



MISSION STATEMENT

Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive.

August 8, 2022

Greetings students,

August can be an in-between month.

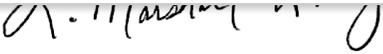
Some of you are in between now and the end of the summer semester. Some may be between summer vacations and preparing for fall semester. While others are in between wrapping up chores related to outdoor projects and preparing for the change of seasons. Or maybe you are just waiting . . . waiting and marking time while others wait in anticipation of the new academic year.

Regardless of your situation, I invite you think deeply about your future. Instead of just passing time, consider how you will prepare for something new. That could mean deciding to take an additional class during fall semester; registration continues to be available at www.kvcc.edu/register. Maybe there is a change coming in your household or a new job that will require some adjustments to your schedule. Alternatively, maybe it is time to find a cause or activity you really care about in which you can invest your time and effort.

My advice is to take advantage of in-between times. Make a plan and go for it with gusto!

Sincerely,




L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

ADVISING AND COUNSELING

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Extended Advising & Counseling Hours

Beginning today, Student Development Services, which includes Advising & Counseling, will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. On Tuesdays (TTC and AWH) and Wednesdays (TTC only), the office will be open until 7 p.m. through Sept. 14.

Starting Aug. 22 and continuing through Sept. 16, no appointments will be necessary to see an advisor or counselor. Students will be seen first come, first served. Stop by Room 9300 on the Texas Township Campus or Room 120 at Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus to see someone in person. Or call 269.488.4040 to get in a virtual line. A registration lab and FAFSA support will also be available through Sept. 6 in Room 9130 (TTC).

KALAMAZOO VALLEY ACCELERATED ASSOCIATE PROGRAM (KVAAP)

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Be Part of the KVAAP Experience

The Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP) is accepting students for fall! This program makes sure students stay on track to receive their associate degree at an accelerated pace by attending school full time. The program also covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and required supplies for its participants! Learn more by attending a free, two-week KVAAP College Experience session on Aug. 15, 16, 18 and 22, 23, 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sign up at www.kvcc.edu/KVAAP/.





FINANCE AND BUSINESS

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Tuition is Due Aug. 16

As a reminder, payment for fall registration is due Tuesday, Aug. 16 by 7 p.m. **If payment is not received or a Payment Plan is in place, your classes will be dropped.**

- A payment plan is available for fall semester. Go to www.kvcc.edu/myvalley and select: "Payment Plan" to enroll today.
- Registration will be closed for nonpayment cancellations Aug. 16, 7 p.m. - Aug. 19, 7 a.m. Registration will reopen at 7 a.m. on Aug. 19. Beginning Aug. 19, 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. You should 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.



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COUGAR BOOKSTORE

Bookstore Accepts Fall Financial Aid on Aug. 25

Aug. 25 is the first day that students can use fall financial aid to make purchases at the Texas Township Bookstore. Both in-store and online purchases are eligible. The Bookstore is **now open** from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Friday**. Or, if you prefer, buy items **online**. Online orders may be picked up at TTC or Anna Whitten Hall at the Arcadia Commons Campus in downtown Kalamazoo, or mailed to your home or other address. Shipping is \$5.

Meanwhile, those needing to return summer book rentals should note that they are due Aug. 23.

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 [Ezra Bell](#).

Upcoming events include:

Aug. 9 | Kalamazoo Promise Services Zoom Pop-Up | 5 p.m.

Zoom Pop-Ups are virtual presentations dedicated to the development of skills needed to be successful in college and life. Presentations are led by Kalamazoo Promise Services staff, Kalamazoo Valley faculty and community educators. Click [here](#) to join. For more information, contact [Beth Brandon](#).

Aug. 9 | KVAAP Information Session | 5 p.m.

Join this virtual information session to learn more about how KVAAP can help you achieve your educational goals. Upon signing up, a Zoom meeting link will be emailed to you. For more information on how to attend, contact [Kendall Walker](#).

Aug. 11 | Valley Food Share | 2 - 4 p.m.

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 bag, or a "share," which includes food grown locally and sourced through our own Food Innovation Center



Center and the Texas Township Campus. For more information, visit kvcc.edu/foodshare.

Aug. 11 | PTK Charity Walk | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for the inaugural PTK Charity Walk on Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus! Bring your friends and family and help us raise money for Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes. Register for just \$20 per person at www.kvcc.edu/ptk/. All money raised will be donated. For more information, email ptk@kvcc.edu.

Aug. 18 | Valley Food Share | 2 - 4 p.m.

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 bag, or a "share," which includes food grown locally and sourced through our own Food Innovation Center as well as non-perishable items from Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes to take home. Valley Food Share distribution is currently a drive-thru service alternating between the Food Innovation Center and the Texas Township Campus. For more information, visit kvcc.edu/foodshare.

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](#).



latest campus news. And every Tuesday, you can check us out on [TikTok!](#)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

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Fun at Vandercook Lake



International students from Kalamazoo Valley recently met up with other international students from both **Jackson College** and **Albion College**. The group enjoyed a tour of Jackson College and then spent the afternoon on Vandercook Lake where they cooked out, played games and kayaked.



Sustainable Brewing Students Win Medals at U.S. Open College Beer Championship

Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing students continue to gain recognition for their superior craft beers. At the 2022 U.S. Open College Beer Championship in Oxford, Ohio, Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing program took the Grand National Champion with three gold and one silver medal out of 11 North American colleges and universities.

"We have placed in this competition nearly every year and have taken Grand Champion once in the past," said brewing instructor Aaron Ross. "This is a major success for our program, students and team." [more](#)

KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM

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Dacia Bridges

The long-awaited documentary about the famed Kalamazoo Boxing Academy is finished and will be shown at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum this fall. It was a passion project of Kalamazoo Valley Community College alumna Dacia Bridges, who died before it was done.

Lawrence Productions Inc., a Kalamazoo-based video production company, had been working with Bridges on the documentary and recently completed the editing of her raw footage.

"We were great friends with Dacia," explained Jerry Brown, whose company would travel with Bridges to tape interviews as she conducted them. "We felt we not only needed to finish it, but to



The community can view "The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy" documentary at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, where there has been an exhibit about the academy on display for several months. The exhibit ends Sept. 18.

Dacia Bridges, a singer, actress and dancer, died from a brain aneurysm within months of graduating with an associate degree in multimedia video in 2019 from Kalamazoo Valley. She was 45. Her grandfather, the late Eddy Bridges, co-founded the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy in the 1970s, which developed a reputation as a safe haven for youth. It closed in the 1980s. [more](#)

Rain Garden Tours



Tuesday & Thursday | 11 a.m. , 2 p.m. | FREE

Saturday | 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. | FREE

A rain garden is growing and blooming at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum! Learn about rain gardens and how they help our precious ground water. Learn more at kalamazoomuseum.org.



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