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Greetings,

I was greatly encouraged by the positive reports I heard about the Fall 2019 Semester “Get It Done” events held recently at the Arcadia Commons and Texas Township Campuses. Thank you to all of you who worked diligently to prepare, promote and staff these important events. Staff working at those events reported that they assisted a number of students enroll in fall semester classes. We are hopeful that these efforts and the dozens and dozens of additional student interactions between now and Sept. 3 can help us meet our enrollment target.

As we prepare to welcome students back to campus, we know that many are concerned about the threat of violence in public places. I assure you that providing a safe environment for you and our students is a top priority. If you have concerns, questions or suggestions, please contact your supervisor and Public Safety.

The Fall 2019 Summit on Aug. 28 and 29 will provide an opportunity for us all to reconnect and recommit ourselves to our mission while also committing time to developing ourselves. There is still time to [register](#) for workshops and lunch on Thursday. New to this year’s Summit is a campus-wide canned food drive to benefit Valley Food Share. The committee has a goal of collecting 1,500 cans and I ask that you donate, if you are able. Please see the article below for details.

Remember that on Thursday, all campus locations will be closed between 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. We are using a variety of methods to communicate this information to students and others.

The first day of the semester will be here before we know it! I hope that between now and then you can find ways to enjoy the remaining days of summer with those important to you. I look forward to what is ahead, because “Together Is Better!”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

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 its 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) today at 5:30 p.m. for refreshments, hors d'oeuvres and giveaways.

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](#).

Reminder! Register for the Fall 2019 Summit by Aug. 23

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 includes a welcome from Dr. Washington, a keynote address from guest speaker Dr. Christine Johnson 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. 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.

Valley Food Share

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time, food and money to Valley Food Share. Hundreds of students have benefited from the initiative and we'd like to keep it going for the fall semester but need your help!

Campus-Wide Food Drive Aug. 29

We will be holding a campus-wide food drive on the day of the Fall 2019 Summit with the goal of collecting 1,500 cans of food. Items needed include: tuna, chicken and beans. Collections tables will be set up near the Summit registration tables in the Gallery Hallway on Aug. 29. If every employee brings just two cans, we will meet our goal!

Other Ways You Can Help

Consider making 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.

[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!

Five Orientations Left. 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 five New Student Orientations that will take place between now and the first day of school. 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.

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 Dunten](#) to get connected.

Thank you for your commitment to our students.

Student Voices Advisory Council

Applications for the 2019/2020 Student Voices Advisory Council (SVAC) are now available. We want students to tell us about their thoughts, experiences, opinions and ideas to make Kalamazoo Valley even better. If you know of a student who may be interested, please encourage them to apply!

ELIGIBILITY

Any enrolled student is encouraged to apply.

WHO ARE WE SEEKING?

- Students wishing to enrich their educational experience.
- Students across academic disciplines and academic levels.
- Students who have an interest in making the student experience better.
- Students who will commit to attend scheduled meetings.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Complete [application](#) online.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Apply now! Deadline is 4 p.m. Sept. 12, 2019

Applications will be reviewed after submission and selected students will be contacted by Sept. 20. For questions contact: [Evan Pauken](#), 269.488.4215

Welcome Tables

Classes start September 3rd and we need your help welcoming students to campus! Please consider signing up to work one of the Welcome Tables Sept. 3rd and/or 4th. There are two spaces at each table, so sign up with a friend or meet someone new! Each table will be supplied with maps and the 2019-20 Student Planner to share with students.

Sign-up is easy and appreciated:

1. Follow this [link](#).
 2. Log in and select your preferred time(s).
 3. Click SAVE - you will receive a confirmation email in your Valley email inbox.
 4. If you need assistance, please call [Ashley Hamilton](#) at x.4401 or [Levi Funk](#) at x.4856
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Last Call to See the Museum's Summer Traveling Exhibits!



As summer winds down you don't want to miss the The Secrets of Bees, closing Sept.30, The Honeybee Scriptures, closing Sept. 22 and TEAM UP! Explore the Science of Sports and Amusement Park Science, closing Sept.8.

The Secrets of Bees is an informative and interactive exhibit that allows families to learn about the bee population at a time when bees are under serious threat. Through educational videos and hands-on activities, children and adults will discover the many different species of bees and how we can help them continue to coexist in our world. *This exhibit is created by Imaginarium*

Ladislav Hanka's installation, entitled The Honeybee Scriptures is a collaboration with active hives, as the bees have created unique beeswax and honeycomb formations over the top of his hand-drawn etchings of birds, trees, fish and insects.

In Amusement Park Science, you can explore the physics behind the thrills in amusement parks. Newt, the exhibit mascot, will welcome you to 12 different hands-on activities such as the "Wild Rides Video Kiosk," where you can feel like you are on an actual roller coaster. Then visitors can "Create-A-Coaster" and build different combinations of tracks to experiment with kinetic energy. Be sure to try "Momentum Machine," where families can spin on a rotating platform and learn about the conservation of angular momentum.

In TEAM UP! Explore the Science of Sports, families can examine the science and math behind the sports we play every day. "How Fast Was That Pitch?" measures the speed of your baseball pitch. "Set Shot" allows visitors to shoot a marble-sized basketball through a tiny hoop and in "Balancing Acts," a pommel horse, balance beam, and tabletop activities teach about the skills it takes to become an Olympic-caliber gymnast.

Amusement Park Science and TEAM UP! Explore the Science of Sports were created and are circulated by Discovery Center Museum, Rockford, Illinois. The exhibit was made possible with funds provided by the National Science Foundation.



Fall Semester Hours

Hours of Operation:
7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Monday – Friday
September 10 – December 5

Breakfast and Lunch



Fall Semester Hours

Hours of Operation:
6 – 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
September 17 – December 5

Dinner Service
Call 269.548.3200 for Reservations

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.

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

Take Regular Breaks

Taking breaks is one of the most important things in keeping workers safe. In fact, Occupational Safety and Health Administration put them in place for one reason—tired workers are more prone to accidents. Take regularly scheduled breaks to help keep your mind fresh and aware and less likely to have an accident.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

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

[Get Your Metro Bus Pass on Campus](#)

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](#)

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

[Wind Turbine Technician Academy Received Two Wind Turbine Nacelles](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Students Soar through Financial Aid Assistance](#)

[Haviland to Continue at Kalamazoo Valley Community College](#)

[Toddler Activities for \\$10 or Less Around Kalamazoo](#)

[Vine's Ninth Wave Studio Hosts Unique Artist Collective that Celebrates Photosynthesis](#)

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

HUMAN
RESOURCES

STAFF & FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT