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### Greetings,

Even though it's beginning to look a lot like summer, with the promise of a slightly slower pace, I'm very pleased that the college is busy with multiple activities and events for students, faculty and staff.

I am thrilled to report that the college has been honored with an American Association of Community Colleges award for its collaboration with Bronson Healthcare and Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for the Bronson Healthy Living Campus. As the recipient of the Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award, the college has gained additional national exposure for our healthcare, brewing, sustainable food systems and culinary programs along with the innovative teaching and learning there. Please see the official press release and a photo of this exciting announcement from yesterday's Board of Trustees meeting below.

I look forward to relaxing and celebrating with you and your family during the June 7 Summer Celebration event downtown at Anna Whitten Hall. Be sure to RSVP by the June 1 deadline to be eligible for tickets to an upcoming Detroit Tigers game. More information about the event is included below.

Best wishes for a successful semester and enjoyable summer season!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Marshall Washington'.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President



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## **Kalamazoo Valley Recognized by American Association of Community Colleges**

The Bronson Healthy Living Campus (BHLC) project, a partnership between Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS), Bronson Healthcare (Bronson) and Kalamazoo Valley Community College (Kalamazoo Valley), has been named the winner for the 2019 American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Outstanding College/Corporate Partnership Award.

The award honors local, regional and national collaboration between a college and corporate partner that has achieved demonstrable, multi-year success in advancing the mission of the institutions, the economic prosperity of a community and the learning excellence of students.[more](#)

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## **Law Enforcement Training**

Please be aware that the Kalamazoo Valley Law Enforcement Training Center will be conducting a training activity on and around the Texas Township Campus tomorrow, Thursday, May 16 from 5 p.m. - Midnight. You will see what looks like police activity going on. Do not be alarmed, it is only a training exercise.

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## **Police Academy Graduation is this Friday**

Fifteen people - 12 men and three women - will walk the stage Friday, May 17 as graduates of Kalamazoo Valley Community College's 87th Police Officer Training Academy.

Eight of the cadets have already been offered employment and will begin serving their respective communities following graduation. The college community is encouraged to attend this special graduation ceremony which will be held in Dale B. Lake Auditorium at 3 p.m.

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### **Summer Hours Begin Next Week**

To conserve energy and moderate facilities cooling costs, the college will be closed on Fridays from May 20 – August 16, 2019. The Groves Center and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum will maintain normal operating hours throughout the summer.

Maintaining exemplary services for our students and guests during these four-day work weeks remains our highest priority. Core business hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break.

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

You and your family are invited to attend a college summer celebration with food and special activities for all ages on Friday, June 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the courtyard behind Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus.

Join us for one of the biggest art hop nights of the year which will include Kalamazoo Valley's Grad Show at the Center for New Media, The Secrets of Bees exhibit and an Art Hop Bee Market with beekeeper Charlotte Hubbard at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum plus the opening of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Fair in Bronson Park and Art on the Mall.

Start your art hop evening with your family and college friends at Anna Whitten Hall. Dinner will be served including pizza, salads and more. Fun games for adults and kids will be available. Wear your college apparel and demonstrate your Kalamazoo Valley pride!

Join us and take in all that downtown Kalamazoo has to offer on Friday, June 7! Register by the June 1 and you will be entered into a drawing for one of two pair of tickets to a Detroit Tigers baseball game. The drawing is at 6:45 p.m. and you must be present to win. Choose from:

- Friday, June 14 7:10 p.m. Indians
- Friday, June 28 7:10 p.m. Nationals

This event is free to you and your family, and reservations are required. [RSVP](#) now!

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### **Festival Volunteers Needed**

Summer festival season is upon us and the college needs your help! Please consider volunteering your time by representing Kalamazoo Valley Community College at an information table at one of two upcoming summer festivals.

Volunteers are needed to staff information tables at the PRIDE Festival June 8 at the Arcadia Creek Festival site and the Black Arts Festival July 13 at LaCrone Park. Volunteers will be answering general questions about the college and providing handouts. Volunteers will be given a Kalamazoo Valley t-shirt.

Please contact [Lynn Grammel](#) if you have any questions or [sign up](#) now!

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## **Kalamazoo Valley Student Brewers Take Home Honors**

Results of the U.S. Open College Beer Championship have been announced and Kalamazoo Valley's student brewers took home gold and silver medals and a share of third place overall. The contest, held in Oxford, Ohio, is for colleges and universities that teach brewing courses. The competition was held to help determine the best future brewers in North America. Any college or university that offers courses in brewing could enter the U.S. Open. All beers were submitted by one of the school's brewing professors or instructors. The beers could be brewed on any system on or off campus that is approved by the professors or instructors.

