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NEW SUSTAINABLE HORTICULTURE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR WINTER SEMESTER



Zinnias at the Food Innovation Center

Students interested in learning how to manage landscapes and greenhouses in a way that can improve environments and reduce the impacts of climate change will soon have the opportunity thanks to a new sustainable horticulture program being launched at Kalamazoo Valley for the Winter 2023 semester. Through the new program, students can earn an associate of applied science degree in sustainable horticulture, a certificate in greenhouse management or landscape management as well as a certificate of achievement in sustainable horticulture.

"We are launching this program at a time of great change and great opportunity in our world and the green industry," said Sara Tanis, Ph.D., program director. "Green industry careers are safe, rewarding and critical for human and planetary health. We're seeing great demand for skilled workers and there are multiple opportunities for entrepreneurship in greenhouse and landscape management fields. If you love working with your hands and want to learn how to use plants and greenscapes to improve urban and rural environments, the sustainable horticulture program could be perfect for you." The courses will use Kalamazoo Valley's urban and suburban campuses as lab space, and the program will include industry certification, internship and work opportunities.

Sustainable horticulture is just one of many programs students can choose from when winter registration opens Oct. 10.

"With associate degrees in more than 60 areas of study and certificate programs in 50 more, there's something for everyone," said Sarah Hubbell, director of admissions, records and registration. "To best meet the needs of our students, we will continue to offer a variety of in-person, online and blended courses."

Students who are 25 years or older are encouraged to utilize the Michigan Reconnect program when registering for the winter semester. Michigan Reconnect is a scholarship designed specifically for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree at a Michigan community college or a skills certificate at a training school. Michigan Reconnect pays the remaining balance of in-district tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. Students who attend outof-district community colleges will receive a large tuition discount. To be eligible, students must be 25 years and older at the time of application, have lived in Michigan for a year or more, have a high school diploma or GED and have not yet completed an associate or bachelor's degree.

More than 100,000 applicants have been accepted into the Michigan Reconnect program statewide since its launch in February 2021, with approximately 18,000 participants returning to school to finish their degree or enrolled for the first time.

NEW PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM EXPANDS TRAINING OPPORTUNITES Beginning in the Fall 2022 semester, Certificate program was in close the nontraditional student. Prerequisites for

Beginning in the Fall 2022 semester, Kalamazoo Valley Community College will offer a new health career program with the launch of the Practical Nurse Certificate program. Upon successful completion of all coursework, the graduate will receive a Certificate in Practical Nursing and will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam for the Practical Nurse (NCLEX-PN).

"The creation of the Practical Nurse

Kalamazoo Valley Community College 6767 West O Avenue, PO Box 4070 Kalamazoo, MI 49003-4070 Certificate program was in close collaboration with our nursing faculty, community stakeholder and advisory committee members. This new program promotes affordable, accessible and quality nursing education," said Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Nursing Patrick Joswick, DNP, AGNP-C, RN.

The Practical Nurse Certificate program uses hybrid learning methods. The courses are offered in the evenings to accommodate

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the nontraditional student. Prerequisites for the program include 12 credits of science, math and liberal arts courses. In addition to the prerequisites, the Practical Nurse program is organized in three semesters that include theory, lab, clinical and simulation learning experiences.

In partnership with healthcare institution leaders including both Bronson Methodist Hospital and Ascension Borgess Hospital, the Practical Nurse students will have the opportunity to apply for employment as a LPN intern/extern while enrolled in the certificate program.

Kalamazoo Valley's Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing programs are also utilizing a holistic admissions review model. The admission criteria directly align with Kalamazoo Valley's mission and values. "The holistic admissions will oncure that the



Practical Nursing student in lab

nurses. Students now have the opportunity to genuinely promote themselves as a person. Although GPA metrics are important, we also want to learn about the life experiences and attributes of our applicants," Joswick said.

The Practical Nurse and Registered Nurse Program applications for the Winter 2023 semester will be accepted online Oct. 15-31. For more information about Kalamazoo Valley's nursing programs, information workshops and to access the health careers

"The holistic admissions will ensure that the application, go to **kvcc.edu/infonursing** college admits and graduates top-tier

VISITING WRITERS SERIES BEGINS ON OCT. 6 WITH TOM MONTGOMERY FATE

Kalamazoo Valley's "About Writing" Visiting Writers series is coordinated by English instructor Julie Stotz-Ghosh, Ph. D., and offers students the opportunity to talk with professional writers and listen to their work. Retired English instructor Rob Haight established the series and began bringing noteworthy authors to the college in 2001. The visits take place in the Student Commons Theater, Room 4240, at the Texas Township Campus. All events are free, open to the public and include a craft talk and a reading by the author.

The lineup for the 2022-2023 Visiting Writers Series:

Tom Montgomery Fate | memoir

"The Long Way Home & Cabin Fever: A Suburban Father's Search for the Wild" **tomfate.com** | Thursday, Oct. 6 (in person) | Craft talk at 10 a.m., reading at 2:15 p.m.

Nancy Eimers | poetry | new chapbook: "Human Figures" | www.whiting.org/awards/winners/ nancy-eimers#/ | Thursday, Nov. 3 (in-person) | Craft talk at 10 a.m., reading at 2:15 p.m. Eimers is a retired Western Michigan University professor and local writer Ada Limón | poetry | "The Hurting Kind" | www.adalimon.net Wednesday, Jan. 24 (virtual event) at 3 p.m. Limón was just appointed the new U.S. Poet Laureate www.pbs.org/video/poet-laureate-sot-1658960090/

Angeline Boulley | fiction | "The Firekeepers Daughter" angelineboulley.com | Tuesday, April 4 (in person) Craft talk at 10 a.m., reading at 2:15 p.m. Boulley is an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. She is a storyteller who writes about her

Ojibwe community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a former director of the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education. Boulley lives in southwest Michigan, but her home will always be on Sugar Island. "Firekeeper's Daughter" is her debut novel and was a number one New York Times Bestseller.



Tom Montgomery Fate

KALAMAZOO VALLEY **MUSEUM'S PRESTIGIOUS** ACCREDITATION RENEWED

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum, 230 N. Rose St. in downtown Kalamazoo, has again achieved accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums, the highest national recognition for a museum. With only about three percent of the nation's museums possessing this designation, AAM accreditation is a significant achievement.

"It's highly regarded and makes sure we're doing everything right in maintaining a well-run cultural asset," said Bill McElhone, who directs Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

This is the fourth accreditation for the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, since its first one in 1991. All accredited museums must undergo a reaccreditation review at least every 10 years.

The process began nearly two years ago and involved extensive documentation. It culminated in a site visit that included meetings with a number of Kalamazoo Valley Community College administrators, including President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., as the museum is operated by the college and governed by its Board of Trustees.

To earn accreditation, a museum must conduct a year of selfstudy, then undergo a site visit by a team of peer reviewers. AAM's Accreditation Commission consider the self-study and visiting committee report to determine whether a museum should receive accreditation.

For more information, visit kalamazoomuseum.org.

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SUSTAINABLE BREWING STUDENTS WIN MEDALS



Award winning beers on tap

Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing students continue to gain recognition for their superior craft beers. At the 2022 U.S. Open College Beer Championship in Oxford, Ohio, Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing program was named the Grand National Champion with three gold and one silver medal out of 11 North American colleges and universities.

"We have placed in this competition nearly every year and have taken Grand Champion once in the past," said brewing instructor Aaron Ross. "This is a major success for our program, students and team." Dean of Health Careers and Sustainable Food Systems Tanya McFadden said, "This is a major achievement and I couldn't be more proud of our faculty and students for accomplishing this major feat. This is indeed cause for celebration!"

Kalamazoo Valley Community College took home the Grand National Championship with three gold medals for Strong Scottish Ale, Dopple/Strong Bock, and Brett Beer plus a silver medal for Berliner-Style Weisse.

