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## READ THE LATEST **KV FOCUS**

### **Greetings,**

As I travel to all of our locations, I am truly enjoying meeting and greeting our returning and new students! On occasion, I have had the opportunity to pull up a chair and have lunch and talk with them about their hopes and dreams for the future. Almost universally they are hopeful, even optimistic about their future. They believe that the time they spend at Kalamazoo Valley will help prepare them for a meaningful career.

The work you do every day is vital to their success. Please remember that our students are counting on you, whether you are in student services, teach in the classroom or work to keep the organization operating to serve the community. I am counting on you and appreciate all you are doing to ensure that Kalamazoo Valley is a great place for all students to learn.

The new and improved college web directory has been in place internally for several months now and has received positive feedback. It is now time to make this directory available with very visible placement on the Kalamazoo Valley website home page.

Prior to joining the college I found it difficult to find information to easily contact individuals or departments. We need to remove these barriers so that students, prospects and community members can find the information they need quickly. The convenient link - located along the top navigation bar - is now live for all to use.

We have a busy fall schedule ahead of us, keep an eye on the college [Flickr](#) and [social media](#) for a front row seat at all of our activities.

“Together Is Better!”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President



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## Demonstrate Your Concern about Climate Change

On Friday, Sept. 20, the education community in Kalamazoo will join in an international climate strike. The goal is to expand public awareness of the climate crisis, and to generate political pressure on elected officials and international leaders to take action to address it.

At noon on Sept. 20, students will gather at WMU, Kalamazoo College and area high schools. They will then march or travel by bus to the Arcadia Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo for a community rally at 3:00 pm.

The Faculty Sustainability Committee is encouraging faculty to take a few moments in their classes the week before the rally (Sept. 16-20) to tell students about the rally and share some brief information about climate change.

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**Happy HOUR** SEPT. 17 - DEC. 5

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**TUES. & THUR. | 5-6 P.M.**

**BEER AND FOOD PAIRING**

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## Collaboration Helps get Locally Sourced Healthy Food to Area Older Adults

Senior Services, Inc., and Kalamazoo Valley Community College are partnering in the construction of a passive solar greenhouse, also called a hoop house, on the site of the college's Food Innovation Center. NiftyHoops, a Michigan-based company, will install the hoop house on Sept. 18. The public is invited to attend the "seed planting" ceremony, the official start of the hoop house construction, beginning at 9 a.m. [more](#)

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## Flu Clinic

In coordination with Costco Pharmacy, Kalamazoo Valley will be holding on-campus flu shot clinics for all employees. Employees covered by Kalamazoo Valley's medical insurance will not need to provide their insurance card. Employees who carry other medical insurance will be required to provide their insurance card at the clinic.

Clinics will be held at Texas Township and Arcadia Commons Campuses on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

**10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Room 4370 | TTC**  
**1 p.m.-3 p.m. | Room 128C | AWH**

You must reserve your flu shot by calling extension 4448 or emailing [Susan Matlis](#) by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20.

Please include which clinic you will attend and if you require the High Dose vaccine (**ages 65+ ONLY**)

You will receive an email confirmation of your request with a Costco Immunization Consent Form attached. The completed form must be brought with you to the clinic.

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### **If You See Something, Say Something® Campaign**

Keeping the college safe for students, faculty, staff and guests is a high priority at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

That's why the college is joining the national movement called "If You See Something, Say Something"® campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to encourage everyone in the college community to take an active role in creating a safe environment by reporting suspicious activity to public safety.

To learn more, you are invited to attend one of the sessions scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 25:

**AWARENESS DAY**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019**  
**12:30-1:30 p.m. | Room 4370 | TTC**  
**10-11 a.m. | Room 128 (AWH) | ACC**

During these open discussions, team members from Public Safety, Student Relations and Student Success Services will share information about available college resources. To report suspicious activity contact Public Safety at 269.488.4575.

