



Welcome to Fall Semester!

Fall is my favorite season due in large part because it is the beginning of the new school year. These are exciting days as we welcome students back to our campuses.

Today marks my 63rd day as your new president. I've been encouraged and inspired by the conversations I've been having with many of you and folks in the community. I am looking forward to working with you to make the college the best it can and will be.

Thank you for your work on behalf of our students and their families. The best is yet to come. "Together is better."

President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.



Presidential Inauguration Slated for Oct. 19

The formal installation of L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., as the third president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College will take place during a community-wide celebration scheduled for Friday, Oct. 19.

"Celebrating the Past and Creating the Future" is the theme of the inaugural activities, which will include a 4 p.m. investiture ceremony in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium of the college's Texas

Township Campus.

The ceremony will mark the beginning of both the Washington presidency and the next chapter in the college's partnerships with key collaborators and the broader community. Academic delegates and guests from around the country are expected to join Washington's extended family, community, civic, and business leaders as well as Kalamazoo Valley students, faculty, administrators and staff to officially mark the transition of leadership to the new president. [more](#)

Construction Alert

The 9th Street bridge over I-94 near Kalamazoo Valley's Texas Township Campus will remain under construction thru September 30.

There are single-lane closures over the bridge which can result in extended delays coming to and leaving from the college.

Add extra time to your commuting schedule to and from class. [Click here](#) for recommended alternate routes.

KVCC Foundation 2018-19 Grant Funding Deadlines

For the 2018-19 academic year, the KVCC Foundation has established funding deadline dates for internal grant requests/proposals consideration. Those faculty and/or administrators considering grant requests to the Foundation must make plans in advance and adhere to the established deadlines.

Grant applications must be submitted to the Director of Development Steve Doherty by grant request deadlines or they will not be reviewed until the following period. Limited funds will be disbursed on a first come, first served basis and once awarded are gone for the year.

The following dates for internal grant requests have been established for the 2018-19 academic year:

October 19, 2018

November 1, 2018

January 18, 2019

February 7, 2019

For more information, contact [Steve Doherty](#).

Spirit Wear Now Available

Show your Cougar pride as we kick off a new school year 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.

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

To check out the [online store](#).

You can also log on through home.kvcc.edu. See the "Faculty and Staff Spirit Wear Store" link in the Quick Links box.



Constitution Day events are scheduled for Sept. 17 and 18 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Sept. 17 in Room 1330 at TTC, political scientist Barb Taraskiewicz and historian Mark Sloan will discuss “Diversity and Inclusion Issues and the Constitution,” specifically addressing gerrymandering and the upcoming Michigan ballot proposal. They’ll present the talk again in Room 128 at Anna Whitten Hall on Sept. 18 from 10 to 11 a.m.

At the Texas Township Campus on Monday, Sept. 17, political scientist Rick Brill and historian Tom Hughes will discuss the creation, development and meaning of the Constitution. Their talk will be held in Room 4240 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

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Havirmill Cafe and 418 Reopen for Fall Semester

The student-run Havirmill Cafe and 418 restaurant will reopen next week.

The Havirmill Cafe opens Sept. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Breakfast service will include coffee and baked goods such as scones, breads and muffins. The lunch menu includes fresh and inventive sandwiches and salad bar.

The 418 restaurant opens Sept. 13 for dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday with a student-selected international menu. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are highly recommended. Locally produced beer, wines and hand crafted cocktails are available. For reservations, 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: Self-Assurance

Self-Assurance is similar to self-confidence. Those with the Self-Assurance theme have faith in their strengths. They know that they are able to take risks, able to meet new challenges, able to stake claims, and, most important, able to deliver. Self-Assurance is more than just self-confidence. When people with Self-Assurance look at the world, they know that their perspective is unique and distinct. And because no one else sees exactly what they see, they know that no one can make their decisions for them. No one can tell them what to think. They have the authority over themselves to form conclusions, make decisions, and act. No matter what the situation, you seem to know what the right decision is. This theme lends you an aura of certainty. Unlike many, you are not easily swayed by someone else's arguments, no matter how persuasive they may be.

The genius of the Self-Assurance talent begins with confidence. They have a quality that is often called resilience. This means that they can "bounce back." Accordingly, they have an attitude that no matter what happens to them; they will in fact "bounce back" and quite probably reach higher heights even if they momentarily fail. The genius here is that they not only have self-confidence, but an inner compass for deciding what needs to be done and how they need to do it.

Did you know that Wind Academy Instructional Manager **Anthony Parcher** is among the very few faculty and staff who have Self-Assurance as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

School days bring congestion to campus: Buses are picking up and dropping off their passengers, students are hurrying to get to class, lost drivers are wandering through the parking lot. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[Metro Transit Bus Passes on Sale Aug. 28 - Sept. 7](#)

[Join the Kalamazoo Valley Committee for Cultural Understanding](#)

[Ten Kalamazoo Area Standouts Join Lady Cougars Volleyball](#)

ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Perfect Little Planet](#)

[Kalamazoo A to Z](#)

BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[Register now for Community Cooking, Personal Development Classes](#)

THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Become a Corrections Officer in Just Four Weeks](#)

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

KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[A Chat with New College President L. Marshall Washington, PH.D](#)

[Inspiring Words from Dr. Washington](#)

[A cowboy at heart, Murphy Darden's collection celebrates all that's possible for African Americans](#)

[Affordable Free Things to do Kalamazoo in September](#)

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