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IT'S TIME TO GET IT DONE!

Hundreds of now current students have taken advantage of Kalamazoo Valley's Get it Done events. These events serve as a one-stop option for students, parents and community members who have questions or are interested in attending Kalamazoo Valley. The next Get it Done events are scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 4-7 p.m. in the Student Commons of the Texas Township Campus and Thursday, Dec. 5 from 3-6 p.m. in Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus. Validated parking will be available for the Eleanor Street parking garage.

"We want to make it as convenient as possible for people to complete the steps necessary to become a Kalamazoo Valley student," said Megan Pauken, the college's director of enrollment management. "We've had a lot of success in the past and look forward to helping people get enrolled for the winter semester."

Enrolling in classes is just one of the many steps that can be accomplished at the events. Representatives from the Financial Aid Office, Office for Enrollment Management, the Admissions, Registration and Records Office, Student Activities and Organizations and Student Success Services will be on hand to assist those in attendance.

"Kalamazoo Valley offers a wide variety of programs in a number of different career pathways," said Dr. Peter Linden, provost and vice president for instruction and student services. "Information about several of these programs will be on display at the events. I encourage

Kalamazoo Valley Community College 6767 West O Avenue, PO Box 4070 Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070 prospective students to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the services and programs that are available."

Additionally, Linden added, students can learn more about the Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP). This initiative covers the cost of tuition, fees and books for qualifying students and is meant to help ensure that students can attend school full time and complete their associate degree. In addition to financial assistance, students benefit from advising and educational pathway guidance. Program Director Louis Thomas will have applications and information available for students interested in participating in KVAAP.

Students who are eligible for the Kalamazoo Promise can fill out the scholarship's paperwork and meet with the Kalamazoo Promise Services team of Monteze Morales, program manager, and Kiera McCullough, office specialist. The two will serve as students' Kalamazoo Promise contacts on campus.

With more than 100 questions, filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be an overwhelming process for parents and students. Fill it out incorrectly and students may jeopardize receiving need-based grants, some merit-based grants and possible loans that can assist in paying for college.

The Financial Aid Office will help anyone who needs assistance with their college financial aid paperwork or would like to learn more about the financial aid process. Computers will be available for



Students attending Kalamazoo Valley's Fall Get It Done events

accessing the online FAFSA application. Attendees should bring all necessary paperwork to complete the FAFSA, including 2017 tax return information.

"We're here to help," said Director of Financial Aid Alisha Cederberg. "I encourage anyone who has questions about financial aid to stop by – there's a lot of money out there to help with the costs of attending college – and the process can be complicated."

Placement testing also will be available but can take up to three hours to complete. People without test scores are encouraged to visit the college prior to the Get it Done events to take the test so they have time to complete the other necessary steps to become a student.



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If available, participants should bring any educational documents, including high school and college transcripts and placement test scores to ensure proper course placement.

"There's still time to become part of the Kalamazoo Valley community," Pauken said. "We're trying to remove as many barriers as possible for students to enroll in winter semester classes which begin on Jan. 6."

For more information about this special event and how to apply to the college and register for classes visit www.kvcc. edu/register. The events are free and open to the community.

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Supporting Kalamazoo Valley Community College and governed by its own independent board of directors, the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation was established in 1980 to enhance the educational opportunities and learning environment at the college.

The nonprofit 501(C)(3) corporation through which contributions can be made to both the college and Kalamazoo Valley Museum, the Foundation accepts and administers unrestricted contributions as well as those that can be designated for specific purposes such as student scholarships, the purchase of necessary equipment to improve instruction, the museum and construction of new facilities. "During this season, we are focusing

on increasing our ability to meet the growing need for student scholarships," said KVCC Foundation Director Steve Doherty. "Nearly 44% of our students receive some form of financial aid, the need continues to exceed our ability to fulfill and that leaves many of our students without the financial support necessary to continue their education. The Foundation scholarship fund is one resource for students. Scholarships provided by the KVCC Foundation this past year exceeded \$500,000."

In addition to both internal and external annual scholarship fund drive efforts, the Foundation also stages an annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, a Day of Giving, the annual Opportunities for

BENEATH EVERY STRUCTURE IS A FOUNDATION

Education Fundraising Dinner and other events which provide opportunities for concerned citizens to make donations for the benefit of students.

The Foundation board is comprised of local business and community leaders. Recently, Ean Hamilton and Stacie Ferschweiler joined as Directors.