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### **Visiting Writers**

Kalamazoo Valley's "About Writing" Visiting Writers series is coordinated by English instructor Dr. Julie Stotz-Ghosh and offers students the opportunity to talk with professional writers and listen to their work. Retired English instructor Rob Haight established the series and began bringing noteworthy authors to the college in 2001. The visits are free and open to the public and always include a craft talk and a reading.

**Upcoming Visits:**  
**Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019**  
**Shonda Buchanan: Memoir. Craft talk at 10 a.m. and reading at 2:15 p.m.**  
**Student Commons Theater | Room 4240 | TTC**

Award-winning poet and educator Buchanan was born in Kalamazoo, a daughter of mixed bloods, tri-racial and tri-ethnic African American, American Indian and European-descendant families who migrated from North Carolina and Virginia in the mid-1700 to 1800s to Southwestern Michigan. *Black Indian*, her memoir, begins the saga of these migration stories of Free People of Color communities exploring identity, ethnicity, landscape and loss.

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### **Dental Hygiene Program to be Featured in New State-Produced Video**

Kalamazoo Valley's Dental Hygiene program will be featured in an upcoming video produced by the MI College Access Network. The purpose of the video is to help high school counselors, students and their families understand which educational paths culminate into marketable,

stackable credentials that lead to prosperous and rewarding careers. Dental Hygiene Program Director Kim Grubka along with current students Emyr Quinones, Jennifer Edelberg, Carrie Hamminga, Kayleigh Laitinen, Jessica Nakfoor and Raquel Ugalde were interviewed Sept. 13 in the clinic and will be featured in the video.



*Dental Hygiene student, Emyr Quinones and Dental Hygiene Program Director Kim Grubka*

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## University Center Open House

University Center partners - Davenport University and Siena Heights University - are committed to partnering with Kalamazoo Valley students by offering the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree without leaving Kalamazoo Valley's campus.

Learn more about these opportunities Oct. 1-2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Room 1510. Join University Center staff for popcorn, snacks and a great giveaway.

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## Staff Development

It is now a lot easier to sign up for Staff and Faculty Development training and workshops! There is a new system that allows you to view upcoming training, register and unregister and check your attendance history.

### How do you navigate to the new system?

Go to MyValley and scroll down to Workplace/Training Opportunities. Click on "Staff and Faculty Development Registration System" and log in. Consider bookmarking this link to get back to it easily: [p2.kvcc.edu/staffdev](http://p2.kvcc.edu/staffdev).

### How do you use the new system?

- Search for events under "Scheduled Events" by date, key word or category, and click "Register Me" to sign up.
- View the events you are signed up for or have already completed under "My Registrations."
- To remove yourself from an event, find the event under "Scheduled Events," click on "Details" and then click "Remove" by your name.

### What about your old training records?

We still have them on file! If needed, please contact [Molly Cartwright](#) or [Molly Pfaff](#) to view your attendance history prior to the August 2019 Summit.

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Interested in revisiting the  
Fall 2019 Summit?

Access the [Welcome video](#).

Access Dr. McPhail's  
[breakout sessions](#).

Mark your calendars,  
Winter 2020 Summit is scheduled  
8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 3  
More details to follow

### **Recycle Your Summit Folder**

If you would like to recycle your 2019 Fall Summit folder, please send it through interoffice mail to the marketing department.

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### **Kalamazoo Valley to Host Oct. 3 Skilled Trades Expo**

In celebration of National Advanced Manufacturing Week, Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Advanced Technology Center is hosting an October 3 Skilled Trades Expo. Projections show Michigan will experience a professional trades workforce gap with more than 545,000 job openings through 2026 due to retiring baby boomers and the emergence of new technologies.

During the expo at the Texas Township Campus, prospective students will learn about automotive technology, chemical technology, electrical technology, HVAC, engineering, design and manufacturing technology, welding technology and training for other skilled trades and technical careers – all available through Kalamazoo Valley. There will also be free food, door prizes and free parking.

