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Greetings,

The college is embarking on the comprehensive process of updating its three-year strategic plan. To encourage participation from a wide cross-section of the college community, I am directing a schedule of information gathering and input sessions with a number of groups.

Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this process by attending an upcoming college-wide meeting. Choose from one of the three sessions listed below.

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| Friday, April 26 | 8:15 – 9:45 a.m. | Texas Township Campus Room 4240 |
| Friday, April 26 | 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. | Anna Whitten Hall Room 128 |
| Monday, April 29 | 8:30 – 10 a.m. | The Groves Center Room 1100 |

Watch for a document to review prior to the meetings. Come prepared to discuss the strategic direction of the college by providing input about our focus areas and initiatives.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'L. Marshall Washington'.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

Will Chef Cory Advance in the Spring Baking Championship?

Watch Food Network tonight at 9 p.m. to see if Kalamazoo Valley's own Culinary Instructor Cory Barrett survives another week of Spring Baking Championship. Follow along in the fun @foodnetwork [#springbakingchampionship](https://twitter.com/foodnetwork).

Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services Presentations

Faculty, staff, students and members of the community are invited to attend the public presentations given by the seven finalists interviewing for the Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services position at Kalamazoo Valley Community College on the dates and times listed below.

Each candidate will give a 20-minute presentation addressing topics which include:

- How students can and should learn through a variety of delivery models
- What advantages for learning are present in face-to-face environments
- How can Kalamazoo Valley improve its online course and program offerings
- What future models of delivery are recommended as the college considers allocating time, attention and resources

Each presentation will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer session on open topics. All public presentations will be in held at the Texas Township Campus Room 4240.

Wednesday, April 17, 11 – 11:55 a.m.

Dr. Scott Behrens, Vice President of Teaching and Learning: Chief Officer of Academic Affairs at Northwest Florida State College

Wednesday, April 17, 2 – 2:55 p.m.

Dr. Debbie Thomas, Former Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Kentucky State University

Friday, April 19, 11 – 11:55 a.m.

Dr. Stacy Young, Dean, School of Business and School of Advanced Technology at Southwestern Michigan College

Friday, April 19, 2 – 2:55 p.m.

Dr. Kenneth Flowers, Dean of Career and Workforce Education at Lake Michigan College

Wednesday, April 24, 2:15 – 3:10 p.m.

Dr. Gary Roberts, Dean, Arts & Sciences at Lake Michigan College

Friday, April 26, 11 – 11:55 a.m.

Dr. Peter Linden, Lead Campus Cabinet and Operations, Ivy Tech Community College, Michigan City Campus/La Porte County

Friday, April 26, 2 – 2:55 p.m.

Dr. Jonelle Knox, Higher Education Officer at College of Staten Island

Orientation Help 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 more than 20 New Student Orientations that will take place between now and September on all of our campuses. Everyone – administrators, faculty and staff – are asked to volunteer. Orientation is often the first impression we will make as a college community to engage and inspire our students by demonstrating our unified commitment to students. It's a very small time commitment that, statistics show, can greatly impact a student's success in college. Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions. Training will be provided.

This year, we have some new opportunities:

- a revised faculty session (30 minutes)
- a session about college terms and resources (30 minutes)
- campus tours (30-40 minutes)
- helping students register for classes (40 minutes)

April 19, April 25, April 26 and May 3 are high school student-specific orientations. Only high schools seniors will be attendance.

To volunteer for a Texas Township orientation click [HERE](#).

If you are interested in assisting with orientations at Anna Whitten Hall, The Center for New Media, The Bronson Healthy Living Campus or with the Early/Middle College Open House, please email cdunten@kvcc.edu to get connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

Recycle Electronics on Campus on April 19

Students, staff, community members and business owners are encouraged to recycle their unwanted electronic items from 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on April 19 at the Texas Township Campus of Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 6767 W O Ave, Kalamazoo. Green Earth Electronics Recycling will be operating the event.

