



## READ THE LATEST KV FOCUS

### Greetings,

Congratulations to all of you who helped to make this past weekend's Commencement program such a memorable occasion for our graduates! Working together, we helped our students make it over the finish line, in spite of the polar vortex and other barriers this past winter.

I've also been inspired by the great number of you who participated in the campus-wide strategic planning meetings. Your conversations and recommendations will help me finalize the many components of our three-year plan, thank you. See pictures below of this collaboration.



It was gratifying to see so many friends, old and new, who came out to celebrate the careers of our retiring colleagues during Tuesday's college-wide retirement party. We are reminded of the long-lasting impact we continue to have on our students and their families. Making time to gather together reinforces our commitment to our mission and reminds us of the many reasons we continue to do what we do.



Please be sure to mark your calendar for an employee and family event scheduled from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, June 7 at the Arcadia Common Campus. Both the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Center for New Media have great events scheduled that evening as a part of Art Hop. Please bring your family to the Summer Celebration in the courtyard behind Anna Whitten Hall for food and an opportunity to share casual time together during an evening out with friends.

And finally, even though summer is just beginning, I'm already looking forward to the Fall 2019

Summit on August 28 and 29. Please keep an eye on your email for the specifics associated with this event.

As we prepare to welcome students for summer semester, I want you to know that you are valued and your work changes lives.

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

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### Early/Middle College Completion Ceremony

Please join President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., and Dean Deborah Coates, Ed.D., in recognizing the academic achievements of the 77 students who have successfully completed the Early/Middle College program Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in Dale B. Lake Auditorium.

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### Valley Food Share

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time, food and money to Valley Food Share. During the winter semester, we distributed 370 shares to Kalamazoo Valley students!

We are continuing the program through the summer semester and need A LOT of volunteers. Please [sign up](#) to help build, unload and distribute the shares. There are more than 170 volunteer spots available. This program can only continue to be successful with the help of volunteers!

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Donate items to Valley Food Share. Valley Food Share drop boxes can be found in Faculty Reception and the Student Commons on the Texas Township Campus, the first floors of Anna Whitten Hall and the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Healthy Building and the main lobby of the Groves Campus.

Make a monetary donation to Valley Food Share through the [KVCC Foundation](#). A donation of just \$20 can buy 100 lbs of food. A \$1 donation can feed one person breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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### 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)

High school student-specific orientations are on May 3. Only high schools seniors will be in 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](mailto:cdunten@kvcc.edu) to get connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

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### **Culinary Program Hosts Taps on Tuesday Event**

Taps on Tuesday social events are being hosted in the dining room at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building on May 14, June 11 and July 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

For \$15, guests receive two beverage tickets for beer or wine (no spirits or cocktails), and appetizers made in-house by the culinary department staff. There will be vegetarian options at each event.

Tickets are non-transferable and must be purchased 24 hours before each event. Tickets will not be sold on site at the event. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

Kick off your summer with these fun new events! Buy tickets [HERE](#).



## CHEF CORY ADVANCES TO SPRING BAKING CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

Chef Cory Barrett, a member of the college culinary faculty, has been competing on Food Network's Spring Baking Championship. The eight-week competition is nearing completion and the finals will be broadcast at 9 p.m. on Monday, May 6.

Chef Cory advanced in the competition during the April 29 broadcast. The college will host a viewing party to watch the final episode on Monday, May 6 beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Culinary Theatre in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. The event is free and open to the public.

Chef Cory will be on hand to answer questions and the college will provide samples of his delicious creations. Stop by or tune in to see who wins!



## May 7, 2019 OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION DINNER

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](#)

### **Summer Celebration for Kalamazoo Valley Employees and Their Families**

A summer celebration with food and fun is being held for Kalamazoo Valley employees and their families on Friday, June 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the courtyard behind Anna Whitten Hall on the

Arcadia Commons Campus.

A full slate of special events is happening in downtown Kalamazoo that night - the Grad Show at the Center for New Media, opening night for the KIA Art Show, The Secrets of Bees exhibit and an Art Hop Bee Market with beekeeper Charlotte Hubbard at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, and more!

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## **2019 Fall Summit**

Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail, president and CEO of The McPhail Group LLC, a higher education consulting firm, will be the keynote speaker for the Fall 2019 Together is Better Summit, set for August 28 and 29 at the Texas Township Campus.

Dr. McPhail has served on a variety of national boards and task forces including the Gates Foundation's Completion by Design National Advisory Committee; the Future President's Institute sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); Board of Directors for the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); National Advisory Council for the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE); Advisory Committee for the National Center for Postsecondary Research (NCP) at the Community College Research Center at Columbia Teachers College (CCRC); the Council for the Study of Community Colleges (CSCC); Affirmative Action Officer, Division J, American Education Research Association (AERA); and the Editorial Board for the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

She is the author and coauthor of numerous articles and books including From Tall to Matrix: Redefining Organizational Structures (Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning, August 2016); Practical Leadership in Community Colleges: Navigating Today's Challenges coauthored with George R. Boggs; Establishing and Sustaining Learning Centered Community Colleges (an AACC best-selling publication); Fighting the Execution Gap Syndrome: Real Strategies for Student Success (2015); A Case for Grow-Your-Own (2014); Leave the Cave: Professional Development to Improve Student Success (2013); Illuminating the Experiences of African-American Female Community College Students in Developmental Education (2011); Bringing Teaching and Learning to the Board Room: A Professional Development Framework (2011); and Transforming Classroom Practice for African American Learners: Implications for the Learning Paradigm, (co-authored with her husband, Irving Pressley McPhail), which won the 2000 Research Award from the Maryland Association for Adult, Community and Continuing Education.[more](#)

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

Email [kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu](mailto:kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu) with story ideas and suggestions.

# CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

## Maintain Privacy on Social Media

Social media is a great platform for connecting with friends and family worldwide or sharing updates about your life. However, with everything you post, stay aware of who else could be viewing your profile. Avoid geotagging your photos, as it reveals your location to strangers, and don't publicly announce when you're home alone or are leaving your home unattended.

**Next Step:** Review the settings on each of your social media profiles. Disable location services, make your accounts private, and think twice before sharing anything. Remember: once something gets posted on the Internet, it's tough to remove it entirely.

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

### Texas Township Campus

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

[Register for Summer Sports Camps at Kalamazoo Valley](#)

[Geology Instructor Veronica McCann to Talk at Rock and Mineral Show](#)

### Arcadia Commons Campus

[Student Art Show Opens May 3](#)

[Alumni + Art Show Winners Announced](#)

[Explore Future Careers at Kalamazoo Valley Summer Camps](#)

### Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Director of Culinary Education Brian Hay to Serve as Judge for Stone Soup Chef Competition](#)

### Groves Campus

[Leadership: Coaching on the Frontline](#)

[Upcoming Culinary and Nutrition Community Education Courses](#)

[Summer Sustainable Foods, Farm and Gardens Classes](#)

### Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Police Academy Offers Cadets Unique Training on Race Relations and Healing](#)

[Kalamazoo Promise joins state's Largest Skilled-Trades Union to Include Apprenticeships](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Automotive Department to Host Open House](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Hosts Electronics Recycling Event](#)

[Police Academy Offers Unique Training](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Automotive Program Helps Students Land In-Demand Jobs](#)

[I Can't Wait Until It's My Turn to Graduate from @kvcc](#)

[April 28 Sunday Series Talk Will Focus on the History of Kalamazoo's LGBTQ Community](#)

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EVENTS**

**HUMAN  
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