



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sept. 12, 2022

Greetings Students!

The beginning of the new academic year is always a busy time at Kalamazoo Valley and this fall is no exception! In addition to settling into a new fast-paced schedule, there are a number of exciting and meaningful college-related events scheduled for learners of all ages.

Learn more about why we celebrate Constitution Day during September when Political Science Instructor Kevin Dockerty provides remarks during presentations at the Texas Township Campus on Sept. 16 and at Anna Whitten Hall on Sept. 19. Check the college calendar on the home page of the website for additional details.

Learn more about the programs and classes at the Center for New Media on Sept. 22 during the "Profs and Pizza" event from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Check out the college calendar on the home page of the website for more information.

Earlier this month, "A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" mini exhibit opened at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. It chronicles the local connections and fascinating accomplishments of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells were involuntarily taken more than 70 years ago and are still used around the globe in experiments to develop cures and therapies. The exhibit and upcoming theatrical production are jointly sponsored by the college and the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) in collaboration with Lacks' nephew, Kalamazoo resident Jermaine Jackson, with support from the [KVCC Foundation](#). The museum's Mary Jane Stryker Theater will host the play three times: at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1.



opportunities in the classroom and online. Thank you again for choosing Kalamazoo Valley!

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



**SEPT. 13 | CULINARY AND
ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING
11 A.M. - 1 P.M. | LOBBY**

Celebrate the start of the fall semester!
Enjoy performances by Kandace "DC" Lavender, music from
DJ Conscious, food, games and prizes! #GoodVibesOnly!



STUDENT SERVICES

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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.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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Work on Campus!

Your future begins here! As a student, you're already on the path to academic achievement. Take your next step and consider joining our team as an employee! Check out some of the opportunities available:

- Student Ambassador - Multiple Locations
- Certified Lifeguards - TTC
- Tutors: Chemistry, Computer Information Science, Accounting, Economics, Writing Center - TTC
- Brewery Lab Assistant - CAH
- Chemistry Lab Assistant - TTC
- Culinary Lab Assistant - CAH
- Kitchen Assistant - CAH
- Food Hub Tech - FIC
- Groundskeeper - TTC
- Maintenance - Multiple Locations
- Custodian - Multiple Locations
- Student Services Assistant - TTC

Apply today at jobs@kvcc.edu.

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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Important Dates for Dropping and Adding Classes

- Last day to add (first half-semester/12/14-week classes) is Sept. 13.
- Last day to drop for a refund (first half-semester classes) is Sept. 13.
- Last day to drop for a refund (first 12-week classes) is Sept. 15.



- Last day to drop for a refund (second 12-week classes) is Sept. 29.

You may drop or withdraw from classes using the self-service registration feature inside MyValley. Watch our [how to video](#) to learn how this is accomplished. You may also drop classes in person in the Admissions, Registration and Records office (Room 9140, TTC) or at the Student Service Center in Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus. Discontinuing class attendance and/or notifying the instructor is not an official drop. You must complete the paperwork or use the self-service feature. If you fail to officially drop a course, registration is continued until the end of class and the grade earned is recorded on your transcript. Discontinuing course attendance is a very important decision. Consult with appropriate people to accurately assess your current situation and re-evaluate as necessary.



Havirmill Cafe to Open Sept. 14

Students enrolled in Kalamazoo Valley's Culinary Arts and Sustainable Food Systems programs put their training to work in the 418 restaurant and Havirmill Cafe. Both are located in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building, 418 E. Walnut St., in downtown Kalamazoo. The Havirmill Cafe will be open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning on Sept. 14. There will be grab-and-go options as well as a hot bar with freshly made entrees. Reservations are not needed for the cafe.



Constitution Day Observances

History and Political Science Instructor Kevin Dockerty will give a talk on "The Founders and the Constitution" in celebration of Constitution Day on Sept. 16 at 11 a.m. in TTC Room 4230 and on Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. in AWH Room 128.



Need Help with Your Schedule?

No appointment is necessary to see an advisor or counselor through Sept. 16. Stop by Room 9300 on the Texas Township Campus to see someone in person. Or call 269.488.4040 to get in a virtual line.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Are you looking for volunteer work, an internship or a job?

Career Coach is Kalamazoo Valley's online job board that lists part-time and full-time jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities. If you are looking for a different job other than what is listed, we can help. Call 269.488.4040 or email careercenter@kvcc.edu to schedule an appointment with Student Employment Services. We also help with resume writing and practice interviews.

Below are some of the jobs currently posted on Career Coach:

Accounting/Business/IT/Marketing

Account Coordinator and Accounts Payable Coordinator- KSS Enterprises
Office Assistant - Charter Township of Kalamazoo
Customer Service Representative - V&A Bootery
Human Resources & Injury Reporting - Residential Opportunities, Inc.

