



### MISSION STATEMENT

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

Sept. 26, 2022

Greetings Students!

Whether you are attending In person, online or a combination of both, thank you for choosing Kalamazoo Valley for the fall semester! As I travel to our four campus locations, I see your determination and dedication as you pursue your educational goals. Faculty members are sharing that virtual learners are engaged and eager to be successful, too. The energy you bring is contagious!

We are pressing forward with a multitude of fall activities which include in-person and virtual events for you and all of the communities we serve. The schedule includes author Tom Montgomery Fate, as a part of the Visiting Writers' Series, on Thursday, Oct. 6. Specific program times and locations are available [here](#).

The October art exhibit at the Center for New Media features the "Marvelously Creative and Unbridled Art of Austin Rounds." An opening reception for the exhibit begins at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 7 during the City of Kalamazoo's monthly Art Hop event. Rounds, a Vicksburg resident, and his father, Joe, will also participate in a 2 p.m. presentation on Oct. 29 at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum to discuss the process of making the "Wicked Harvest" book, illustration and his art processes. Round's unique neurodiversity as a person with autism is inspiring.

Also at the museum, the 36th annual Chemistry Day will be held on Oct. 15 from noon to 4 p.m. This communitywide collaboration includes the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society, area chemists from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College and



Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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### Update on College Security Incident

On May 16, we learned that the college was a victim of a security incident related to our network systems. Since that time, our Information Technologies team has worked diligently to restore all affected services. An audit provided by a digital consultant has revealed that there is no evidence of compromised personal identifiable information because of the incident.

The college continues to work proactively to help prevent any future unauthorized access to our network systems.

Regardless of the challenges placed in our way, this college community continues to demonstrate resilience and ingenuity as we work together to meet the promise of our mission statement: **"Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive."**



### Anna Whitten Hall Bookstore is Closed

As a reminder, there is no longer a bookstore at Anna Whitten Hall in downtown Kalamazoo at our Arcadia Commons Campus. Purchase books and supplies at the Texas Township Bookstore or order online at [bookstore.kvcc.edu](http://bookstore.kvcc.edu). Books ordered online can be delivered for free to the downtown campuses for pickup (library of Anna Whitten Hall and front desk of the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building) or delivered to your home for \$5. The Bookstore on the Texas Township Campus is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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### International Students Enjoy Dinner Out

Fifteen international students joined International Student Support Specialist Kristina Pudasaini at the local Red Robin restaurant to meet one another, make connections and enjoy traditional American food.



### Yard Games, Food, Prizes and Good Vibes

Come build community with your fellow students and Kalamazoo Valley family! We'll have Connect Four, Jenga, bocce ball, corn hole and more on Thursday, Sept. 29 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Texas Township Campus courtyard. Play a few games and enjoy music and lunch on us!

# 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.



## Important Dates for Fall, Winter Semesters

- The winter class schedule will be **online** soon. Make an appointment with an advisor or counselor to ensure that you are registering for the correct courses. Call 269.488.4040. No appointments are needed on Tuesdays.
- Last day to add (second 12-week classes) is Sept. 27.
- Last day to drop for a refund (second 12-week classes) is Sept. 29.
- Winter registration opens the week of Oct. 10.

Registration begins for students who have earned:	Dates and Times
36 or more credit hours	Oct 10, 8 a.m.
24 or more credit hours	Oct 11, 8 a.m.
12 or more credit hours	Oct 12, 8 a.m.
Registration for all students	Oct 13, 8 a.m.

# ATHLETICS

## Volleyball Player Spotlight

Player Spotlight is a new, occasional feature highlighting outstanding student-athletes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The honoree has been nominated by her coach.





**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*

## WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER

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### Free Access to Wellness and Fitness Center

Did you know as an enrolled student you have access to the Wellness and Fitness Center? Open Monday - Thursday from 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Fridays from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Bring your Valley ID and get started. There are over 40 pieces of cardio equipment, plus a full-body circuit and state-of-the-art strength machines. Additional amenities include a yoga room, free weight room, shower and sweat towels, as well as a full-service locker room. The pool is another amenity, but is closed due to a lifeguard shortage. Please reach out to Renea Peruski at [rperuski@kvcc.edu](mailto:rperuski@kvcc.edu) or 269.488.4177 if you are interested in a flexible job opportunity as a lifeguard.