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### **See What's New at the Museum**

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum welcomes three new traveling exhibits this fall. In the first floor gallery Ripley's Willard Wigan Microsculpture exhibit opens Oct. 12, 2019 and runs through Jan. 26, 2020. The first floor core exhibit will feature The Art of Murphy Darden from Oct. 12, 2019 through March 29, 2020. Mind Bender Mansion 2 will fill the third floor exhibit space from Sept. 19, 2019 through Jan. 5, 2020.

Ripley's Willard Wigan Microsculptor exhibit, will amaze visitors with unbelievably tiny, hand-

made sculptures that are small enough to be displayed inside the eye of a needle. These incredible creations must be viewed through a microscope. Visitors will learn the amazing story of how ants and "nothing" inspired Wigan to become a world-renowned artist. Wigan did not let his childhood struggle with dyslexia stop him from creating some of the most amazing microscopic sculptures in the world. He even creates his own microscopic tools, such as tweezers made from eyelashes. Wigan's goal in creating these incredible works of art for over 40 years is to help inspire others to discover their own hidden talents. This exhibit is a production of Ripley Entertainment Inc.

For the past several decades, Kalamazoo resident Murphy Darden, now in his nineties, has indulged his passion for the parts of history that have long been ignored in classrooms and in public discourse. In his pursuit of preserving this history for future generations, he has collected artifacts, images, and historic documents chronicling the achievements of African Americans. Not all of history can be represented through material objects. Sometimes, the richest and most complicated stories are better interpreted through artistic expression. It was in these situations, when Darden felt pieces of the story were missing, that he created artworks to fill in the gaps. Some of his works will be featured in the special exhibit at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Selections of his art will be assembled into four distinct themes: black cowboys, Darden's personal experiences in Mississippi, civil rights heroes, and the African American community in Kalamazoo. The Art of Murphy Darden runs in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' hosting of Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem, Sept. 14 – Dec. 8, 2019.

Enter the wonderfully puzzling world of Mindbender Mansion 2, an eclectic place full of brainteasers, puzzles, and interactive challenges guaranteed to test the brain power and problem solving skills of even the most experienced puzzlers. Adults and children alike will enjoy challenging their minds as they try to master each of the 11 individual brainteasers and the three group activities in this fun and quirky exhibit.

Learn how to become a member of the eccentric Mindbender Society by gathering hidden clues and secret passwords from select puzzles and group activities that are revealed in the seven rooms of the mansion. Each room has an individual theme, starting with the Entry, where you pick up a clue card; the Parlor; the Library; the Kitchen, with its moving dinner trays on a conveyor belt; the Map Room, with tilt table where you guide a ball into six holes in the allotted time; the Disco Room, with disco hopscotch spelling; and finally the Wall of Fame, where you can see if you are eligible to become a member of the Mindbender Society!

*MINDBENDER MANSION was created and is toured by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, Oregon.*

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## **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

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## **Valley Food Share**

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

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. Help is especially needed at AWH. This program can only continue to be successful with the help of volunteers!

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## **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.

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Do you have something you'd like included in the next issue of KV Focus Plus? Email [kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu](mailto:kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu) with story ideas and suggestions.

## **CAMPUS SAFETY TIP**

### **Manage Stress**

Many workers suffer from workplace stress from time to time. This could be a result of overworking, insecurity in your role, or disagreements with co-workers. If you feel stressed you should talk to someone, or find a technique such as meditation to bring your stress under control.

## **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

### **Texas Township Campus**

[Kalamazoo Valley to Host October 3 Skilled Trades Expo](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Begins on Sept. 26 with Author Shonda Buchanan](#)

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

[Scholarships Available to McDonald's Employees](#)

### **Arcadia Commons Campus**

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

### **Bronson Healthy Living Campus**

[Collaboration Helps Get More Locally Sourced Healthy Food to Area Older Adults](#)

[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**

[Kalamazoo Valley Preps Students for Competitive Graphic, Web Design Jobs](#)

[Chef Stephanie Hughes on WKZO](#)

[9/11 Ceremony Planned in Portage](#)

[West Michigan Commemorates the 18th Anniversary of 9/11](#)

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