The college's Kalsec Center for Sustainable Brewing opened in fall 2015 and was developed in cooperation with Western Michigan University. The resulting "two-plus-two" program in sustainable craft brewing offers students the opportunity to earn a certificate or associate degree at Kalamazoo Valley, then move on to a Bachelor of Science or a Bachelor in Business that marries industry art, science, and entrepreneurship within WMU's national reputation in sustainability.

Kalamazoo Valley offers three options for students interested in sustainable brewing. A 37-credit certificate program provides students with specific competencies considered critical when working in the field in a variety of roles and can be completed in about a year. An associate of applied science degree combines the competencies in the certificate program with additional coursework in the sciences, business, sustainability studies and allied fields.

For more information about Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing curriculum, go to www.kvcc.edu/brewing.

COLLEGE NIGHT 2022

High school students exploring college options are invited to attend the 2022 Greater Kalamazoo Area College Night Oct. 17 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus. Representatives from more than 50 different colleges, universities and training institutions will be available from 6 - 7:30 p.m. to speak with students and their parents about postsecondary educational opportunities, their programs and campuses.

Additionally, representatives from the U.S. Armed Forces will be on hand to discuss military opportunities and how military service can help pay for a college education.

Associate Dean of Student Experience Alisha Cederberg said the event is an excellent opportunity and convenient way for college-bound students and their parents to explore their options.

"We're thrilled to once again be hosting the Greater Kalamazoo College Fair and to showcase our Texas Township Campus. Where else can you access information about so many different colleges and universities under one roof?" she said. "It's a great way to learn about the different higher education

opportunities available. From community colleges and large, four-year universities to small liberal arts colleges, technical schools, go-to-work academies and military service, there's something for everyone. It's one-stop shopping."

A financial aid workshop, led by Cederberg, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium to assist those with questions and concerns about paying for college. The workshop will cover scholarships, student loans and the kinds of financial assistance available from the federal and state governments. It also will provide an indepth look at the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA[™]), identifying the necessary documents needed and time frame for completion.

"There's a lot of money out there to help with costs of attending college and the process can be complicated," she said. "I encourage anyone who has questions to attend."

Co-sponsored by Kalamazoo Valley and Western Michigan University, the 2022 Greater Kalamazoo College Night is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged. Learn more and register at www.kvcc.edu/collegenight.

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RETURNS

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 the Texas Township Campus 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."

Kalamazoo Valley's campus band

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.



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 and Allied Health Building, 418 E. Walnut St., in downtown Kalamazoo. The Havirmill Cafe is open for lunch

from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. There are grab-and-go options as well as a hot bar with freshly made entrees. Reservations are not needed for the cafe.



COMMUNITY LIFE ENRICHMENT CLASSES



Mediterranean ingredients

COMMUNITY CLASSES The Community and Continuing Education

Department non-credit classes at Kalamazoo Valley emphasize personal enrichment, professional development and community outreach. See the full course list and register at **www.kvcc.edu/community** and go to the CampusCE Registration site link.

All classes taught at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary Allied Health Building on the Bronson Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo.

KNIFE SKILLS 101

Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | \$25 Sharpen your knife skills in this introductory hands-on class. Join Chefs Lizzie Luchsinger and Leena Mergen to learn fundamental knife knowledge, safe knife handing and classic knife cuts. Get ready to practice your skills and increase your confidence and efficiency in the kitchen. At the end of this class, you will be able to dice, slice, brunoise, julienne and chiffonade like a pro.

GALETTE WORKSHOP: FALL FLAVORS

Saturday, Oct. 8 |10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | \$55 Fall in love with sweet and savory seasonal galettes in this hands-on experiential workshop. Rustic, round and impressive freeform tarts – you'll learn how to transform simple ingredients into seasonal stunners. Join us to prepare classic doughs as well as savory (butternut squash) and sweet (apple) galettes.