### Havirmill Cafe Now Open

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



with freshly made entrees. Reservations are not needed for the cafe.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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### Updates from Student Employment Services

Student Employment Services supports students with employment-related advising. Assistance with resume writing and critiques, job searching, practice interviewing and entry-level career exploration services.

Employment Services also coordinates employment-related events, including pathway specific career fairs, EmployU workshops and networking events.

### Student Employment Advising Zoom Drop-ins

Do you need resume and cover letter advice or job search recommendations? Drop-in advising is back.

When: Mondays and Tuesdays from 11 a.m. - Noon via [Zoom](#).

- Meeting ID: 971 6004 5519 and using Passcode: 262303.

### New EmployU Monthly Workshops!

EmployU Workshops are events designed to equip participants with knowledge and skills that prepare them for entering today's competitive workforce. Event topics range from useful tips to elevate your resume to advice on navigating job search sites.

When: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Next session: Oct. 19, 3 - 5 p.m., AWH Room 306

In partnership with Born 2 Succeed. Topic will talk about skills to be successful.

### Fall Education/Human Services/Social Science, Public Service Career Fair

When: Wednesday, Nov. 2, 3 - 6 p.m. TTC Student Commons

All students are invited to participate and engage with over 30 employers.

### Career Coach Update

Are you looking for volunteer work, an internship or a job? [Career Coach](#) is the college's online job board that lists part-time and full-time jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities. Below are some of the jobs currently posted on Career Coach

### Accounting/Business/IT/Marketing

Human Resources & Injury Reporting - Residential Opportunities, Inc.

Farmers' Market Manager - City of Portage

Staff Accountant, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable Coordinator - KSS Enterprises

### Art and New Media

Production Designer - Imperial Beverage

Publications Coordinator - First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo

### Culinary/Brewing



### Education

Part-time Toddler Teacher - Little Explorer's Learning Center  
 Early Head Start Lead Teacher - St. Joseph County ISD  
 GSRP Lead Teacher - YMCA of Greater Kalamazoo  
 Natural Resource Education Assistant - Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center

### General Studies

Activities Assistant and Aide jobs - Friendship Village and Laurels of Galesburg  
 Warehouse Package Handler - FedEx  
 Pool Maintenance Tech/Custodian - WMCA  
 Elections Assistant Internship - Charter Township of Kalamazoo  
 Park Ranger - City of Portage

### Health Careers

Nurse Extern and Graduate Nurse Positions - Bronson Healthcare Group  
 Medical Assistants - Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine  
 Rehab Technician - Alliance Physical Therapy Partners  
 Direct Support Professional - Residential Opportunities, Inc.  
 Chairside Dental Assistant - Jack M. Hosner, DDS

### Human Services/Public Services

Skill Building Technician - Residential Opportunities, Inc.  
 Security Officer - KARD Protection Services

### Skilled Trades

Automotive Technician - Bridgestone Retail Operations  
 Maintenance Tech - Drive and Shine  
 Diesel Mechanic - VIP Logistics, LLC  
 Cell Tower Technician - Dan Combs Consulting, Inc.

For jobs on campus, visit <https://jobs.kvcc.edu>.

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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 strength, 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**.



language that will enhance their civilian resumes! This event will be at the TTC Veteran Lounge, Room 6044 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. For more information, contact [Charles Heidelberg](#).

**Sept. 26 | Student Veteran Interview Workshop | 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Student veterans are invited to join us for this interactive drop-in event. Participants can gain useful interview skills, tips for utilizing interview techniques and learn language for translating military experience into a civilian job interview. This event will be at the TTC Veteran Lounge, Room 6044 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact [Charles Heidelberg](#).

