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Greetings,

With summer semester in full swing, we continue to have opportunities each day to impact the success of our students. I appreciate all that you are doing to encourage and support their efforts.

It was good seeing so many of you at the June 7 Summer Celebration. More than 550 of you provided an RSVP and a good time was had by all. I extend my sincere thanks to the members of the planning committee and to each of you who made time to attend this inaugural event! For those of you who want to relive the fun or for those of you who could not attend, check out the event photos on the college's [flickr](#) account. We've included a couple photos below.



"Together Is Better"

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

KVAAP Connect Event is Today

Do you have students who might qualify for KVAAP? Please encourage them to attend today's KVAAP Connect event from 12 - 3 p.m. in Anna Whitten Hall.

Students can apply to the program, get help with financial aid, meet with a counselor and register for classes.

What is KVAAP? Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP) is an initiative that provides FREE TUITION, covers the cost of fees and books for participants and is meant to help ensure that students can attend school full-time and complete their associate degrees.

Free parking at Arcadia Ramp #4 (corner of Rose and Eleanor Streets). Please bring photo ID.

For more information contact [Misti Mahon](#), or call 269.373.7945.

Summer Camps Begin Today!

Kalamazoo Valley's Early/Middle College summer camps, under the direction of Camp Director Dr. Deb Coates, kick off today. Be on the lookout for area middle schoolers who will be travelling to all of the college's campuses to explore different careers. There are six different weeks of camp – please help welcome these young people to campus.

Sports camps kick off next week, June 24 with a volleyball camp for girls in grades 6-12. More than 100 players will be training in the gym on the Texas Township Campus. Volleyball Head Coach Jennifer Buikema will run the camp.

There are still spots available for both the [EMC](#) and [athletic camps](#).

Upgrade Donation for CAD/CAM

The Axsys company recently donated \$7,500 to Kalamazoo Valley for CAD/CAM computer hardware upgrades. Axsys account manager Mike Stevens presented the donation to Engineering Design Manufacturing and Technology department faculty member Bill Kring.

Stevens said the donation was made because Axsys is committed to supporting its customers and Kalamazoo Valley's students.

"For me, it's about the relationship we have with Axsys," Kring said, explaining that the company, a national leader in the development of CAD/CAM software, has supported Kalamazoo Valley and its programs for more than 20 years.

"A lot of our customers are using this software," Stevens said. "We want to help Kalamazoo Valley keep moving forward. We're here for the long haul."



Mike Stevens and Bill Kring

Register Now for Cultural Awareness Training

Register now to attend the upcoming training, Expanding Our Horizons: A Cultural Awareness Experience, led by Captain Stacey Ledbetter, a 26-year public safety veteran whose niche is community policing, cultural awareness and customer service training for police officers, civilian employees and community members.

Date: Thursday, June 27

Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (with 1 hour lunch break)

Location: Groves Rm B1100

[Sign up](#)

The training was recently added to the Police Officer Training Academy and was featured in a recent [KV Focus](#) article.

Rape Aggression Defense Training

Don Benthin, Public Safety captain, will teach Rape Aggression Defense System training, 8 - 11 a.m. on July 8, 9 and 10.

The Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. It is a comprehensive course for women that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

Participants should wear loose, comfortable clothing. Students, staff and faculty are welcome. The class will be taught at Texas Township, room to be announced. Sign up [here](#) for this training.



Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Sunday Series Focuses on Bees

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum will offer two special summer additions to the Sunday Series for adults who want to learn more about bees, from beekeeping basics to the process of pollination and what we can do to protect bees and our food sources. [more](#)



Free Family Classes on Bees at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is thinking outside the box when it comes to hands-on science. The new Innovation Lab, which offers a rotating array of hands-on science activities, will host two family classes related to bees this summer and two 4-H Native Bee Challenge Workshops. Register now.

[more](#)



Happy Hour at the Culinary and Allied Health Building

Host your next department happy hour on the patio at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building on July 16 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. For \$15, guests of these summertime Taps on Tuesday events receive two beverage tickets for beer or wine (no spirits or cocktails), and appetizers made in-house by the culinary department staff. There will also be vegetarian options at each event.

Dr. Washington plans to attend this fun, new social event. Come out and enjoy some fantastic food and lively conversation. Attendees must be at least 21 years old. Buy tickets [here](#). Tickets also are available at the door.

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 more than 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](#).

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](#).

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

Always let someone know where you are going, your expected travel time, and how long you plan on being in that location.

If you know you will be out late, try to wear reflective or bright clothing to not only make yourself more visible to drivers but to also help someone spot you faster in case of an assault.

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Kalamazoo Valley in the News

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[Zeeland's New Fire Chief Carries on Family Legacy](#)

[US Wind Energy Industry is Booming, but Tariffs Pose a Threat](#)

[Maranda's Guide to Summer Fun 2019](#)

[Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom to Take Place in Kalamazoo Saturday](#)

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