



KV Focus Plus is the e-newsletter for Kalamazoo Valley administrators, faculty and staff. If you have a comment, suggestion or something you'd like included, please email [kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu](mailto:kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu).

### **MAKING BLUE WATER GREEN**

A recent tour for government officials highlighted Kalamazoo Valley Community College's green stormwater management techniques. The projects were made possible through a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The techniques include rain gardens, pervious pavement, water features and the use of flood plains to recycle water back into environment.

### **ARCADIA ALES FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Proceeds from the September 25 Arcadia Ales Classic at The Moors will support scholarships for Kalamazoo Valley's sustainable brewing students. There is still time to gather your group and register. Play starts at noon, a boxed lunch and dinner will be provided. Enjoy a great afternoon of golf and support students enrolling in one of the top brewing programs in the country. [Register now](#)

### **SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT IN VALLEY SPIRIT WEAR**

Show you Cougar pride with Kalamazoo Valley spirit wear options specifically for faculty and staff. Professional clothing include cardigans, three-quarter sleeve women's dress shirts, men's button down dress shirts, jackets, and polo shirts. Items are available in a variety of styles and colors. [Check out the online store](#).

Items will be delivered directly to your home or can be picked up from T-Shirts Printing Plus in Kalamazoo.

The Kalamazoo Valley Bookstore also has new spirit wear including Nike-branded clothing and bejeweled t-shirts in stock. Stop by today!



Constitution Day activities are planned for today and tomorrow at both the Texas Township Campus and the Arcadia Commons Campus.

On Monday, Sep. 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4230 in the Student Commons, join political science and history instructors Rick Brill and Tom Hughes in a discussion about what the U.S. Constitution means to us today.

On Tuesday, Sept. 19 in Room 128 in Anna Whitten Hall, join political science and history instructors Mark Sloan and Barbara Taraskiewicz in a talk about the U.S. Constitution and current political issues.



If you carry medical insurance through Kalamazoo Valley, you and your covered dependents are eligible to receive the Fluvirin vaccination at one of the college's on-site flu shot clinics.

Three strain, four strain and FluAD (for ages 65+) vaccinations will be available this year.

Clinics will be held at the Texas Township and Arcadia Commons Campuses Thursday, September 28. Vaccinations will be administered at the following locations and times:  
Room 5740 (TTC) 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Room 128C (ACC) 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

[more](#)

## STRENGTH SPOTLIGHT

As a strengths-based organization, Kalamazoo Valley gives its employees the opportunity to develop their strengths by building on their greatest talents – the way in which they most naturally think, feel, and behave as unique individuals.

In upcoming issues of KV Focus Plus, we will highlight one of the 34 different signature themes as identified by the Clifton StrengthsFinder Inventory as well as the names and titles of different people within the college who share it as their number one strength so you can learn more about the people you interact with on a daily basis.

### **This Issue: Developer**

People strong in the Developer talent see the potential in others. Very often, in fact, potential is all they see. Each individual is a work in progress, alive with possibilities. When they interact with others, their goal is to help them experience success. They see talents, strengths, and potential in others that they often cannot see in themselves. They are energized and determined to stimulate people to move, grow and develop. They are a great source of encouragement and a stimulator of personal progress. Over time, many will seek them out for help and encouragement because on some level they know that their helpfulness is both genuine and fulfilling to them.

Did you know that Director of Enrollment Management **EJ Bast**, Network Application and Support Manager **Lisa Blewett**, Data Base Analyst **Jolene Osei**, Counselor **Colleen Olson**, Business Instructor **Maryalice Reck**, Library Supervisor **Jill Storm** and Nursing Instructor **Gloria Barton Beery** are among the select faculty and staff who have Developer as their number one Strength?

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## **CAMPUS SAFETY TIP**

**Don't allow technology to make you unaware of your surroundings. The minute you're plugged in, you barely exist anymore! You stare at your phone, zoned out; not knowing what is going on around you. This, in essence, is exactly what you should be avoiding.**

## **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

**TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS**

[WMU College Visit Sept. 26, Sept.27](#)

[University Center Open House Sept. 18-21](#)

**ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS**

[Hateful Things Exhibit Opens Sept.17 at the KVM](#)

[Center for New Media, KVM Host Art Hop Events](#)

**BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS**  
[Student-run Cafe and Restaurant Reopens](#)

**THE GROVES CAMPUS**  
[Want to be a Police Officer? Find out what it Takes](#)  
[Need Training Funds? STTF Can Help](#)

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS**  
[Marilyn Schlack Announces Retirement](#)  
[Kalamazoo Valley Community College President Plans to Retire](#)  
[Longtime Kalamazoo Valley President Announces Retirement](#)  
[Kalamazoo Valley Footprint on Kalamazoo Grew Under Marilyn Schlack](#)



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