"Fall has traditionally been a season of giving," Doherty said. "As you consider holiday gifts, please consider making a gift to the KVCC Foundation to honor a family member, friend or in memoriam."

More information is available by calling 269.488.4442 or at www.kvcc.edu/foundation.

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COLLABORATION HELPS GET MORE LOCALLY SOURCED HEALTHY FOOD TO AREA OLDER ADULTS

Senior Services, Inc., and Kalamazoo Valley Community College are partnering in the construction of a passive solar greenhouse, also called a hoop house, on the site of the college's Food Innovation Center at 224 E. Crosstown Parkway. The Food Innovation Center is part of the Bronson Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo. NiftyHoops, a Michigan-based company, installed the hoop house on Sept. 18. The hoop house will be used to grow vegetables for use in Senior Services kitchens, which produce meals for Meals on Wheels, Food For All, congregate meal sites throughout the city and for events catered by Generations Catering, a division of Senior Services, Inc.

"It has long been a goal of ours to incorporate more local vegetables into our meals," said Senior Services Director of Nutrition Dan Pontius. "The collaboration will allow us to further fulfill our most important priorities of providing quality and nutritious meals to our aging community."

Senior Services volunteers will cultivate the vegetables. They will receive training and work with the food production staff at Kalamazoo Valley to plant, maintain and harvest the crops. Students in Kalamazoo Valley's Sustainable Food Systems programs will also participate in managing the hoop house.

"We are delighted to collaborate with Senior Services on this important initiative," said Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Sustainable Food Systems Rachel Bair. "Creating more access to fresh, healthy food year-round is a huge part of why the Bronson Healthy Living Campus was created." A passive solar hoop house does not require any supplemental heating to grow certain vegetables year-round. Its translucent plastic cover traps the sun's heat during the day and prevents the ground from freezing. Crops like spinach, lettuce, kale and other greens, carrots and beets grow well and can be harvested through the winter in a hoop house. The Food Innovation Center site also has a heated greenhouse, outdoor growing areas, an apiary with eight beehives and native plant areas. It includes a classroom, an indoor growing area for hydroponic vegetable production and a food processing facility.

Funding from Eaton Corporation, The Burdick-Thorne Foundation and H.P. Genevieve Connable Fund to Senior Services, Inc., is making this collaborative project possible.



New Hoop House at the Food Innovation Center



Campus band musician

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band was created in the fall of 2003 by its former conductor Christopher Garrett. From the original band of 20 members, it has grown over the years to an average of 50 members. "There is a committed group of people playing in the band," said Director Mark Greer. "All of our musicians are very comfortable with each other."

The band presents a mini-concert in the middle of each semester, a formal concert at the end of each semester and provides the music for Kalamazoo Valley commencement ceremonies. When Garrett retired at the end of the 2019 spring semester, Greer was hired as the new band director. While he's pleased with the band's abilities, he's surprised that so few students and community members are aware of its existence. Greer was a band director at Mattawan High School and Middle School for 17 years. Prior to Mattawan, Greer spent a combined 11 years as a college band instructor at North Dakota

DUST OFF YOUR INSTRUMENT AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

State University, Clemson University, South Dakota State University and Fort Lewis College in Colorado.

Today, the band includes six Kalamazoo Valley students, college employees, Western Michigan University students, homeschooled students and community members. About half of the band members are community members who travel to the college for the enjoyment of playing with the group. "As a community college, we want to serve the community and we're definitely doing that," Greer said. "I love that the band is made up of adults who are continuing to play, but would also love to see more people join."

Delia Baker, program coordinator at Kalamazoo Valley's Groves Campus, plays the saxophone in the band. "Music is a huge passion of mine," she said. "For as long as I can remember, music has played an active role in my life." She started playing the saxophone in sixth grade. "I played in a variety of bands throughout middle school and high school including concert band, symphonic band, marching band, jazz band and an indoor brass and percussion ensemble."

Baker has been a member of the campus

band since January 2004 and said it's like a second family. "The thing that makes this band so unique is the wide array of people and talents that participate. We have high school students who participate in the band while they attend other classes at Kalamazoo Valley, we have community college students of a variety of ages, we have professionals like me who enjoy a break in their work day to do something they love and we even have retired individuals who never want their love of music to fade away."

