



<b>COLLEGE-WIDE MEETINGS TOMORROW</b>		
Texas Township Campus	Room 9130	8:30 a.m.
Anna Whitten Hall	Room 128	3:30 p.m.

**Upcoming Important Dates**

- Employee and their Dependents Early Fall Registration: March 30
- Petition to Graduate Deadline: March 31
- Fall Registration Opens: April 2
- Commencement: April 29
- Summer Semester Begins: May 7

**Trustees Name New College President**

During a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo Valley Community College earlier today, Dr. Luther Marshall Washington was named the college's third President.

Washington was chosen from a field of more than two dozen candidates. The appointment becomes official once the Board and Dr. Washington agree on final contract details, which include compensation and an official start date. The contract will be formally approved at a future meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Washington, President of New River Community and Technical College in Beckley, West Virginia, will succeed Dr. Marilyn Schlack, who has served as President of the college since 1982.

Additional details will be released as they become available.

**Be Prepared! Active Shooter Training Tomorrow**

Rick Ives and Don Bentin from Kalamazoo Valley's Department of Public Safety will expound on the active shooter responses run, hide, and fight. The training, held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Room 5830 TTC, will provide attendees with a better understanding of how to implement each response in order to successfully respond to and survive an active shooter.

The break out sections of this training will provide a scenario opportunity to put into practice the information participants learn. A discussion on how the response worked and ways to improve

will follow.

Although emergencies are rare, it is important to prepare for all of these low-occurrence but high risk situations. Seats are still available. [Register now!](#)

### **Career Fair**

More than 75 regional employers will be on site during the Kalamazoo Career Fair on Wednesday, March 21 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus. The event runs from noon to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Ample free parking is available. [more](#)

### **Participate in Online Training, Earn Money for Student Veterans**

Michigan has seen a 17% increase in students using Veterans Affairs benefits to pursue higher education since 2010's Post 9/11 GI Bill was enacted. As we seek to best support this growing cohort of students, it is imperative that we understand the possible challenges student veterans face in their transition to academic and civilian life.

With financial support from the Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators' (CMVE) Kresge Foundation grant, all public colleges and universities in Michigan have free, unlimited access to Veterans on Campus, an online training simulation aimed at helping us better understand and support our student veterans. In this 30-minute web-based course, participants will better understand the unique value of veterans in the classroom, learn skills that will equip you to understand common challenges faced by veterans, and better understand support services available for veterans. Participants will also learn how to approach the veterans they are worried about, destigmatize the need for help, and refer them to local support services.

Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services Office will be awarded \$500 if 118 employees participate in the training. Thank you for helping us ensure our veterans have the best educational experiences possible at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

To take the course, follow the instructions below:

Go to: <https://www.kognitocampus.com/login/>

Create a New Account

Use enrollment key: michiganvets



Spread the word! Women's basketball coach Talisha Bridges will



All current students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in the

hold open tryouts for students interested in playing basketball for the 2018-2019 season Tuesday, April 10 from 4-6 p.m.

Players must bring proof that they have had a physical to tryouts.

Any questions? Contact [Coach Bridges](#) at 269.488.4446.

Eighth Annual Faculty Instructional Awards nomination process. The awards are meant to recognize instructors who actively encourage students' intellectual curiosity, engage them in the enterprise of learning and have a life-long impact.

The deadline to vote is April 09, 2018. [Cast your vote now.](#) One vote per person.

## 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: Learner](#)

Those with the Learner strength love to learn. The process, more than the contact or the results, is especially exciting for them. They are energized by the steady and deliberate journey from ignorance to competence. It enables them to thrive in dynamic work environments where they are asked to take on short project assignments and are expected to learn a lot about the new subject matter in a short period of time and then move on to the next once. For them, the outcome of the learning is less significant than the “getting there.”

The genius the Learner talent begins with the fact that they love to learn in many areas. It doesn't matter to them what they are learning, just so that they keep on learning something each and every day. They know how to learn and they know what best contributes to their learning effectively and efficiently. With little effort, they can analyze the learning habits of others and think through how they can learn most effectively.

Did you know that Adjunct Faculty **Amy Longcore**, Director of Network and I.T. Support **Aaron Sneed**, Mechatronics Faculty **Benjamin Ash**, Office Specialist **Cheryl Jones**, EMT Faculty **Daniel Benard**, Assistant Director of Research, Accreditation and Compliance **Dan Mondoux**, and Adjunct Faculty and PT Tutor **Daniel Palmatier** are among the faculty and staff who have learner as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

## CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

**Always opt-in to get campus alert texts** sent to your phone. It's the fastest way to find out whenever there is an incident on campus and where to stay away.

# CAMPUSCONNECTIONS

## TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[March Madness!](#)

[WMU College Visit](#)

[Cultural Celebration March 27](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Presents Mardi Jo Link on March 28 and 29](#)

[The Wailin' Jennys to Perform at Kalamazoo Valley on April 11](#)

## ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Spotlight on: Freelancing](#)

[Portfolio Days](#)

## BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[Foodways Symposium Focuses on Native American Culture and Cooking](#)

[Explore Culture through Cooking](#)

## THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Exercise Nutrition: Exploring the Connections between Food and Fitness](#)

[Applications being accepted for August Police Academy](#)

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[A Closer Look at the Two Finalists Who will Interview for Kalamazoo Valley President](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Offers Spring Dental Radiography Course](#)

[The Wailin' Jennys to Perform Award-Winning Hits During April 11 Concert](#)

[Finalists to Interview for Seat as Next President of Kalamazoo Valley](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Presents Mardi Jo Link on March 28 and 29](#)

[Food Safety Certification Training in Kalamazoo](#)

[YWCA Helps Children Eat Better so They Learn Better](#)



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