



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Oct. 10, 2022

Greetings Students,

Creating a healthy environment where all students and faculty and staff members can learn, grow and thrive is a part of our mission at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

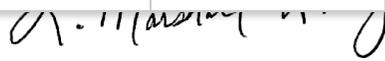
Weekly and while supplies last, the college is providing free COVID-19 (Coronavirus) at-home test kits for students and employees. One test kit (containing two tests) is available in the libraries at Anna Whitten Hall and Texas Township Campus. More information about this availability can be found in this publication.

Please continue to respect individual choices related to the use of face coverings. Face coverings are not required for uninfected individuals. Vaccination continues to be a best defense against the transmission of COVID-19 and its variants. I strongly urge you to protect yourself, those you care about and the community by seeking out and receiving the vaccine and boosters. Students with questions about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) should contact [Russ Panico](#), Ph.D., director of athletics and student relations coordinator.

During this seasonal transition, continue to do your part to keep yourself healthy and to protect the health of those around you.

Sincerely,





L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



COVID-19 At-Home Test Kit Pickup

Did you miss the COVID-19 At-Home Test Kit Distributions last week? No fear. As-needed availability is here. Facilities Services and the college Libraries are partnering to provide free COVID-19 at-home test kits to students and employees on an as-needed basis. On-site registration is required to help us keep supplies on hand. To ensure access to all, quantities are limited to one test kit (containing two tests) per week. Test kits may now be picked up as needed during service hours at both the Anna Whitten Hall and Texas Township Campus libraries. Questions can be directed to the Facilities and Event Services office at 488.4540.



Taps on Tuesday is Back!

Taps on Tuesday social events have resumed at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. These happy hours are hosted by culinary and brewing students and staff and run from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. A \$10 fee includes beer and food pairings. Appetizers and wine are



Oct. 11, 18, 25
Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Dec. 6 and 13



Kalamazoo Valley Community College **VETERANS SERVICES**

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MVAA Awards College Gold-Level Status for Second Year in a Row

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) once again named Kalamazoo Valley Community College a Veteran-Friendly School, with gold-level status, and certified the college as an official Veteran Connector school, a program that connects veterans to benefits and resources in all areas of life, including education, employment and health care. The Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools Program recognizes academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students. These institutions are awarded gold, silver and bronze-level status based on their veteran-centric services and programs. [More](#)





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Thursdays 4-6 p.m.
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information at droushangar@kvcc.edu.

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ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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Winter Registration Opens Today

- Winter registration opens today. Find out when you can register [here](#).

Important Fall Semester Dates

- Last day to withdraw from first half-semester classes is Oct 11.
- First half-semester classes end Oct. 25.
- Grades for first half-semester classes will be available online Oct. 31.

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

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Get Help Paying for College

- The Winter 2023 Foundation Scholarship **application** is now available. Priority deadline is Nov. 1.
- The 2023-2024 **FAFSA** is now available. Get help filling out the FAFSA every Tuesday night from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Financial Aid office on the Texas Township Campus, Room 9210.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

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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:

Art and New Media

Print Product Designer - Life Story Network

Create Amazon.com Website - ChewMax

Accounting/Business/IT/Marketing

Content Listing Specialist (E-commerce) - Goodwill Industries SWMI

E-Commerce Order Fulfillment Team Member - Goodwill Industries SWMI

Office Administrator - Yes! Communities



Culinary/Brewing

Multiple culinary, line cook, dietary opportunities

Education

Youth Development Coach - Part time - Communities in Schools

Conservation Educator - Kalamazoo Nature Center

General Studies

Concession Staff - Kingdom Sports

Housekeeper - Friendship Village

Rehab Clinical Assistant - Bronson

Soccer Class Instructor - Kingdom Sports

Stryker - Various manufacturing positions

Grounds Maintenance - Mutual Resource Management

Health Careers

Multiple opportunities for caregiver, direct support professional positions

LPN/RN - Friendship Village

Dental Hygiene - several postings

Human Services

Skill-Building Coach - MRC Industries

Behavior Technician - Residential Opportunities

Assistance Payments Worker - Department of Health and Human Services

Services Specialist - Department of Health and Human Services

Trades

Test Lab Technician / Test Engineer - Western Diversified Plastics

Maintenance Technician - Yes! Communities

Fabricator III Advanced Welding - 3rd Shift - Stryker

Cell Tower Technician - Dan Combs Consulting, Inc.

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



Upcoming events include:

Oct. 10 | KVAAP Information Session | 2 p.m.

Join this virtual information session to learn more about how 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. 11 | Kalamazoo Promise Services Progress Report Luncheon | Noon - 3 p.m.

Kalamazoo Promise students are invited to join us from noon - 3 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus in Room 9318 for the Kalamazoo Promise Services Progress Report Luncheon. At this engaging event, attendees will be able to meet with Kalamazoo Promise Services staff, discuss questions and course schedules and meet with an advisor. To learn more, contact [Narda McClendon](#).

Oct. 11 | Volleyball Home Game | 6:30 p.m.

Join us at an upcoming volleyball home game on Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. located at the TTC Main Gym, Room 6100. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Oct. 12 | Kalamazoo Promise Services Progress Report Luncheon | Noon - 3 p.m.

Kalamazoo Promise students are invited to join us from noon - 3 p.m. at Anna Whitten Hall located downtown in Room 306 for the Kalamazoo Promise Services Progress Report Luncheon. At this engaging event, attendees will be able to meet with Kalamazoo Promise Services staff, discuss questions and course schedules and can meet with an advisor. To learn more, contact [Narda McClendon](#).

Oct. 13 | 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, through our own Food Innovation Center and non-perishable items from Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. For more information, visit kvcc.edu/foodshare.

Oct. 14 | Nursing Information Workshop | 1 p.m.

Please join us at 1 p.m. in Room 128 at Anna Whitten Hall located downtown 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.

Oct. 14 | Strengths and Well-Being | 1 p.m.

Join us for this informative event to learn about the five universal elements of well-being and how your strengths can connect you to what you find engaging, important and valuable in creating a resilient and thriving life. This exciting event will be at 1 p.m. located on the Texas Township



Oct. 17 | Employer On-Campus Recruitment Visit - WSI | 1 - 3 p.m.

Employer On-Campus Recruitment Visits are interactive events where students can learn about local area employers and job opportunities. Join us in the Texas Township Campus cafeteria on Oct. 10. Our special guest will be a representative from WSI Recruitment and Staffing. For more information, contact [Mary McConnell](#).

Oct. 17 | 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](#).

Oct. 17 | College Night | 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Make sure to attend College Night at Kalamazoo Valley's Texas Township Campus! Over 50 different public and private colleges and universities are expected to attend, as well as a number of community colleges and other training institutions. Representatives will be available to speak with students and their parents about post-secondary educational opportunities, their programs and campuses. There will also be a financial aid workshop at 7 p.m. covering scholarships, student loans and other financial aid options. Click [here](#) to register or to learn more.

Oct. 19 | Employer On-Campus Recruitment Visit - Polymer Shapes | 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Employer On-Campus Recruitment Visits are interactive events where students can learn about local area employers and job opportunities. Join us in the Texas Township Campus Cafeteria on Oct. 19. Our special guest will be a representative from Polymer Shapes. For more information, contact [Mary McConnell](#).

Oct. 20 | Strengths Lunch and Learn | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Dive deeper into a strengths-based perspective on self-development with your Top Five Clifton Strengths. Join us in Room 206 at Anna Whitten Hall located downtown. For more information, contact [Ezra Bell](#).

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](#).

College Social Media

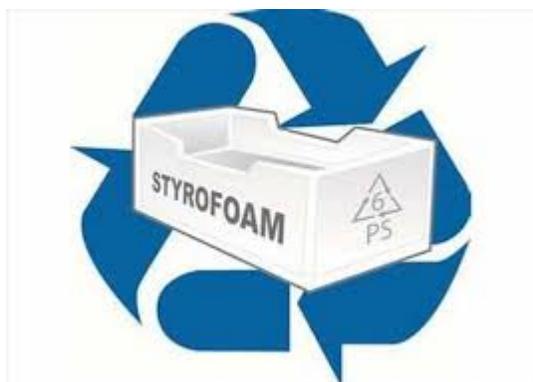
Be sure to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) for all of the latest campus news. And every Tuesday, you can check us out on [TikTok](#)!





Pool Opens Oct. 21

The pool on the Texas Township Campus will be open on Friday's beginning Oct. 21 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m for open swim for current students and staff.



Styrofoam Recycling Event

Saturday | Oct. 22 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m | Texas Township Campus

In collaboration with the City of Kalamazoo and DART Container Corporation, the college will once again be hosting a Styrofoam recycling event at the Texas Township Campus parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. All members of the college and the general public are encouraged to recycle any collected Styrofoam.

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.



**Zoie Appleberry, co-captain****Position:** Libero**Hometown:** Niles, Michigan**Major:** Physical Therapy

Why outstanding: Zoie has really picked up her game during this sophomore season, recently being named captain for her leadership on and off the court. She has tallied over 200 digs this season and over 300 career digs, earning her the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

**Rylie Glass, co-captain****Position:** Setter**Hometown:** Three Rivers, Michigan**Major:** Nursing

Why outstanding: As a freshman, Rylie was selected as a team captain in her first season as a Cougar. Being the setter, she leads the team's offense, having tallied over 400 assists already as the Cougars are only halfway through Western Conference play!

