



2018 Opportunities for Education Dinner

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation Opportunities for Education Scholarship Fundraising Dinner will be held May 23 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites in downtown Kalamazoo. The event, which begins at 5:30 p.m., is a primary source of funding for Kalamazoo Valley student scholarships. Veronika Scott, the founder and CEO of The Empowerment Plan, a Detroit-based nonprofit organization focused on permanently elevating families from the generational cycle of homelessness is the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$160 for individuals and \$75 each for students. Sponsor tables that seat eight are available for \$1,600. To order tickets, go to www.kvcc.edu/foundation. For more information, contact Executive Director [Steve Doherty](#), 269.488.4442.



Public Speaking Showcase

The students in the Com 201: Advanced Public Speaking class are presenting a final showcase at the TTC Commons Theater, Room 4240 on April 23 from 3:30 - 4:50 p.m. The theme chosen by the students is growth through adversity. The showcase will cover issues including depression, mental health, suicidal ideation, body/self-acceptance, stereotypes, and fulfillment. [more](#)

Auto Lab Open House April 27

The Automotive Department at Kalamazoo Valley will be ending the spring semester by hosting an open house on Friday, April 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Valley Texas Township Campus behind the auto labs. Cars, bikes, and motorcycles will be on display. Attendees will be able to meet some of the future professionals of the automotive community, have dinner, tour the labs, and meet with prospective employers. [more](#)

Participate in Online Training, Earn Money for Student Veterans

Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services Office will be awarded \$500 if 118 employees participate in online training to better support our veterans. 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

Follow the on-screen instructions. Choose your course and click "LAUNCH"

For more information, contact [Mike Morehouse](#).

Be the Match April 18 at AWH

Kalamazoo Valley's Office for Student Access is hosting a Michigan Blood "Be The Match" Marrow Donor Drive at Anna Whitten Hall on Wednesday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joining the registry is pain free. It takes only 10 minutes to fill out the paperwork and swab your cheek. We are looking for donors between the ages of 18 - 44 to join the registry and save a life.



Student Success Services Presents:
What's on Your Plate? Pizza for Credits Event

Encourage students to stop Room 4230, April 17 from 12-2 p.m. so they can register for summer and fall classes and enjoy some pizza, popcorn and good times!

Giveaways include:

- Textbook Allowance
(must register for at least six credit hours to be eligible)
- Two Kindle Fire Tablets
- Kalamazoo Valley Apparel



Time is Running Out – Stop by the Havirmill Café Today!

The Havirmill Cafe and the 418 Restaurant will be wrapping up the spring semester in April, so stop by while you still can!

The Havirmill Cafe is open 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday through Friday with light breakfast options starting at 7:30 a.m. including things such as scones, muffins, croissants, bagels, and toast. Hot breakfast is available from 8 - 10:30 a.m. and the menu varies by day. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. All food is prepared by students enrolled in the culinary arts program. The Havirmill Cafe is open until April 27 then closed until the fall semester.

The 418 Restaurant is open from 6 – 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday until April 19 when it will also be closed until the fall semester. It's recommended to make a reservation for the 418. To do so, call 269.548.3200.

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: Positivity

Those with the Positivity strength are generous with praise, quick to smile, and always on the lookout for the positive in the situation. Others feel the world looks better around people with this strength because their enthusiasm is contagious. They lighten others spirits. They celebrate every achievement. They find ways to make everything more exciting and more vital. Some cynics may reject their energy but they are rarely dragged down.

The genius of the Positivity talent is found in the impact that they can and will have in the lives of other people. They see the best in people. They stimulate people to strive for the best they can be. As a result, people become more productive, effective, and grow because of them. Their genius is found in the impact that they have on groups and individuals. As a result, they are a most valuable part of any organization and they have the talent to be a great leader, a great manager, and a great supervisor.

Did you know that Public Safety Officer **Daniel Siwula**, Serials and Reference Supervisor **Nancy Young**, Dental Hygiene Faculty **Rebecca Ellsworth**, Maintenance Specialist **Tim Luce**, and Director of Museum **William Gould-McElhone** are among the faculty and staff who have Positivity as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

Be aware of your surroundings and suspicious people.

Always be alert for people who look out of place. If someone looks like they are up to no good, they likely are, and a situation can be easily avoided by detecting it early and removing yourself.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[Play Dodgeball with the SVA](#)
[Kinetic Affect Returns to Kalamazoo Valley](#)
[Finals Recharge at TTC & AWH](#)

ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Exam Slam at AWH](#)
[Finals Recharge at TTC & AWH](#)
[Alumni Art Show Winners Announced](#)
[Gilmore Keyboard Festival Film: Keep On Keepin' On](#)

BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[Explore Culture through Cooking](#)

THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Project Management Training Coming to Kalamazoo Valley](#)
[Applications being accepted for August Police Academy](#)

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