Accepted items include computers, laptops, monitors, televisions, telephones, cameras, DVD players, cords/cables, printers, toner cartridges, cell phones, refrigerators, air conditioners, appliances and any other electronic item with a cord. [more](#)

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS ARE \$20
AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE
TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS
BOOKSTORE



Artists' Forum presents

NELLIE MCKAY &
SUSAN WERNER

UPCOMING GRADUATION CELEBRATION

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Transfer Resource and Multicultural
Services "You Did It" Luncheon
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Texas Township Campus
Student Commons

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Transfer Resources and Multicultural
Services "You Did It" Luncheon
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Arcadia Commons Campus
Anna Whitten Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Culinary and Sustainable Brewing
Graduation Celebration
5:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

83rd Kalamazoo Valley
Commencement
2 p.m.
Western Michigan University
Miller Auditorium

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Student Art Show and Art Hop
5:30 p.m.
Arcadia Commons Campus
Center For New Media

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Early/Middle College Completion
Celebration
7 p.m.
Texas Township Campus

Bronson Healthy Living Campus
Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and
Allied Health Building

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
Center for New Media Grad Bash
Noon – 4 p.m.
Arcadia Commons Campus
Center for New Media

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
Nursing Graduates Pinning Ceremony
1 p.m.
Texas Township Campus
Dale B. Lake Auditorium
(Reception following in Room 4370)

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(Reception following in Room 4370)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
Art and New Media Graduate Show
5:30 p.m.
Arcadia Commons Campus
Center for New Media



The TTC Learning Center
(Room 2220) and
the AWH Writing and Math Centers
(Room 122 and 123)
will host Exam Slam 2019

April 17 and 18
to prepare students for final exams.
Please encourage your students to
stop by for some extra help from
college tutors and to enjoy some
snacks!

April 16 and 17 (TTC)

9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

April 16 and 17 (AWH)

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.



The Automotive Department at
Kalamazoo Valley will host an open
house on Friday, April 26 from 2 - 8
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 lunch, tour the
labs and meet with prospective
employers. [more](#)

Celebrate Retiring Colleagues on April 30

A college-wide retirement celebration is being held on April 30 from 3:30 – 5 p.m. in Room 4240

in the Student Commons at the Texas Township Campus.

The following faculty and staff members have announced plans to retire by the end of the 2019 academic year.

Robert Badra, humanities instructor, 51 years

Darrell Davies, biology instructor, 47 years

Sue Hollar, math instructor, 37 years

Albert Moss, respiratory care practitioner instructor, 36 years

Gloria Barton-Beery, nursing instructor, 34 years

Francis Granzotto, ceramics instructor, 32 years

Mary Dey, medical assistant technology instructor, 24 years

Christopher Garrett, music instructor and band director, 17 years

Sally DeBruyn, nursing lab coordinator, 14 years

John (Jack) Bley, biology instructor, 13 years

Please join Dr. Washington and the entire college community in thanking these dedicated educators and wishing them well. [RSVP](#)

May 7 Opportunities for Education Dinner Raises Funds for Scholarships

Bill Johnston, chairman of the Greenleaf Companies, will be the keynote speaker at the May 7 Opportunities for Education fundraising dinner, which is a primary source of funding for the KVCC Foundation's student scholarships.

As chairman, Johnston focuses on culture, vision, mission and high-level strategies for Greenleaf Trust; Greenleaf Hospitality Group, Inc.; and Catalyst Development Company, L.L.C. He serves as trustee of Western Michigan University as well as the Genevieve and Donald S. Gilmore Foundation. [more](#)

Fall 2019 Together is Better Summit

While the college community is looking forward to Commencement at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, plans are already underway for next fall!

Please mark your calendars for the two-day Fall 2019 Summit scheduled for Wednesday, August 28 and Thursday, August 29. Wednesday's meetings and activities are primarily designed for faculty members. The morning of Thursday, August 29 will include workshops, roundtable discussions and other activities for both faculty and staff.

Click [HERE](#) for the most up-to-date information about the Fall 2019 Summit and watch for updates in KV Focus Plus.

Do you have something you'd like included in the next issue of KV Focus Plus?

Email kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu with story ideas and suggestions.

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

If you have physical car keys, carry them in your hand when walking in a parking lot. This reduces the amount of time it takes to get into your car and to start it, reducing your exposure to attack. Furthermore, a physical key held in the palm of a fist and protruding between the knuckles can serve as a makeshift weapon in case of emergency.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Campus Band to Perform April 26 Spring Concert](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Announce Merit Scholarship Winners](#)

[English Department Essay Contest Deadline is May 3](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley Announces Alumni + Art Show Winners](#)

[Student Art Show Opens on May 3](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Spring Foraging and Herb Walks Class Starts on April 18](#)

Groves Campus

[Black and Blue: New Training Meant to Bridge Communities of Color and Police](#)

[Dental Radiography Course Begins on May 3](#)

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Year-Long Contract Negotiations Resolved for Part-Time Faculty](#)

[Tuition Going Up at Kalamazoo Valley](#)

[Diversity Program Gives Kalamazoo Valley Cadets Perspective](#)

[WMed MI-CIS Behavioral Health Crisis Intervention Training to Cadets](#)

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

HUMAN
RESOURCES

STAFF & FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT