



MISSION STATEMENT

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

Oct. 24, 2022

Dear Students,

Congratulations, you have made it to the midpoint of the fall semester! For many, it seems that classes just began and, for others, time seems to drag along, we understand.

To help celebrate your progress, a number of Spirit Week activities have been planned for your enjoyment, including pumpkin decorating, fall snacks and a special night at the Lady Cougars' volleyball game on Oct. 27! You can learn more about these and other events later in this publication. If your schedule allows, take advantage of these opportunities to have some fun and get to know your fellow students.

At this halfway mark, it is important to take a breath and assess where you are with your studies. Are you on track to successfully complete your classes? Do you need to recommit to your work? My advice to you includes that you do your homework, participate in class and, if you need help, reach out to [student services](#). We have dozens of professionals available to be of assistance to you. You can do this!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Marshall Washington'.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.



OUR Future. Voice. Vote.

Get Registered to Vote!

The Michigan online voter registration deadline is **TODAY**. If you have not yet registered to vote, now is a great opportunity to make sure that your voter registration status is up-to-date, so you are ready to vote in the upcoming November 2022 Election.

You can register for the first time or update your registration status right here.

As the largest and most diverse generation alive right now, young people have a chance to make a real impact in **Michigan** and the rest of the country if **every eligible voter participates in elections**. To make sure that you can raise your voice and cast your vote in the upcoming local, state and federal elections, you need to be registered to vote at your current address.

We know a lot of students recently moved, either back home for distance learning or near campus for the start of the school year. **If you need to register for the first time or have moved since you last registered, you can [update your registration right here](#). This registration tool is compatible with Michigan's online voter registration. Already registered? [Make a plan to vote here](#) to find out more about upcoming local elections and important deadlines.**



RTS ESSENTIAL SKILLS
EXCEPTIONAL CARE
Respiratory Therapists

October 23–29, 2022
#RCWEEK22



to help raise awareness for the profession and recognize the amazing work of respiratory therapists who care for patients with breathing difficulties and improve lung health.

For more information about Kalamazoo Valley's respiratory care practitioner Associate of Applied Science degree, click [here](#). Health careers applications for the Fall 2023 semester will be accepted online from April 1 to 15. Access the application [here](#).

SPIRITWEEK 2022



Celebration Time!

We've made it to the end of the first half of the fall semester!

OCT. 25 | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. | PUMPKIN DECORATING | TTC CAFETERIA

OCT. 26 | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. | DONUTS, CIDER, HOT CHOCOLATE AND PIZZA | AWH LOBBY

OCT. 27 | 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. | POPCORN AND COOKIES | CAH LOBBY AND TTC CAFETERIA

And join us Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the TTC Main Gym to support the Lady Cougars volleyball team as they take on Lansing Community College. Admission is free!



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COUGAR BOOKSTORE



Need College Apparel for Spirit Week?

We've got you covered! Stock up on Kalamazoo Valley Community College gear at the Texas Township Bookstore Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. or shop online at bookstore.kvcc.edu. Online orders may be picked up at TTC or the Anna Whitten Hall Library at the Arcadia Commons Campus in downtown Kalamazoo, or, if you prefer, mailed to any address you want. Shipping is \$5. Spirit Week will be held Oct. 25, 26 and 27 at the Texas Township Campus, Anna Whitten Hall and the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building with food, goodies and fun to celebrate making it through the first half of the fall semester!

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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Winter Registration is Underway

- Winter registration is now open.
- View the class schedule [here](#).
- Register at www.kvcc.edu/register.



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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.

PAY STATION

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Tuition is Due Nov. 9

Tuition for winter semester registration is due by 7 p.m. on Nov. 9. If payment or payment arrangements aren't made, your classes will be dropped. Check your MyValley account to see if you have a balance.



Students Attend Health Careers Networking Dinner

Students interested in learning more about the college's health careers programs and careers in the field were invited to attend a networking dinner Oct. 20. More than 60 students attended. See more photos [here](#).

PROFILES OF STUDENT SUCCESS





Student Profile: Erica Angelo

When Center for New Media Design Crew students graduate and enter the workforce, they come equipped with hands-on experience and applied knowledge to help them excel in their careers. ANM 282 Design Crew, an interactive merit-based capstone experience course, offers graphic design students the opportunity to apply their skills in real-world projects while working with the college, community and local organizations.

During the Winter 2022 semester, Design Crew students submitted artwork proposals for Southwest Michigan's Big Brothers Big Sisters' (BBBS) Fall 2022 recruitment campaign. This opportunity provided students with experiences to expand their resumes and enjoy creative, hands-on work in their field of study.

Upon working with the Design Crew, BBBS chose an artwork proposal submitted by May 2022 graduate Erica Angelo, which was used for the "In the Game: Level Up the Next Generation" event on Sept. 26. [more](#)

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:

Oct. 24 | Profs and Pizza at the CNM | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Center for New Media for a fun and informal get together with your ART and ANM instructors. Enjoy some pizza, get to know instructors and learn more about the awesome programs offered at Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media!



assist families in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). Staff will be available to answer questions. Students do not need to be attending Kalamazoo Valley to receive assistance in completing the FAFSA®. If you have questions or need help, stop by the Financial Aid Office every Tuesday between 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Room 9210 at the Texas Township Campus. For more information, email finaid@kvcc.edu.

