



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Increasing enrollment and improving retention are the college's top priorities. As employees of the college, everyone must do their part to attract and retain students. Volunteering your time to share your enthusiasm and knowledge of Kalamazoo Valley is one very easy way to do your part.

There are 10 more orientations scheduled before winter semester. It takes more than 20 people to put on each orientation. Everyone – administrators, faculty and staff -- are asked to volunteer. From check-in to campus tours to presentations and parent sessions – there is something for everyone. It's a very small time commitment that, statistics show, can greatly impact a student's success in college.

Whether you work at the Texas Township Campus, Anna Whitten Hall, the Center for New Media or the Culinary/Allied Health Building, there is an opportunity to for everyone. Training is provided.

For more information and to volunteer, contact New Student Orientation Coordinator [Coty Dunten](#) at 488.4825.

FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity and Inclusion presents I Am Many: Exploring Experiences within Social Identity with Dar Mayweather, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Room 4240 on the Texas Township Campus.

In society, we individually and collectively have a rich amount of diversity in our identities. In this program, focused on personal exploration, attendees find the beauty of how interconnected our experiences are in life.

Mayweather guides audiences along a thought-provoking and insightful analysis of individual stories and how they each contribute to the larger overall narrative of us as a people. Through reflection and discovery, participants engage in a process of deeper and more meaningful understanding.

For more information, contact [Trice Batson](#) at 269.488.4119.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY CHORUS MINI CONCERT

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Chorus presents a Choral Mini Concert, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. on October 19 in the Student Commons Lyceum. The brief performances will feature music all about time. Songs include Billy Joel's "Longest Time" and Cindy Lauper's "Time after Time," plus a folk song "A Time for Turning" and "Fields of Gold" about the fall season. The choir is directed by Michelle Bauman.



REMIND STUDENTS TO PETITION TO GRADUATE

Students planning to graduate in December should petition to graduate by Oct. 31. Statistics show that the best way for anyone to land a job in their chosen field is to finish college and earn a degree or certificate. In fact, students who complete their associate degree or certificate can expect to earn about \$400,000 more in a lifetime than a high school graduate, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Students who petition after the



The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band will present two mini-concerts in the Commons Area of the Texas Township Campus on October 25, 2017.

These free lunch-time events are for the college community and open to the public. The band will perform 3-4 pieces starting at 1:05 p.m. and then repeating the pieces a second time at 1:30 p.m. The concert is targeted at a casual walk-through audience although seating is available all around the commons.

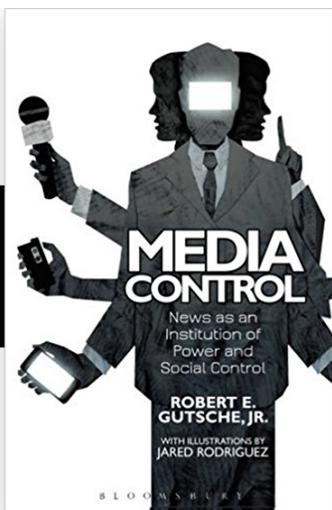
[learn more](#)

deadline might not have their name printed in the commencement program. Please encourage students to meet with a counselor and petition to graduate by Oct. 31!

FROM THE LIBRARY

Media Control: News as an Institution of Power and Social Control

By: Robert E. Gutsche, Jr.



[P95.82.U6 G88 2017](#) (TTC Library)

Media Control: News as an Institution of Power and Social Control challenges traditional (and even some radical) perceptions of how the news works. While it's clear that journalists don't operate objectively – reporters don't just cover news, but they make it – *Media Control* goes a step further by arguing that the cultural institution of news approaches and presents everyday information from particular and dominant cultural positions that benefit the power elite.

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: Empathy

People especially talented in the Empathy theme sense the emotions of those around them. They can feel what people are feeling as if those feelings are their own. Intuitively, they are able to see the world through their eyes and share their perspective. They don't necessarily agree with each person's perspective. They do not necessarily feel pity for each person's predicament – this would be sympathy, not Empathy.

The genius of the Empathy talent involves a person's ability to form high quality, deep, personal understanding and relationships with others. Many people feel like they are healthier and more at peace when in the presence of someone with Empathy. While it may be hard on a person with empathy to hear the pain of others, they will feel deeply indebted to them because they can understand them at such profound levels. The genius of Empathy makes them a great lover of other people and those people are fortunate to have them as a friend.

Did you know that Employee Benefits Specialist **Susan Matlis**, Career Advisor **Jessica Amey**, Senior Office Specialist **Lisa Peets**, Museum Program Coordinator **Annette Hoppenworth**, Communications Faculty **Jenny Ott**, Administrative Assistant **Bonnie McGee**, Student Strengths Development Coordinator **Beth Gregory-Wallis** and Operational and Institutional Support Services Manager **Cathy Colella** are among the many faculty and staff who have Empathy as their number one strength. [Click here to learn more.](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

Public Safety offers walking escorts on our campus at all times.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[WMU On-Site ADMISSIONS](#)

[2017 Men's Leadership Conference](#)

[Commit to Graduate at Oct. 23 Signing Event](#)

[All Student Meet "N" Greet Part II](#)

[Find out what it takes to be a First Responder, EMT and Paramedic Event Invites Students to Explore Careers, Early College](#)

ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Mid-Semester Boost](#)

[So You Want to be a Web Designer](#)

BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[Mid-Semester Student Forum at the Culinary and Allied Health Building](#)

[New Scholarship Creates Brewing Opportunities](#)

THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Groves Center Offers Free Lean Seminar Nov. 2](#)

[Find Out What the Buzz is All About](#)

KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Plans Open Search for President](#)

[Artists Forum Presents Loudon Wainwright III on November 14](#)

[Great Lakes Energy: Valley Pioneering Wind Turbine Technician Training Program](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley to Host College Night. More than 80 Colleges, Universities to Attend](#)

[Long Promised Trail Connections are Starting to Link Up](#)

[Weekend Picks for the Kalamazoo Parent: October 6-8](#)



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