Baker said music enhances her life in many ways. "Music made me a better student and makes me a better employee - there are tons of scholarly articles that prove music improves one's IQ and ability to learn and apply new knowledge. Music is my stress outlet as well as my time to relax. Music is my therapy to soothe an overactive mind. Music is a way to express myself in ways that words fail. Music makes me who I am," she said.

Students who want to join the band should enroll in MUS 110 Campus Band.
Community members can also participate.
The band rehearses on Wednesdays from noon to 1:50 p.m. This fall, the Music
Department's semester band concert will be

held in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. All concerts are free and open to the public. Greer is also exploring the idea of hosting additional concerts throughout the academic year. Greer's main focus right now is to spread the word that the Campus Band is alive and well.

He's starting an outreach effort with area high school band directors. He also welcomes email messages and visits to campus from interested musicians. For more information about the band, contact Greer at mgreer@kvcc.edu.

Students and community members can also participate in the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Community Chorus. Michelle Bauman serves as the director of the non-audition, multi-age choir. Members are Kalamazoo Valley students as well as area residents. The group performs in local events and participates in ACDA Community Choir choral festivals. The choir will be performing during the Art Hop on Dec. 6 at the Center for New Media.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:25 p.m. in Dale B. Lake Auditorium. For more information contact Michelle Bauman at 269.488.4430 or mbauman@kvcc.edu.

ARTISTS' FORUM PRESENTS DIANE SEUSS

Kalamazoo Valley's Artists' Forum presents a Thursday, Nov. 14 conversation with Pulitzer Prize finalist Diane Seuss called "Staying Home: Writing Where You Live," and a reading and talk on the subject of writing from the rural imagination, "Writing Rural: Elevating the Twang." Seuss will present an afternoon workshop and will read from her works at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Commons Theater at the Texas Township Campus.

Seuss was born in Michigan City, Indiana, in 1956 and raised in Edwardsburg and Niles, Michigan. She studied at Kalamazoo College and Western Michigan University, where she received a master's degree in social work. Seuss is the author of four books of poetry: It Blows You Hollow (New Issues Press, 1998); Wolf Lake, White Gown Blown Open (University of Massachusetts Press, 2010), recipient of the Juniper Prize for Poetry; Four-Legged Girl (Graywolf Press, 2015), which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry; and her most recent collection, Still Life with Two Dead Peacocks and a Girl, was released in 2018 by Graywolf Press and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award in Poetry and the Los Angeles Times Poetry Prize. Frank: Sonnets is forthcoming from Graywolf Press in 2021.

Seuss was Writer in Residence at Kalamazoo College for nearly three decades. She has been the MacLean Distinguished Visiting Professor in the English Department at Colorado College, a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at the University of Michigan's Helen Zell Writers Program, faculty member at Stonecoast Low-Residency MFA Program in Maine, and will be Visiting Writer and Professor for the MFA program at Washington University in St. Louis in 2020.

Since its inception in 1986, Kalamazoo Valley's Artists' Forum has exposed the Kalamazoo community and its students to a diverse collection of musicians, artists, writers, actors, singers, dancers and social commentators - including Mavis Staples, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Patty Griffin, David Sedaris, The Wailin' Jennys and Chucho Valdés.

Through partial funding provided by The Gilmore Foundation, The Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation and the KVCC Foundation, the Artists' Forum has



Diane Seuss

established a performance series that reflects the Kalamazoo community and broadens the perspective of the performing arts. Dave Posther is the Chair of Artists' Forum at KVCC and is the Chair of the Photography and Film Department as well.

Admission is free to both events. For the evening talk, doors will open at 6:45 p.m. Contact Dave Posther at 269.488.4476 or dposther@kvcc.edu for more information.

MERZE TATE EXPLORERS PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP



Merze Tate Explorers, advisor and college president L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

What began as a local newspaper story about a little known African American educator has grown into an official nonprofit organization dedicated to providing young girls with educational and travel opportunities called the Merze Tate Explorers.

Based in Kalamazoo, the Merze Tate Explorers provides youth with educational, cultural and arts exploration through the use of multimedia. Students produce cable television, radio, print and online media in this hands-on S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Media) centered initiative.

In addition, their travels take them to places where they interact with professionals and gain experience in writing, videography and photography for the annual Girls Can! Magazine.

