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Greetings,

Although it seems like summer just began, fall semester begins soon! There are many efforts underway to attract and help as many students as possible be present for the first day of classes, Tuesday, Sept. 3. When you are speaking with potential students, remind them that a “Get It All Done for Fall Semester” event is scheduled between 4 - 7 p.m. in Anna Whitten Hall on Aug. 7. This [event](#) will provide a great opportunity for students and their families to finish up on enrollment and registration activities on one day and in one location.

Other opportunities for students to receive the assistance they need before the start of classes are the “Open Late on Tuesday” office hours in Student Services including financial aid. Speaking of financial aid, tune in to WWMT TV 3 on Friday, Aug. 9 when our Financial Aid Department will be featured with advice for parents and students during the Career Source segment at 6:30 a.m.

I’m looking forward to the Fall 2019 Summit on Aug. 28 and 29. Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail, president and CEO of The McPhail Group LLC, a higher education consulting firm, will be the keynote speaker both days. Dr. McPhail serves as a Leadership Coach for more than a dozen Achieving the Dream institutions in eight different states. I’ve heard her speak and I’m looking forward to her inspiring remarks on both days!

Remember that Aug. 28 is primarily designed for faculty and on Aug. 29 all full-time faculty and staff are required to attend multiple sessions and lunch. [RSVP](#) is required by Friday, Aug. 23. The college will be closed 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., so that everyone will be able to participate on Thursday.

Thank you for your continued dedication to our work.

“Together Is Better,”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Marshall Wadley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'L'.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

Strengths in Relationships on Aug. 6 at TTC

Aug. 6

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or

2 - 3:30 p.m. in Room 2590 at the Texas Township Campus

Join Sabrina Kooy, strengths ambassador and Bruce Punches, communication arts faculty, in a lively presentation and discussion. They'll focus on how your top five signature strengths from the Clifton Strengths Assessment affect your communication and relationships. Learn how to leverage your strengths successfully!

This presentation is free and open to all summer faculty, staff and students!

For more information contact Bruce Punches at 269.488.4399 or bpunches@kvcc.edu.

Get it Done Slated for August 7 at Arcadia Commons Campus

More than 10,000 students were invited to the annual [Get it Done](#) – Get Ready for the Fall Semester special enrollment event (see photos below). The first event took place last night on the Texas Township Campus and was a huge success. Students were able to apply to the college, meet with an advisor or counselor and register for classes. Next week, on Aug. 7, the event will be held on the Arcadia Commons Campus from 4 - 7 p.m. Please encourage anyone interested in attending Kalamazoo Valley in the fall to attend.



Naturalization

On Aug. 8, the college will host a Naturalization Ceremony for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services department. The hour-long ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. in the Dale Lake Auditorium.

Please consider [volunteering](#) to help greet our guests.

For more information, contact [Ezra Bell](#).

Siena Heights 100th Anniversary Celebration

University Center partner, Siena Heights University, is marking its 100th anniversary with a special celebration at Kalamazoo Valley.

As part of it week-long Centennial bike torch relay across the state, the school has stops and celebrations planned at all of its community college partner campuses. Each site will be hosting an anniversary party for the bikers, faculty and staff. Kalamazoo Valley faculty and staff are

invited to stop by Room 5740 (TTC) Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and giveaways.

Register Now for the Fall 2019 Summit

The Fall 2019 Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 29 at the Texas Township Campus.

Wednesday activities and Thursday afternoon sessions are designed specifically for faculty, but staff are welcome to attend if approved by their supervisors.

The morning of Thursday, Aug. 29 is for all employees. Thursday's agenda include a welcome from Dr. Washington, a keynote address from guest speaker Dr. McPhail, breakout sessions and lunch. All campuses will be closed from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. to allow all employees to participate in the Summit. Note: All full-time faculty and staff and others scheduled to work are required to attend. Wear your Kalamazoo Valley swag and dress in business casual attire.

Visit [here](#) for the full agenda, lunch menu and to register. Registration is required by Aug. 23.



1) Grace Barrett, one of the artists who exhibited drawings at the 2018 #LookBeyond Art Hop exhibit, "SEE ME."

2) "SHOUT," by Brian Walters, from the 2018 #LookBeyond Art Hop exhibit, "SEE ME."

#LookBeyond: #BeStigmaFree Campaign Invites Kalamazoo Valley to Help Challenge Assumptions Through Art

With a table at Cougar Kickoff on Sept. 3 and an Art Hop exhibit on Sept. 6, the [#LookBeyond](#) campaign is partnering with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to encourage students, instructors and staff to see all people as human beings, regardless of diagnosis.

[#LookBeyond: #BeStigmaFree](#) is a campaign to reduce stigma and increase understanding, support and positive attitudes toward people throughout Kalamazoo County who are living with and/or affected by mental illness, substance use disorders and disabilities. The campaign asks supporters to take a [pledge](#) (represented by the acronym LET'S GO) to:

- Listen to people who live with mental health, substance use and/or disability challenges, to gain understanding.
- Educate yourself about these challenges by using community resources (like taking [Mental Health First Aid Training](#)).
- Treat every person as a valuable member of our community.
- Speak up for fair and respectful treatment of all people.
- Get others involved with the #LookBeyond campaign.
- Optimize your own wellness.

[more](#)



Congratulations to the 53 employees who completed the Next Level Customer Service Training. The training was designed 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, participants had an opportunity to complete the training which was made up of two required sessions and one elective session.

Earlier this month, employees who completed the training gathered for a celebratory luncheon to reflect on what they learned and to celebrate their collective achievement. Dr. Washington and Mike Collins attended and recognized the employees' achievements.



Last Taps on Tuesday is Aug. 20

Due to popular demand another Taps on Tuesday has been added to the summer schedule. Host your department happy hour Tuesday, Aug. 20 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Marilyn Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building.

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. Celebrate summer on the patio with beverages and gourmet snacks at these fun new events! Buy tickets [here](#).

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 several 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 [Coty Duntun](#) to get connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

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

Enable remote wipe for your smartphone.

If it is stolen, you want to make sure that any sensitive information on your phone - from which, for example, your children's schedules may be able to be determined - is wiped.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[New Courses Offered for the 2019/2020 Academic Year](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hosts Aug. 17 Summer Extravaganza](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Culinary and Brewing Programs Host Aug. 20 Taps on Tuesday](#)

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

Groves Campus

[Academy Receives Donation of Wind Turbine Nacelles to Enhance Student Learning](#)

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[West Michigan Residents Express Divisive Opinions on Mueller Hearings](#)

[Could Dropouts Be the Solution to the Education Crisis](#)

[Academy Receives Donation of Wind Turbine Nacelles to Enhance Student Learning](#)

[College Can Be Expensive, But There Are People Who Can Help](#)
[Easy, Healthy Summer Berry Recipes](#)

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