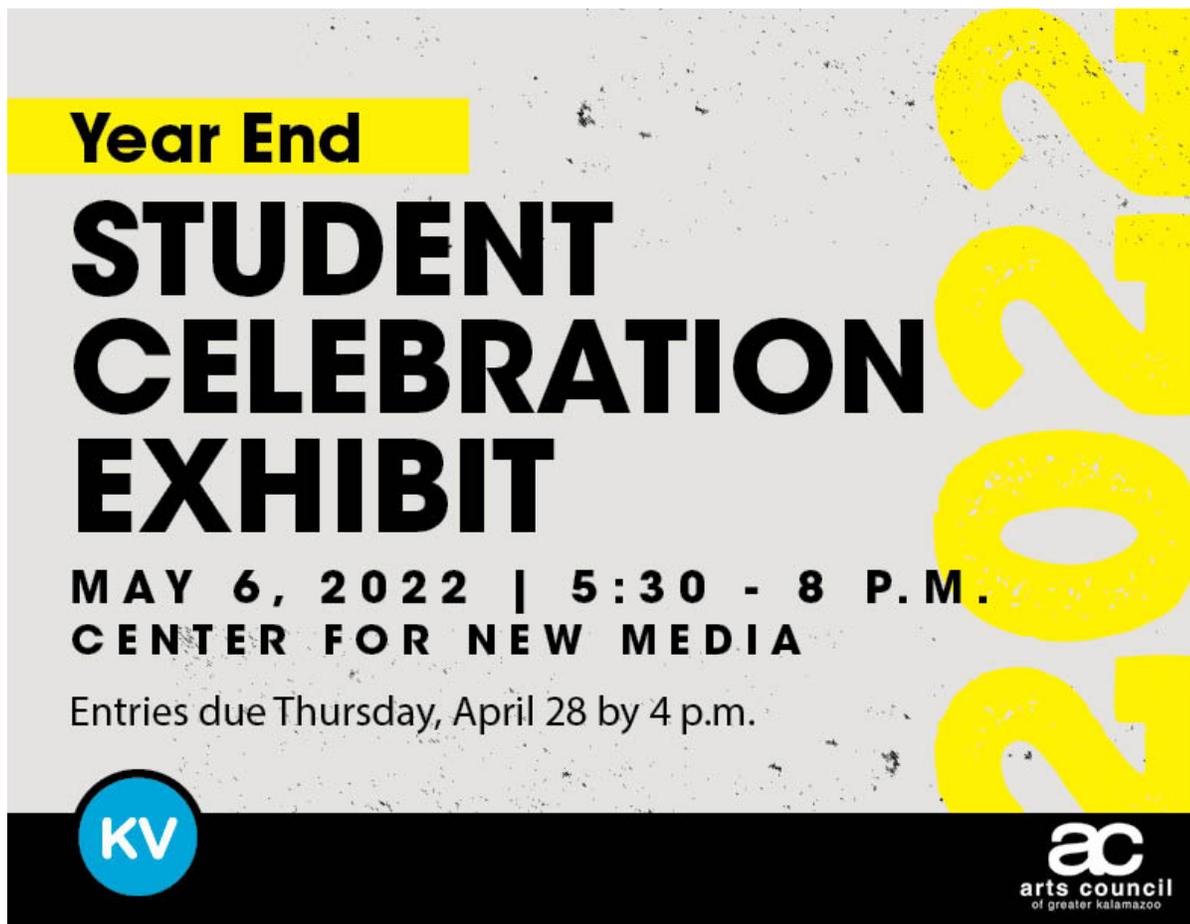


Author Tommy Orange to Visit Kalamazoo Valley on April 19

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's "About Writing" Visiting Writers Series welcomes Tommy

Township Campus. Both events will be followed by a book signing.

Orange is the author of the New York Times bestselling novel "There There," a multigenerational, relentlessly paced story about a side of America few have ever seen: the lives of urban Native Americans. "There There" was one of The New York Times Book Review's 10 Best Books of the Year, won the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. [more](#)



Year End

STUDENT CELEBRATION EXHIBIT

MAY 6, 2022 | 5:30 - 8 P.M.
CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA

Entries due Thursday, April 28 by 4 p.m.

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LIBRARIES

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Kalamazoo Valley Libraries:

[Citation Help, 'Sharing the View' Program, Growing Capability at AWH and April Displays](#)

Citation Help

Could you use some help with citation? Kalamazoo Valley Libraries is fully equipped to provide the assistance you need. The citation resources and services we offer are:



- [Citation Resource Page](#) - access Purdue Online Writing Lab through our handy listing for detailed citation guidance or login to NoodleTools to auto-generate your citations in MLA or APA format.
- [NoodleTools How-To Videos](#) - brief tutorials to get new users up and running with Kalamazoo Valley's citation generator in minutes.
- One-on-One Help - join forces with a library staff member to learn how to cite sources properly and present your paper in the correct format. Staff are available virtually and in person to help you master citation skills. Our [24/7 Ask a Librarian](#) chat service means there is assistance at any hour.

Citation can be intimidating. Let the friendly experts at Valley Libraries help you master it.

Sharing the View at Texas Township

The Texas Township Campus Library is famous for its wall of windows overlooking the campus woods. Students consistently name the beautiful view as a reason they come to the library to study. In April, learn more about the trees and wildlife outside the windows and the benefits of our nearby nature. All month, browse our display of nature guides and complete some self-directed activities about trees (and earn a limited-edition "Share the View" button).

On Tuesday, April 12, join Dr. Sara Tanis, director of the new Horticulture and Sustainable Landscaping Program and Librarian Amy Brandt on a guided nature walk in the woods behind the library. Dress for the weather and meet in the lower level of the TTC library at noon. (Rain date is Monday, April 25 at noon.)

Growing capability at Anna Whitten Hall

With the help of the staff at the Food Innovation Center, the library at Anna Whitten Hall has converted an old atlas case into a small "grow case" for microgreens and plant starts. All winter long, the case has provided fresh microgreens for students and staff to enjoy. It's been wonderful watching the growth cycle of these small plants even through the cold months. With spring's arrival, the grow case will transition to a variety of seedlings and plant starts that will be freely available to staff and students for planting in their gardens in late spring. In the future, students in the Horticulture and Sustainable Landscaping Program will get valuable hands-on experience outside the classroom helping to tend, plan and maintain the plants in the library grow case. Please stop by the library on the third floor of Anna Whitten Hall to check it out and talk plants!

April Book Displays

Looking for a good read? Come to the Texas Township library to browse our book displays, or check out the [online virtual versions](#) of them. In April, read about the many ways you can celebrate Earth Day every day.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Visit us [online](#)

Call 269.488.4328



Zoom by appointment, please email libraries@kvcc.edu

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