"Never underestimate the power of college archives," said founder Sonya Bernard

Hollins. "While working as a reporter at the Kalamazoo Gazette, I decided to write about the first African Americans of Western Michigan University. After receiving a list from the alumni department, some names rang familiar. There was Ira Murchison, an Olympian, Loretta Moore of Sesame Street and John Saunders, a former college hockey player who went on to become an ABC sports commentator."

No matter how impressive the names where, one name did not sound familiar, which led to a Bernard Hollins search. "My guests to learn of Merze Tate began with three boxes of items that were not yet catalogued by the university; the college where she was the first African American to earn a BA in Education. I later learned other firsts about her that led me on a mission to tell her story and use her as a "shero" to inspire girls to travel the world and make strides in areas they otherwise could never imagine."

Now the Merze Tate Explorers are partnering with Kalamazoo Valley Community College on a ten month initiative called the Merze Tate Explorer College Academy. Selected students participate in weekly interactive activities designed to introduce them, particularly girls of color, to the college culture and to provide exposure to a college curriculum that will allow students as early as 6th grade to earn credit toward a college degree or trade program.

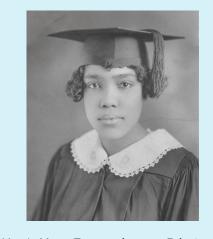
"We are more than delighted to be in partnership on this project," said Dr. Deborah Coates, Dean of Early/Middle College at Kalamazoo Valley. "The goals of the Merze Tate Explorers dovetail nicely with the mission of the college. These students will officially enroll at Kalamazoo Valley and take a college level course designed to help them further explore careers."

According to Bernard Hollins, "During the weekly hands on classes held at the college and other locations around the community, students will use a specially designed workbook. The workbook and other resources will assist the students in developing stories for a number of traditional and digital media sources."

The partnership was celebrated during a kick-off dinner on Friday, Oct. 11 with remarks provided by college president, L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

"Investing in the lives and education of young people is core to our mission," he said. "I look forward to the contributions these scholars will make to our community."

ABOUT MERZE TATE



Vernie Merze Tate was born on Feb. 6, 1905 in Blanchard, Mich. The grandchild of the first Negro settlers in Mecosta County, Mich., she lived a country life, however longed to see the world outside the pine trees and dirt roads which surrounded her.

In 1927 she graduated from Western State Teacher's College (later Western Michigan University) with the school's highest academic record at that time all A's and B's.

Despite her stellar academic record, teachers of color were not hired to teach secondary education. With the assistance of the college's administration, she would go on to teach at Crispus Attucks High School in Indianapolis, Ind. The school, founded by the city's Klu Klux Klan, was an effort to segregate races. Tate, along with others, was hired by the school's African American principal with the intent to teaching students to excel beyond the founders' intentions.

As African Americans fought through Jim Crow laws which stifled the lives of many, Tate decided to explore the world and use her talents and gifts on a broader scale. She would travel the world, twice, serve as an international reporter for the Afro American Newspaper in Baltimore, work as a photographer, filmmaker and researcher for the U.S. State Department, all while being a college professor.

Her educational background would include being professor and dean for Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Morgan State College and Howard University where she worked from 1942-1977.

She died in 1996 at the age of 91, however her legacy lives on. She left millions to institutes of higher learning who looked beyond her race and gender to provide her with a stellar education. Western Michigan University, Radcliffe College-Harvard University and Howard University received everything from million-dollar contributions to archival documents upon her death.

Tate never married or had children. Her four siblings were married, however, did not have children. Members of her family include distant cousins who are proud of the legacy she left behind.

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HOLLY JOLLY TROLLEY REGULAR HOURS:

NOV. 20 - DEC. 29 THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS | 4 – 8 P.M. SATURDAY | 11 A.M. - 10 P.M. SUNDAYS | 12 - 4 P.M.

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Visit downtownkalamazoo.org for Holly Jolly Trolley details.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Center for New Media and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum play important roles in downtown holiday traditions. The college is expanding its collaboration with the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership as a returning after parade sponsor of the Nov. 16 event and will serve as the season sponsor of the Holly Jolly Trolley Nov. 11 through Jan. 1.

"This collaboration makes so much sense," said Museum Director Bill McElhone. "By sponsoring the parade and the trolley, we can help downtown visitors take advantage of the entire spectrum of downtown events and activities during this special season. From special activities following the parade on Nov. 16 to seasonal planetarium shows and winter break family performances in December, the museum will be alive with much to see and do."

