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Greetings,

The start of the fall semester is one of my favorite times of the entire year! As I walked through our campuses yesterday, I sensed a genuine excitement from not only our students but from you, as you welcomed students back to campus or to the college for the very first time.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Fall 2019 Summit and look forward to your feedback. Please complete this [survey](#) for the planning committee. Your input will help us as we prepare for the January 2020 Summit.

During Dr. Christine McPhail's keynote address, she encouraged us to come dressed and ready to "win" every day. Winning for us means helping our students be winners in their lives as they complete their academic goals. Many of you have asked for access to Dr. McPhail's presentations, we are working to make that possible and will share the information as soon as it is available.

I'm looking forward to this new academic year. "Together Is Better" as we work toward the full implementation of the strategic plan and to making Kalamazoo Valley Community College a great place for all students to learn.

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



Instructional Awards

Faculty Instructional Award winners were announced on Aug. 28. The awards are part of an effort to recognize and honor individual excellence in teaching. The Faculty Instructional Awards are designed to reward those instructors at Kalamazoo Valley who actively encourage students' intellectual curiosity, engage them in the enterprise of learning, and have a life-long impact. Current students, faculty and staff members may nominate someone for the recognition.



Alison Nord, Charissa Oliphant, Laura Wilbur, Lisa Nieuwenhuis, Michael Raines and Omer Hadzic

This year's recipients are nursing faculty Omer Hadzic; math instructor Lisa Nieuwenhuis; accounting instructor Alison Nord; chemistry instructor Charissa Oliphant; math instructor Michael Raines; and Laura Wilbur, Spanish instructor.

Metro Transit Offering Students Opportunity to Purchase Bus Passes

Metro Transit is again be offering Kalamazoo Valley students the opportunity to purchase a bus pass, using either financial aid money, cash, check or credit card, for unlimited rides for the fall semester. The pass costs \$240 and is good for rides through Dec. 31.

Metro Transit representatives will be the Texas Township Campus today and tomorrow from 10

a.m. - 5 p.m. to issue passes. Please share this information with students! Financial aid students must get a voucher from the Pay Station at either the Texas Township Campus or Anna Whitten Hall prior to getting a bus pass.

Vouchers, available through Sept. 27, can also be taken the Kalamazoo Transportation Center at 459 N. Burdick. Bus passes will be issued through Sept. 30.

If you have any questions, please contact Coty Dunten in Room 4220 in the Student Commons.

Online Orientation

An updated New Student Online Orientation is now available. It provides some great information about the college for both new and returning students as well as for faculty and staff. Access online orientation from the My Links section in your My Valley account.

Applications Now Available for Student Voices Advisory Council

Kalamazoo Valley Community College is seeking student feedback about how to make the college experience the best it can be. We want students to tell us their thoughts, experiences, opinions and ideas. Together we can change Kalamazoo Valley.

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



Avoid the Subway line and call ahead with your order. Lunch orders can be made by calling x4103 or emailing powell-andrea@aramark.com by 10:30 a.m.

WHAT'S NEW THIS SEMESTER

- Bosco Pretzel Sticks
 - Waffle Bar
- Beyond Burger (Vegan Burger)
 - Mac n Cheese Bar
 - Assorted Toppings
 - Kombucha
 - New Snacks
- Pumpkin Spice Latte at Starbucks
- Hunan Garden Returns Sept. 9



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has designated Sept. 25 as national “If You See Something, Say Something®” Awareness Day. This campaign works with partners year-round to inspire, empower and educate the public on suspicious activity reporting. By designating a day to the campaign, the Department hopes to highlight the importance of suspicious activity reporting.

Informed, alert communities play a critical role in keeping our nation safe. We can all help keep our communities safe by learning the [indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime](#), paying attention to our surroundings, and reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

The campaign is calling on citizens and its public and private sector partners around the country to lead conversations and activities, leading up to and on Sept. 25.

Employee Fitness Classes

Free fitness classes are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:05 - 12:50 p.m. in Room 6040 of the Wellness & Fitness Center at TTC. These are “drop-in classes” that you do not need to sign-up for, just come when you can.

MONDAYS

Strength and More

Low-impact but high intensity, your whole body will get stronger! In this class, every movement plane is attacked using weights and body weight.

WEDNESDAY

Rev + Flow

A dynamic workout that's easy on your joints without compromising the intensity of your workout. REV+FLOW strengthens bodies and sculpts muscles through targeted, music-based movements and resistance training. This will challenge the body in new and unique ways through easy-to-follow movements and uplifting music.

FRIDAY

Yoga

Feel the mind-body connection while you stretch and strengthen your muscles. No previous yoga experience is necessary; however, our trained instructors will challenge you if you are an experienced yogi!