Art and New Media

Production Designer - Imperial Beverage
Publications Coordinator - First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo

Culinary/Brewing

Line & Pizza Cooks - Central City Tap House
Dietary Aide - Friendship Village
Dietary Cook - Laurels of Galesburg
Dishwasher/Prep Cook - Fieldstone Grill
Pantry Cook - 600 Kitchen & Bar
Many opportunities for cooks, line cooks, servers

Education

Early Head Start Lead Teacher - St. Joseph County ISD



Natural Resource Education Assistant - Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

General Studies

Activities Assistant - Friendship Village

Party and Event Coordinator - Bricks and Minifigs

Thermoforming Machine Operator - Easypak, LLC

Activities Aide - Laurels of Galesburg

Elections Assistant Internship - Charter Township of Kalamazoo

Park Ranger - City of Portage

Health Careers

Medical Assistants - Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

Rehab Technician - Alliance Physical Therapy Partners

CNAs, LPNs and Registered Nurses - Laurels of Galesburg

Graduate Nurse - Bronson Healthcare Group

Direct Support Professional - Residential Opportunities, Inc.

Chairside Dental Assistant - Jack M. Hosner, DDS

Homecare Aide - Senior Services

Human Services/Public Services

Skill Building Technician - Residential Opportunities, Inc.

Security Officer - KARD Protection Services

Program Facilitator - Prevention Works

Skilled Trades

Automotive Technician - Bridgestone Retail Operations

Drafting/Design Internship - Pennings and Sons

Make Ready Maintenance Technician - Edward Rose & Sons

Maintenance Tech - Drive and Shine

Diesel Mechanic - VIP Logistics, LLC

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](#).



Sept. 12 | KVAAP Information Session | 2 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. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, contact [Kendall Walker](#).

Sept. 13 | Vibe Fest | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Welcome to the new semester! Join us at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building lobby from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for Vibe Fest 2022, where you will be invited to enjoy lively DJ music, food, games, prizes and good vibes only. For more information, email [Ezra Bell](#).

Sept. 13 | 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](#).

Sept. 14 | Western Wednesdays | 10 a.m.

Are you interested in attending Western Michigan University Wednesday? Connect with advisors and admission representatives from the Office of Admissions and the College of Arts & Sciences from Western Michigan University. [Register](#) now.

Sept. 19 | Valley Future Educators Club (VFEC) | 1 p.m.

Are you a student interested in pursuing a career in education? Valley Future Educators' Club provides a great opportunity to network with Kalamazoo Valley faculty and peers interested in the field of education. Join us at our next meeting for some informal learning, conversation and fun! This event will be held in person at 1 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus in Room 4240 and will also be available via Zoom. Click [here](#) to join virtually. For more information, contact [Cheryl Almeda](#).

Sept. 20 | Nursing Information Workshop | 6 p.m.

Join us at the Culinary and Allied Health Building at 6 p.m. in Room 223 for this informative workshop where you can learn more about Kalamazoo Valley's Nursing Program and what we can offer you. Discover useful program information, requirements and how to prepare your application. Click [here](#) to RSVP. To learn more, email nursing@kvcc.edu.

Sept. 21 | Born 2 Succeed (B2S) | 3 - 5 p.m.

Are you a male student looking to connect with others pursuing a degree? Are you interested in networking with successful individuals from within the community? If so, you are encouraged to join the Born 2 Succeed (B2S) program. B2S provides mentoring, leadership development, career exploration, strength/talent identification, peer support, tutoring, workshops and chill nights for male students. Join us on Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 3 - 5 p.m. at Anna Whitten Hall in Room 308. For more information, contact [Ezra Bell](#).

Sept. 21 | EmployU Workshop | 3 p.m.

elevate your resume to advice on navigating job search sites. Join us on Sept. 21 in Room 4240 where the event will feature an employer spotlight.

Sept. 22 | Profs and Pizza at the CNM | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Center for New Media students are invited to Join us at Profs and Pizza, where they will be able to chat with their instructors, enjoy pizza and socialize with their peers. This event will be located at the Center for New Media from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information, contact **Tom Hamann**.

Sept. 22 | Volleyball Home Game | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Kalamazoo Valley's first volleyball home game of the season! The game will be on Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. located at the Texas Township Campus Main Gym, Room 6100. Admission is free.

*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](#).

Interested in playing soccer? The Soccer Club is looking for players. Contact **Diane Roushangar** to learn more.

Do you like to dance? The Dance Club is also looking for members. Contact **Allison Deemter** for more information.

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

ATHLETICS

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VOLLEYBALL PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Player Spotlight is a new, occasional feature highlighting outstanding student-athletes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The honorees have been nominated by their coaches.





Hannah Callaway, captain

Position: Outside Hitter

Hometown: Portage, Michigan

Major: Biological Sciences

Why outstanding: At the Cougars' first tournament of the season, Hannah was team leader with 44 kills, hitting 3.14 kills/set. She also had 24 digs and four aces on the day.