CULINARY EXPLORATIONS: MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Thursday, Oct. 13 | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | \$65

Join Chef Andrew Eggert on a captivating culinary journey of Mediterranean cuisine. Taste delicious dishes in this demonstration session while learning key culinary components of Mediterranean cooking. Chef Andrew will prepare dishes highlighting whole grains, vegetables, legumes, herbs and spices, providing you the opportunity to taste your way through these traditional foodways bordering the sea. Sit back, relax and enjoy an evening of healthy food and culinary conversation.



KNIFE SKILLS 102: VEGETABLES Thursday, Oct. 27 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | \$25

Take your knife skills (and vegetable consumption) to the next level in this engaging hands-on class. Join Chefs Lizzie Luchsinger and Leena Mergen to cut into a variety of produce including butternut squash, onion, swiss chard, kale, garlic, leeks and brussel sprouts. Practice your skills in a safe and supportive environment, increase your kitchen confidence and master fundamentals that support healthy eating and delicious at-home cooking.

CULINARY EXPLORATIONS: BLUE ZONES

Thursday, Nov. 3 | 6 - 7:30 p.m. | \$65

Join Chef Andrew Eggert on a culinary journey of Blue Zones - where people live the longest and are the healthiest. Learn the key foodway findings (of what all Blue Zones share), dive into "top longevity foods" and learn how to prepare dishes that distinguish these longestlived communities. This demonstration class will serve up delicious, nutritious dishes and, increase your awareness of these inspiring communities, the research that discovered them and the culinary take-aways associated with their vitality. Learn more about Blue Zones at www.bluezones.com.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP: APPETIZERS

Saturday, Nov. 12 | 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | \$65 The holidays are coming, and it's time to prepare for gatherings and festivities. Join us for an appetizer workshop, where you will batch cook (and freeze) three different appetizers to have on hand during this busy season. Spend three hours in our kitchen and leave with holiday bites oven-ready to stun your crowd: spinach and ricotta empanadillas, asparagus filo cigars and mini okonomiyaki. Spend time now, to save time later and wow your family and friends with your culinary creations.



Kombucha

KNIFE SKILLS 102: FRUIT

Thursday, Nov. 17 | 5:30 - 630 p.m. \$25 Master your knife skills (and increase your fruit familiarity) in this engaging hands-on class. Join chefs Lizzie Luchsinger and Leena Mergen to safely slice into a variety of fruit, including pineapple, pomegranate and mango. Learn how to segment citrus and process avocados with confidence. Practice your skills in a safe and supportive environment, increase your kitchen confidence and master fundamentals that support healthy eating and delicious at-home cooking.

KOMBUCHA 101

Thursday, Dec. 1 | 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Class: \$15/Brewing Kit add-on: \$39.95 Interested in brewing your own 'bucha? Join this class and kick-start your at-home brewing journey. Discover the history and myth associated with this ancient brew. Taste fresh fruit and herbal infusions. Discover the fundamental techniques to safely prepare, bottle and store it and explore ways to customize batches that represent you. This demonstration class will take you through the basic process from start to finish. BONUS OPTION: Add-on purchase of brewing starter kit for \$39.95 (in addition to class registration fee). Add-on purchase will include everything needed to get started - Kombucha starter culture (SCOBY), 1-gallon brew jar, organic cane sugar, tea blend, re-usable cotton tea bag, adhesive thermometer, pH strips, pipette, cotton cloth cover, rubber band, instructions and flavoring guide. Kit will be available for pickup at class. Kit order deadline: Nov. 17+ ONLY.

ART HOP OCT. 7 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.



PTK CHARITY WALK RAISES \$1000 FOR KALAMAZOO LOAVES & FISHES





Kalamazoo Valley's Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) the international honor society for two-year colleges came together on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus for a charity walk to raise money for Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. Together, the student organization raised more than \$1,000 in donations. Over a year in the making, the event was organized by PTK chapter advisors, student officers and members in collaboration with college staff and administration.