Please contact [Blake Glass](#), WFC program manager, with any questions.

September 22 Sunday Discovery Session is Mint to Be: A 150-Year Empire

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum's monthly Sunday Discovery Series explores dynamic topics related to Museum exhibits and the community. All Sunday Discovery Series talks begin at 1:30 p.m. and are free.

Sept. 22 - Mint to Be: A 150-Year Empire of Kalamazoo

A.M. Todd descendants and current employees will present the prolific legacy of the local company. Learn from Kalamazoo's own A. M. Todd Company the art, science, and story behind 150 years of mint innovation.

It took innovation unlike any other to go from a field of mint plants to tasty toothpaste. But those who enjoy that fresh, clean flavor after a good brushing, have Kalamazoo's own A. M. Todd Company to thank for it.

The story begins in 1869, when Albert May Todd transformed his passion for mint farming into a highly successful business. Learn how the A. M. Todd Company became the first of its kind to be vertically integrated from the farm field to the finished flavor. Mr. Todd recognized the value that his business could provide to customers by establishing quality standards, stable supply, and consumer-preferred flavors.

The A. M. Todd legacy continues on in Kalamazoo 150 years later through Archer Daniels Midland (ADM). Learn about the science behind favorite flavors with ongoing research and development that allows the creation of new varieties of mint to combat disease, increase yield, standardize farming practices, and develop plants which define the sensory experience.

Hear what it means to have award-winning mint flavors created here in Kalamazoo by A. M. Todd's world-class Flavor Creation and Application teams. Come early for some special surprises prepared by A. M. Todd to share and celebrate 150 years of business in Kalamazoo. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum opens to the public at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Admission to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum is free. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.

KVCC Foundation 2019-20 Grant Funding Deadlines

For the 2019-20 academic year, the KVCC Foundation has established funding deadline dates for internal grant requests/proposals consideration. Those faculty and/or administrators considering grant requests to the Foundation must make plans in advance and adhere to the established deadlines. Grant applications must be submitted to the director of development by grant request deadlines or they will not be reviewed until the following period. Limited funds will be dispersed on a first come first served basis and once awarded are gone for the year.

The following dates for internal grant requests have been established for the 2019-20 academic year.

Grant Request Deadline

Oct. 18, 2019

Jan. 17, 2020

Board Funding Consideration

Oct. 31, 2019

Jan. 30, 2020

Valley Food Share

Thank you to everyone who donated food to our campus-wide food drive. Your donations will help keep our program going.

Distribution will begin Sept. 9 from 2-4 p.m. in the Student Commons on the Texas Township Campus.

Click [here](#) for fall semester distribution dates and locations and more information about the

program. Please help spread the word!

Volunteer spots are still available to help build, unload and distribute the shares. Sign up through My Valley. This program can only continue to be successful with the help of volunteers!

Upcoming Public Safety Training

Public Safety Captain Don Benthin will lead three upcoming trainings for faculty and staff. Registration is required. Please [sign up](#) through Staff Development.

Rape Aggression Defense System (RAD)

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. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. Oct. 9, 10, 11 from 8-10:30 a.m.

Situational Awareness

In our ever changing society are you prepared? Have you made a plan? Have you thought about the what ifs? Are you prepared? We will discuss options as they relate to you and your family at work, home and play. Oct. 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Reacting to Active Violence

In this session we will expound on the active shooter responses run, hide, fight. The training will provide attendees with a better understanding of how to implement each of these responses in order to successfully respond and survive an active shooter. Although emergencies such as fire, tornado and active shooters are extremely rare it is important that we take a moment to prepare for all of these low occurrences/high risk situations. The break out sections of this training will provide a scenario opportunity to put into practice the information you have learned and then discuss how they worked and options to improve your response. Oct. 20 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or Nov. 8 from 2-4 p.m.

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

Slow Down: Back to School Means Sharing the Road

School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley to Host October 3 Skilled Trades Expo](#)
[Ten Kalamazoo Area Standouts Join Lady Cougars Volleyball](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Sept. 22 Sunday Discovery Session is Mint to Be: A 150-Year Empire](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Register Now for Community Education & Training Classes](#)

Groves Campus

[Michigan Needs More Qualified Police Officers, See if You Have What it Takes](#)
[Michigan Prisons Need to Fill 700 Corrections Officers Positions](#)

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Affordable or FREE Things for Kids to Do in September Around Kalamazoo](#)
[Schoolcraft Community School Educators Walk to Raise Money for Student Scholarships](#)
[Michigan Needs More Qualified Police Officers, See if You Have What it Takes](#)
[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Students Soar through Financial Aid Assistance](#)

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