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Greetings,

July is shaping up to be another busy month at the college!

Dr. Peter Linden joins us as the college's new provost on July 8. When you see him, please take the time to greet him and welcome him to the college.

Also joining us this month are dozens and dozens of Early/Middle College summer campers. These middle school students are exploring careers and pathway options, we hope many of them will return to Kalamazoo Valley as enrolled students in the near future. Again, please help them feel welcomed during their time here. Summer is also time for Athletic Sports Camps. Young student athletes are honing their skills during these popular camps.

Learning continues on all of our campuses this summer, perhaps you have heard the “buzz” associated with “The Secret of Bees” exhibit at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Take the time to visit the exhibit and related programming to learn more about the local bee population and the importance of bees to our very existence. In addition to the bee exhibit, hands on activities for kids, community education classes for all ages and a Cooking With Honey class with Chef Cory Barrett have been scheduled. More information is available on the [museum's website](#).

Fall semester is just around the corner and you can help students be ready to start classes by volunteering to help during an upcoming New Student Orientation. There is more information about how you can play a part below.

I wish you and your family a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday!

“Together Is Better”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

New Employee Directory

Check out the new employee directory at home.kvcc.edu. The updated directory offers a cleaner,

more modern layout, easier search-ability, larger employee photos and contact information. Thanks to Nick Frost, Chad Cunningham and Westin Curtis in IT for their work on the project!

"How to Videos" on My Valley

Need to show a student how to register for a class or make a tuition payment? Short, how-to tutorials are available on [My Valley](#) under the heading "How to Videos." Other topics include understanding Degree Works, selecting a student choice refund and more.

Website Update Request Form

Do you have an update to your department's web page? Is there an incorrect phone number or out-of-date information on the page? You can help IT keep the college's website informative and relevant by submitting the change to the **Ticketing System (Website Update and Request Form)** found under My Links in [My Valley](#). Through the form, you will work directly with a member of the IT team to complete the requested changes.

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 14 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)

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, and the Bronson Healthy Living Campus, please email cdunten@kvcc.edu to get connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

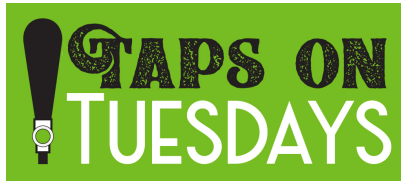


Rape Aggression Defense Training

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. Sign up [here](#).



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, 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](#) or purchase them at the door.



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. Our new Innovation Lab, which offers a rotating array of hands-on science activities, will host two family classes related to bees this summer. Register early before classes fill up!

Healing from the Hive | July 16, 1 – 3 p.m.

Explore bee-related products, learn about their healing properties, and make a salve and sandwich wrap using beeswax with special guest Brenna Pixley. Her passion for herbalism stems from a deep appreciation for naturalism, anthropology, and history. She also finds great pleasure in empowering others to tap back into age-old medicinal practices and is a proponent of sustainable foraging for generations to come. For adults with children ages 9 and up. Adult

required to participate with child. Register [here](#). Space is limited.

Naturally Safe Bee Products | July 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

Learn about beeswax and how it is produced, collected, and rendered, then make your own lotion bars and lip balm from beeswax made by local bees that have been kept chemical free. Caroline Abbott of Abbott Farms - Sustainable Agriculture will provide a free class for families at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum focused on safe bee products. For adults with children ages 9 and up. Adult required to participate with child. Register [here](#). Space is limited.

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 | 8 -10 a.m., TTC Rm 9130

Presenter: Behavioral Health Services Director at Family & Children Services Diane Marquess
Please RSVP to [Ashley Hamilton](#).

Get It Done - Get Ready for Fall Semester

Students, parents and community members interested in attending to Kalamazoo Valley are being invited to the annual Get it Done Event July 31 from 4-7 p.m. on the Texas Township Campus and August 7 from 4-7 p.m. at Anna Whitten Hall. This one-stop option allows students to complete a number of the steps necessary to become a Kalamazoo Valley student, including applying to the college, receiving financial aid application assistance, completing placement testing and registering for classes. [more](#)

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

Set the home address in your smartphone, GPS, and other devices to an address near your home, but not to your actual home address. If someone steals your phone or breaks into your car while you are away from home, you do not want the thief to attempt to rob your home or call friends in the area to do so.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Scholarship Available to McDonald's Employee](#)

[Rape Aggression Defense Training](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Sunday Series Focuses on Bees](#)

[Free Family Classes on Bees at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley Student Brewers Take Home Honors](#)

Groves Campus

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Does Free College Work? Kalamazoo Offers Some Answers](#)

[Community Groups are Seeking Public Input to Address Mental Health Issues](#)

[It's "Buzzing" with Bees](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum to Honor End of Slavery with Special Event](#)

[Aramark is Hiring at Kalamazoo Valley](#)

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