Throughout the month of December visitors will have the opportunity to view the New Media Showcase at Center for New Media. This juried exhibition highlights digital artistry of students enrolled in the Art and New Media Program in the categories of

graphic design, illustration, web design, animation, game art and multimedia and digital photography. The show kicks off at 5:30 p.m. during Art Hop on Dec. 6. "Providing professional exhibitions for our students is an important part of the entire educational experience," said Center for New Media Director, Tom Hamann. "Our students gain knowledge of the entire creative process, they may even receive special recognition from the judges."

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum, located at 230 North Rose Street, is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees. The museum and Center for New Media are located on college's Arcadia Commons Campus downtown Kalamazoo.

The Holly Jolly Trolley, an annual attraction, has provided more than 90,000 rides over the past eight years. Rides on the trolley are free throughout the holiday season.

All events and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Center for New Media are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.kvcc.edu.



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Devin Davies



Kayleigh Dey-Harter

Getting through college can be a challenge, but there's no need to struggle alone. Kalamazoo Valley students who are eligible to enroll in the Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP) say their chances for success have been boosted. The initiative covers the cost of tuition, fees and books for participants and is meant to help ensure that students can attend college full-time and can complete an associate degree.

The following pathways are currently eligible for KVAAP participation:

- Liberal Arts
- Science
- Business
- · Culinary / Brewing
- Art & New Media
- Health Sciences General Studies

In addition to financial assistance, students benefit from advising and educational pathway guidance. Louis Thomas is Kalamazoo Valley's KVAAP director. Through his office at Anna Whitten Hall, students can access personalized support and career development services.

"We can help students increase their chances of being successful by working with them to achieve their educational goals that include attaining a college degree, gaining career training or transferring to a four-year university," he said. "We offer academic and student support services including counseling, career advising and tutoring. This program is free to in-district Kalamazoo Valley students who can demonstrate financial need."

KVAAP can also cover tuition and book fees.

Eaton Rapids native Devin Davies now lives in Portage and is studying accounting at Kalamazoo Valley. "I feel like my participation in KVAAP has made it easier for me to stay in school," Davies said. "It acts as my motivation because the times when I feel it is too much or too hard to juggle work, school and family I remember that if I quit or go part time, I would probably never get an opportunity like this again and then I may never finish because it is too expensive. Nor, would I have the support that KVAAP gives with their counselors that help just us KVAAP students."

KVAAP student Kayleigh Dey-Harter is studying multi-media and video at the Center for New Media. The Galesburg-Augusta High School graduate said KVAAP participation has reduced her stress level. "It's been so helpful with the stress of school and work," Dey-Harter said. "My counselor was amazing at helping me find what I needed. Talking to her two times a month was very helpful when I was stressed and didn't know what to do. She was very helpful and having my tuition paid also helped

Davies urges her fellow students to avoid the temptation to procrastinate. "Why not just go and get the degree?," she said. "If it's free and you have help throughout the KVAAP program, what is holding you back? It's two years, it's not forever. Especially if you are young, get it out of the way. It's better to have some education under your belt than none. Don't keep putting college off, because the more you put it off the harder it is to juggle everything. Why make it harder on yourself?"

HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for two-year colleges, inducted new members earlier this semester during a ceremony in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium on the Texas Township Campus.

More than 150 students, parents, faculty members and others from the community attended the induction which included a keynote speech by college president, L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence at two-year colleges since 1918 and has inducted more than 1.2 million members at more than 1,200 colleges throughout its history. Kalamazoo Valley's Alpha Rho Nu chapter is advised by faculty members Patrick Malsom (Physics) and Alison Nord (Accounting) as well as Pathway Advisor Kevin Schneider (Science & Engineering).

"The goal of Alpha Rho Nu is to advocate scholarship, fellowship, leadership and service," Nord said

The three advisors, Chapter President Brittany Gallagher and Communications Officer Samantha Puttman led the installation of new members. The group also recognized Coty Dunten, student activities, orientation and life resources coordinator at the college, with the Distinguished Service Award for going above and beyond to foster success within the student body at Kalamazoo Valley.

Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. The college's chapter accomplishes this by focusing on ways to benefit both the college and local communities. PTK members meet at least once each month and hold regular service events to benefit both the college and the community.

Membership is open to students who have completed at least 12 credit hours with a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average. New members receive a Gold Key pin, special recognition on their diploma and access to millions of dollars in scholarships.

For more information, contact ptk@kvcc.edu.

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