Support the team at their next home game on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Texas Township gym, Room 6100, when they take on Kellogg Community College. Admission is free!

HUMAN RESOURCES

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Kalamazoo Valley Community College is a Great Place to Work!

Check out some of the available opportunities:

- Chemistry Tutor
- Community Culinary and Nutrition Kitchen Assistants
- Lifeguards
- Computer Information Science (CIS) Tutor
- Accounting Tutor
- Economics Tutor
- Custodian (full time)
- Brewery Lab Assistant
- Food Hub Logistics Technician
- Student Services Assistant
- Computer Lab Assistant

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LIBRARIES

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Kalamazoo Valley Libraries:

Sharing the View at Texas Township: Monday, Oct. 24 at noon

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. On Monday, Oct. 24, students, faculty and staff can join Sara Tanis, Ph.D., director of the new Horticulture and Sustainable Landscaping program, and Librarian Amy Brandt on a guided nature walk in the woods behind the library. Learn more about the trees and wildlife outside the windows and the benefits of our nearby nature. Dress for the weather and meet in the lower level of the TTC library at noon.

Election and Voting Guide

Elections are coming up, and we all have questions about the candidates and proposals. However, finding election information that is reliable, unbiased and easily accessed can be difficult and stressful. Let the Library make it easier for you. Before Nov. 8, be sure to look at our [Voting 101 guide](#). It is full of information about candidates, elections and the voting process. Be informed!

Database Spotlight: Today's Science

You're a science major taking an English class, and you need an interesting research topic. Or, you need a scholarly article that clearly explains a science topic. Or, maybe you're an astronomy or environmental science buff who likes to keep up with the latest science news. [Today's Science](#) - a database containing scholarly science articles - might just be what you are looking



articles containing diagrams and illustrations, glossary links and references. Students interested in knowing more about science careers can browse "Conversations with a Scientist," short interviews with scientists in the field.

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PHI THETA KAPPA

HONOR SOCIETY



PTK Celebrates Fall 2022 Induction

Kalamazoo Valley's Alpha Rho Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, conducted their Fall 2022 induction ceremony for new members on Sept. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Texas Township Campus Theater. The student organization not only inducted new members, but also swore in three new student officers who will serve as the chapter's president, vice president of communications/leadership and vice president of scholarship for the 2022 - 2023 academic year. [More](#)





PTK Presents Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes with Donations from Aug. 11 Charity Walk

Kalamazoo Valley's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college (PTK), presented Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes with a check of \$1,070 in donations on Sept. 27. The proceeds for the donation were gathered from the Aug. 11 inaugural PTK Charity Walk that the group conducted at the end of the summer semester.

The transfer of funds was presented by the chapter's former president, Khadijah Kabbani, and former vice president, Megan Smith. Both led the planning of the charity walk event and recently completed serving their terms at the end of the 2021 - 2022 academic year. Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes' Development and Communications Coordinator Erin Lowe expressed the organization's gratitude for the donation. [More](#)

KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM

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KalamazooVALLEY™ Museum CHEMISTRY DAY

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

Visitors of all ages are invited to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum downtown for the 36th 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!" This family-friendly event is free, and registration is not required. Read the full story [here](#). For more information, visit kalamazoomuseum.org.



'A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine' Play Draws Big Crowds

We had packed houses at all three performances this past weekend of "A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" at the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#), and, due to the high interest, provided overflow viewing space at every show. Audience members traveled from as far as New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nevada. A big thanks to our museum and college community and the public for the support.



Lacks, whose cells, taken without her consent in 1951, are still used in experiments leading to major medical breakthroughs today. Zanita ("Zayne") Miller, a senior office specialist at Anna Whitten Hall, starred as Lacks (see link at the end of this story for the full cast list). Earlene McMichael, a marketing projects manager at the college, came up with the project and helped coordinate it. Alecia Cross, design assistant at the KVM, spearheaded the assembly of the associated Henrietta Lacks mini-exhibit.

Click [here](#) for more photos from the weekend.

Watch the video for the behind-the-scenes making of this important historical, educational and public awareness initiative [here](#). If you missed the play, free screenings of a film version will be offered downtown at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 2022 and Jan. 15, 2023 at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum downtown. Be sure to stop by the exhibit about Lacks, on display at the museum through Feb. 27, 2023.

The "A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" play and exhibit was organized by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum in collaboration with Lacks' great nephew, Kalamazoo resident Jermaine Jackson, and funded in part by the KVCC Foundation. More details can be found at kalamazoomuseum.org.

How else to honor Lacks? Find a list [here](#). Jackson created it for the first observance of Henrietta Lacks Day in the city of Kalamazoo held Tuesday, Oct. 4, the day of Henrietta Lacks' death in 1951. Kalamazoo Mayor David Anderson read a proclamation declaring the day at last week's Kalamazoo City Commission meeting. Read more [here](#).



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