This year's competition included five categories: Belgian, Bavarian, Stout, IPA and Open. The Open category allowed students to enter any style of beer they wanted to brew.

In the fourth year of this competition, 14 colleges and universities from the United States and Canada participated. Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) in British Columbia took home the Grand National Championship as the college that brews the best beers in North America. This Canadian university took home a gold for their 50/50 Hefe and their Fruity and the Yeast New England India Pale Ale plus a silver for their Storm Stout. [more](#)

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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 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 BARRETT

Chef Cory Barrett, Kalamazoo Valley culinary instructor, won Food Network's Spring Baking Championship during the final episode which aired on May 6.

Barrett was joined by friends, family, colleagues and students during a viewing party at Kalamazoo Valley's Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building.

He has more than 20 years of culinary experience and is no stranger to Food Network, having worked with Michael Symon on 17 episodes of Iron Chef. His winning dessert was a Mother's Day-themed salted caramel macchiato entremets, or mousse-based cake.

Barrett has worked for Kalamazoo Valley since 2016 and had a hand in the development of the culinary program.



## Eva Ozier

Eva Ozier, a 1971 Kalamazoo Valley Community College graduate, has been named the school's 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. She was a single mother with six young children when she decided to enroll in college. "It was scary," the 87-year-old former Kalamazoo County Commissioner recalled. "I'd been out of school for 18 years." She had a strong support system of friends and teachers who helped with transportation and child care so she could focus on her studies. [more](#)

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### Next Level Customer Service Training

In response to faculty and staff requests for ongoing training and support for frontline employees,

a new personalized customer service training program will be rolled out next month. Next Level Customer Service Training will equip frontline employees across the college with tools, skills and knowledge needed to provide excellent service to students, visitors and coworkers alike.

Over the course of six weeks, frontline support staff will have the opportunity to complete the program. The training is made up of two required sessions and one elective session. After successful completion, employees will gather together to reflect on what they have learned and to celebrate their collective achievement. The mandatory and elective sessions will be offered during a six-week period.

The training is required for all frontline staff but is open to anyone who is interested in learning more about the college, its process and procedures. If you or someone on your staff is interested in participating in the training, please contact Cathy Colella or Molly Cartwright or [sign up](#) now.

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### **Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope**

Recent research indicates that more than half (54%) of all adolescents aged 12 to 17 years, experience Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), and over one-quarter (28%) experience two or more. The effects of trauma during childhood and adolescence have impacts on adolescent health and educational status, including a greater likelihood of repeating a grade in school, lower resilience, increased risk for learning and behavioral issues, suicidal ideation, and early initiation of sexual activity and pregnancy.

Please join us for a viewing and discussion of Resilience, a documentary that chronicles the movement among pediatricians, therapists, educators, and communities who are using cutting-edge brain science to disrupt cycles of violence, addiction and disease.

Thursday, July 25 from 8 -10 a.m., TTC Rm 9130

Presenter: Behavioral Health Services Director at Family & Children Services Diane Marquess

Please RSVP to [Ashley Hamilton](#).

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### **Check Out the College on [Flickr](#)**

A number of exciting events and celebrations have happened over the past few months at the college – from graduation to the crowning of the Spring Baking Champion. Check out photos from all of the fun!

A link to the Flickr account can also be found on the left-hand upper corner our [website](#).

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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

**If you carry a physical car key, keep it in your hand when walking alone, especially in parking lots.**

Having your key available reduces the amount of time between when you approach your car and when you drive away - thereby reducing your exposure to attack. Also, a physical key protruding between your knuckles as you make a closed fist can serve as a solid makeshift weapon in case someone does try to attack you.

## CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

### **Texas Township Campus**

[Kalamazoo Valley Announces 2019 Dale B. Lake Award Winners](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Celebrates Completers of Early/Middle College Program](#)

[College and Community Celebrate Graduates](#)

### **Arcadia Commons Campus**

[Public invited to attend national landmark ceremony at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#)

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

### **Bronson Healthy Living Campus**

[Spring/Summer Community and Life Enrichment Classes](#)

### **Groves Campus**

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

### **Kalamazoo Valley in the News**

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Names 2019 Dale B Lake Award Winners](#)

[Career Source: Kalamazoo Valley trains students for computer science careers](#)

[Congratulations to Oak Harbor native Cory Barrett](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Teacher Wins Spring Baking Championship](#)

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[Public Invited to Attend National Landmark Ceremony at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#)

[Upcoming Brewery Bus Tour to Spotlight Women of West Michigan Beer](#)

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