L. Marshall Washington Ph.D., president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, was in attendance and offered words of encouragement and motivation prior to the walk. Also in attendance were a number of the chapter's advisors, student officers, current and former members, family and friends. Of the 43 individuals who made donations, 34 were in attendance at the walk, 20 of whom are current members and alumni. "This event exemplifies what Phi Theta Kappa is all about in my opinion" said Chapter Advisor and Kalamazoo Valley accounting faculty Alison Nord. "Our members came together to appreciate the beautiful weather, enjoy some exercise and make new connections while raising money to help others through the wonderful organization, Loaves and Fishes."

Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes services the community with free food programs and is also a partner of the college's Valley Food Share initiative, which was created in 2019 to address the immediate food needs of Kalamazoo Valley students. Valley Food Share provides free distributions of locally sourced food which incorporates produce provided through Kalamazoo Valley's Food Innovation Center and also includes food donated through Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes.

Learn more about Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes and Valley Food Share by visiting **kzoolf.org** or **kvcc.edu/foodshare**. The October Art Hop exhibit at the Center for New Media features Halloween storybook artwork by Austin Rounds.

Rounds will also participate in an exhibit discussion of his work on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. www.kalamazoomuseum.org

OCT. 15 CHEMISTRY DAY CELEBRATES 'FABULOUS FIBERS'



Guest with a chemistry experiment

Conduct experiments with dyes, wicking and solar printing when Chemistry Day comes to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum (KVM) from noon to 4 p.m. on Oct. 15.

The museum and the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society invite visitors of all ages to explore how chemistry is a part of everyday life with this year's theme of "Fabulous Fibers, the Chemistry of Fabrics!" The activities are planned for the 36th annual Chemistry Day in observance of National Chemistry Week. The KVM and the Society are the co-sponsors.

"After two amazing digital programs in 2020 and 2021,

this year the area chemists from colleges, universities and companies are enthusiastic to be back in person," said Museum Director Bill McElhone. "Professional chemists can't wait to lead patrons through experiments to showcase chemistry in yet another fun and exciting way."

Investigate chemical dyes, synthetic fibers and a wide variety of new experiments exploring the use of chemistry in fabrics, along with many yearly favorites. The event is free and open to the general public. Registration is not required.

Expected are members of the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society, area chemists from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo College and local companies such as Pfizer, Kalsec, Perrigo and Kalexsyn. Teachers are encouraged to come and get educational materials and lessons to share with their students.

Virtual experiments in 2020 provided a peek into what was happening with exhibits while the museum was closed, introduced museum staff and shared adhesive experiments to solve a crime caused by the mysterious Sticky Bandit.

In 2021, local chemists re-enacted the story of the Wizard of Oz with a chemistry twist. Both programs can still be found on the museum's website at kalamazoomuseum. org/events/chemistry-day.

ROBERT AND RHEA CORRION ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Robert and Rhea Corrion

A donation to the KVCC Foundation's Annual Fund helps provide the highest level of educational opportunities for students. A gift helps keep college affordable for more than 500 students annually.

Bob and Rhea Corrion are among the Foundation's generous scholarship donors. They explain their motivation like this: "Our experience in attending a community college after high school opened doors for us. We firmly believe that a community college experience enables students to pursue their interest in education. It can also help them obtain a skill that will fit their future success. We are happy to support Kalamazoo Valley Community College in

highest level of educational opportunities for students.

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The most common form of giving is a gift of cash. Unless otherwise designated, its use is generally undesignated. Undesignated funds are allocated to the Annual Fund to support student scholarships.

MATCHING GIFTS

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A HeLa Story: Mother of Modern Medicine The Exhibit.

Sept. 1, 2022 - Feb. 27, 2023

Enjoy a free mini exhibit about Henrietta Lacks whose cells led to medical breakthroughs.

For more, visit kalamazoomuseum.org.



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The Center for New Media at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is hosting an Area High School Art and Design Competition Exhibit that will open on Dec. 2, 2022 during Art Hop

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