Madison Lawson, captain

Position: Middle Blocker

Hometown: Lawton, Michigan

Major: Business

Why outstanding: At the Cougars' first tournament of the season, Madison tallied 39 kills with a hitting percentage of .258 and nine blocks on the day. She has earned Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

**Nominated by Coach Jennifer Buikema*





Kalamazoo Valley Community College has named Emily VanFleet as head softball coach, replacing Morgan VanderBor who departed in July to be an assistant coach for Western Michigan University's softball program.

The college conducted a search for a head coach to lead its historically successful softball program, but ultimately didn't have to look far and made the decision to elevate VanFleet, who had been serving as assistant coach under VanderBor.

VanFleet has a long history with Kalamazoo Valley. She started as a student-athlete, playing softball with the college from 2012 to 2014. She was part of back-to-back Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Conference Championships in 2013 and 2014, and National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament runs in 2013 and 2014. [more](#)

LIBRARIES

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Kalamazoo Valley Libraries:

Library Services and Database Spotlight

The Kalamazoo Valley Libraries at the Texas Township Campus and Anna Whitten Hall are open and available to support you this fall. We are offering a mix of in-person and online services including 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 also offer services remotely through email, phone, 24/7 chat and Zoom. Call us at 269.488.4328 or email us at libraries@kvcc.edu with any questions. See our website for up-to-date [hours](#).



Laptops and hotspots are available for students who do not have access to a computer or Wi-Fi at home. We also have graphing calculators for loan. 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. Check our [website](#) to see if we have books for your class available. Most 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. The TTC Library has two computer workstations in the study rooms with webcams, so you can attend a Zoom class, or take a test in the library.

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.

Database Spotlight: Bloom's Literary Criticism

Bloom's Literary Criticism contains a wide range of reference essays and scholarly criticism examining great authors--from Shakespeare to Toni Morrison--and their works. Access over 1,000 different electronic books, and download them to your phone or tablet. Click [here](#) to see the available titles. If the database prompts you to log in, use username: kalamazoo and password: facts.

We look forward to connecting with you!

Visit us [online](#)

Call 269.488.4328

Email: libraries@kvcc.edu

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

Zoom by appointment, please email

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Kalamazoo Valley's Campus Band is Returning!

Musicians who've missed playing that instrument that's gathering dust in the closet are welcome to join the campus band.

The group will meet from noon to 1:10 p.m. in Dale B. Lake Auditorium on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning on Sept. 21. Jim Roach, retired Loy Norrix High School band and orchestra director, is serving as the director.

Kalamazoo Valley students can enroll in MUS 110 and community members are welcome to participate on a drop-in basis without registering for the class. Roach said he expects to welcome participants with a wide range of abilities and ages. "Even if it's been a long time, get out your instrument and come join us," Roach said. "For beginning college students who've been playing for six or seven years, this is no time to quit."

Roach said playing music is a pastime in which one can participate at any age. "You probably can't play football when you're in your 60s, but you can continue playing an instrument for as long as you can carry it around," he said. "It's a lifelong skill."

The band is expected to play at Kalamazoo Valley's winter and spring commencement ceremonies and a holiday concert is also planned. For more information, contact Jim Roach at jroach@kvcc.edu.





PHI THETA KAPPA

HONOR SOCIETY

Fall 2022 PTK Induction Ceremony

Kalamazoo Valley's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, will be conducting its Fall 2022 Induction Ceremony for new members on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Texas Township Campus Theater, Room 4240. New inductees who are planning to attend should arrive at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4230 for new member orientation. Dr. L. Marshall Washington, president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, will be the event's guest speaker.

Each term, eligible students are sent invitations with information on how to become a member. New inductees interested in joining the ceremony are required to RSVP to indicate their attendance and are allowed to invite up to four guests each. Joining the ceremony is optional and is not required to maintain membership.

To learn more about PTK, new member orientation, or Fall 2022 Induction, email ptk@kvcc.edu.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE



Kalamazoo VALLEY™
Museum 

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by
 Kalamazoo Valley Community College and
 is governed by its board of trustees.





Henrietta
Lacks

THE PLAY. THE EXHIBIT.

SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1

A HeLa Story: MOTHER OF MODERN MEDICINE

SAVE THE DATE! Sept. 30-Oct. 1! Did you know we can thank one woman with family ties in Kalamazoo for many of the major medical breakthroughs over the last 70 years, including the COVID vaccine? A FREE play and mini exhibit coming to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum pays homage to Henrietta Lacks whose cells were used in experiments without her consent. The museum's Mary Jane Stryker Theater will offer the play three times: at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1. Seating will be limited. It will be first come, first served. Registration is not required. The exhibit runs Sept. 1 through Feb. 27, 2023.

The "A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" theatrical production and exhibit are sponsored by the museum and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, in collaboration with Jermaine Jackson, a nephew of Henrietta Lacks. An interview with Jackson and the play's author, Buddy Hannah, can be found [here](#). For an article about the event, click [here](#). Check out the promo [here](#).



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