**Sept. 27 | 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. 27 | Volleyball Home Game | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us at an upcoming volleyball home game on Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. located in the TTC Main Gym, Room 6100. Free.

**Sept. 28 | Nursing Information Workshop | 3 p.m.**

Please join us at 3 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus in Room 4550 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](mailto:nursing@kvcc.edu).

**Oct. 4 | KVAAP Information Session | 5 p.m.**

Join this virtual information session to learn more about how the Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program 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](#).

**Oct. 6 | Nursing Information Workshop | 9 a.m.**

Please join us at 9 a.m. at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building 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](mailto:nursing@kvcc.edu).

**Oct. 6 | Visiting Writers | Craft talk 10 a.m., Reading at 2:15 p.m.**

Join author Tom Montgomery Tate in Room 4240 on the Texas Township Campus as he discusses *The Long Way Home & Cabin Fever: A Suburban Father's Search for the Wild*. Kalamazoo Valley's "About Writing" Visiting Writers series is coordinated by English instructor Julie Stotz-Ghosh and offers students the opportunity to talk with professional writers and listen to their work.

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



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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](#)!

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**ART HOP**  
**OCTOBER 7**  
**5:30 – 8 P.M.**

The October Art Hop exhibit features Halloween storybook artwork by Austin Rounds.

Austin Rounds is a 20-year-old artist from Vicksburg who has used his art as an outlet and a way to express himself when the world around him may feel off kilter, beautiful, and even challenging.

Being autistic has not always been easy, but it is a part of who Austin is, and only adds to his creativity. He recently finished working as the sole illustrator for author Jerrod S. Smelker's book of scary short stories, "WICKED HARVEST: Michigan Monsters & Macabre - 2" which was published in August by Wicked Harvest Books.

The Vicksburg resident and his father, Joe, will also participate in a 2 p.m. presentation on Oct. 29 at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum to discuss the development of the "WICKED HARVEST" book, illustration and his art processes. Rounds will host a book signing after the talk, and the book will be available for purchase.

The museum, 230 N. Rose St., will also host a small exhibit representing some of Rounds' work. The focus will be on his Halloween illustrations and to promote the Oct. 29 panel discussion.

Center for New Media gallery hours are  
 Monday - Friday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
 The museum is open  
 Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.,  
 and Sunday, noon - 4 p.m.



**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.





### 'Mother of Modern Medicine' Henrietta Lacks Play Opens Sept. 30

Excitement is building! Have you seen the billboards? Kalamazoo Valley Community College and our [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) are proud to present the "HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" play about Kalamazoo resident Jermaine Jackson's great aunt, Henrietta Lacks, whose cells taken without her consent led to many of the world's greatest medical breakthroughs.

The FREE play will be offered at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and at 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Seating is limited. It is first come, first served. There is also an exhibit on display now through Feb. 27, 2023. Check out the promo video at [https://youtu.be/7tS\\_5yGyK14](https://youtu.be/7tS_5yGyK14). For more details, visit [https://bit.ly/HeLa\\_WebStory](https://bit.ly/HeLa_WebStory).





### Hands-on Experiments Planned for Chemistry Day on Oct. 15

Visitors of all ages are invited to our Kalamazoo Valley Museum for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chemistry Day on Oct. 15 from noon to 4 p.m.! The museum and the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society offer hands-on opportunities to explore how chemistry is a part of everyday life with this year's theme of "Fabulous Fibers, the Chemistry of Fabrics!" The KVM and the Society are excited to be back in person after two successful digital programs in 2020 and 2021. Read the full story [here](#).



### 'Forgotten Fighters' Reception Draws Big Crowd

Lots of hugs, reminiscing and moments of deep appreciation took center stage as former fighters and trainers from the famed Kalamazoo Boxing Academy and admiring members of the public, some coming from as far as Texas, gathered during the Sept. 10 reception at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum to honor the academy and to unveil "The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy" documentary detailing the organization's history. Check out more photos [here](#).

*The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday from noon - 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more, visit [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org). The museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.*



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