Oct. 26 | Employer On-Campus Recruitment Visit - Aramark | Noon - 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 at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building lobby on Oct. 26. Our special guest will be a representative from Aramark. For more information, contact [Mary McConnell](#).

Oct. 27 | Volleyball Home Game | 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Oct. 27 at the TTC Main Gym, Room 6100 for this week's volleyball home game. Come celebrate Spirit Week with us and cheer on our home team as they take on Lansing Community College. Admission is free and all are welcome!

Oct. 28 | Wind Turbine Technician Academy Open House Celebration | 1 - 4 p.m.

Students enrolled in Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Wind Turbine Technician Academy (WTTA) now have a new wind turbine to use for hands-on training, thanks to a recent donation from long-time educational affiliation partner, Heritage Sustainable Energy. An open house to celebrate the donation and showcase the college's training facility is planned for Oct. 28 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Groves Campus. Please join us!

Nov. 1 | 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](#).

Nov. 3 | Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP) Information Session | 10 a.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](#).

Nov. 4 | Men's Leadership Conference | 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Located at the Groves Campus, this conference will offer a series of guided conversations centered on understanding the effects of personal sacrifices as well as provide best practices for developing an enriching environment for success. Join us to learn more about how you can establish the necessary skill sets for academic excellence, personal growth and career engagement. For more information, contact [Ezra Bell](#).



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](#)!



Expanded Pool Hours Announced

Beginning Nov. 1, the pool on the Texas Township Campus will be open during the following days and times:

	Open	Close
Monday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	Coming Soon	
Friday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

For more information, call x4177.





FALL Taps on Tuesdays

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 also available. Walk-ins only; reservations are not required.

The fall Taps on Tuesday schedule follows:

Oct. 25

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Dec. 6 and 13

ATHLETICS

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2022-23
COUGARS
KALAMAZOO VALLEY
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FELICIA THOMAS
HEAD COACH

NANCY WILLMORE
ASSISTANT COACH

DAEJIA HILL
ASSISTANT COACH



Let the Women's and Men's Basketball Games Begin!

Oct. 29! The women play at 1 p.m., and the men at 3 p.m. The players look forward to seeing you! Home games are free. Visit athletics.kvcc.edu for the full schedule. Read more about the season [here](#).



JIM HORN
HEAD COACH

JOSH RYAN
ASSISTANT COACH

TAUREAN WILSON
ASSISTANT COACH

JUSTIN MONTGOMERY
ASSISTANT COACH

2022-23
COUGARS
KALAMAZOO VALLEY
MEN'S BASKETBALL



FALL CAREERFAIR
HUMAN SERVICES | SOCIAL SCIENCES
PUBLIC SERVICE | EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
3 - 6 P.M.
TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

Students!

Connect with employers and learn more about careers in the Human Services | Social Sciences Education | Public Service pathways.

Free and open to everyone!

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VETERANS DAY

*** HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ***

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 p.m. | Modern Warrior Live video presentation in the Theater, Room 4240 (TTC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. | Flag raising ceremony at Flag Pole Entrance | Texas Township Campus

1 p.m. | Modern Warrior Live video presentation in the Theater, Room 4240 (TTC)

5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. | Veteran's Recognition Men's and Women's Basketball Games vs. Milwaukee Technical College Main Gym | Texas Township Campus

Color Guard presentation | Free T-shirts for veterans and/or dependent | Admission is free!

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Photo from the "Moments in Time: The Kalamazoo County Photo Documentary Project"

'Moments in Time' Photo Exhibit Documenting Kalamazoo County Life Opens

You are invited to see photos about life in Kalamazoo County that have been collected since 1984 and learn about the people who made it all happen. The "Moments in Time: The Kalamazoo County Photo Documentary Project" exhibit is on view now through June 4, 2023, featuring the work of 41 local photographers. Please join us for the public reception on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the immense achievement of completing this important history project.





Discussion: Austin Rounds' Marvelously Creative and Unbridled Art

Join us for a panel discussion with Vicksburg artist/illustrator Austin Rounds and his father, Joe, about Rounds' recently published book, "WICKED HARVEST: Michigan Monsters & Macabre - 2." The free event will be held Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. No pre-registration is required. Rounds, 20, 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 Rounds is, and it adds to his creativity.

Encore Showings of 'A HeLa Story' Play Scheduled

On the heels of a successful debut of "A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine" play about Henrietta Lacks at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, two encore shows have been scheduled. A film version will be offered for free at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13, 2022 and Jan. 15, 2023 at the museum. Seating is limited, and is first come, first served. Tickets are available now [online](#). Choose "Mary Jane Stryker Theater" in the dropdown menu.





The theatrical production chronicles the accomplishments and local family connections of Henrietta Lacks, whose cells taken without her consent in 1951 are still leading to major breakthroughs today. Be sure to stop by the associated mini 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.



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