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Greetings,

Seeing you live out the “Together Is Better” theme is of great joy for me and wonderful for our students.

One such example is the cross-departmental team who worked together to plan the High School Counselors’ Breakfast on Sept. 27. More than a dozen colleagues from across the college came together to make the event both educational and fun for more than 60 area high school counselors. These people are vital to the enrollment success of the college and I am thankful to all who had a part in planning and staging this great event!

Also on Sept. 27, faculty, staff and students came together to welcome nearly 50 new student members to [Phi Theta Kappa](#). The installation ceremony was well attended and it provided yet another opportunity for us to come together to strengthen the college.

Today, the college will welcome guests to our first Skilled Trades Expo. As I’ve spoken with local employers and potential students and their parents about future career paths, many are very interested in learning more about the professional trades. I’m confident that a large crowd will join us for this inaugural event. Thank you to all of you who have been meeting and planning to help us celebrate National Manufacturing Week. If you haven’t had the opportunity to see all of the cosmetic improvements made to the ATC wing, I encourage you to check it out.

There are dozens of other examples of staff and faculty working together for the benefit of our students and the communities we serve and I am grateful for all of your efforts.

“Together Is Better,”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

A Message to the College Community from I.T.

On Tuesday, Oct. 2, after a planned installation of a second Storage Area Network (SAN), the primary SAN lost connection to all virtual servers. This caused college-wide consequences with the loss of service to Banner, Moodle, email, My Valley, voicemail and almost all other online resources. The I.T. team worked with a number of software vendors to diagnose and fix the problem.

While services were restored early this morning, you may still experience intermittent disruptions as systems come back online.

Applying what we learned during the investigation and restoration of college services, we are working to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

We sincerely appreciate your patience during this situation. If you have questions or need any assistance, please contact the help desk on the Texas Township Campus at x4451. Assistance is available downtown by calling x7925.

College-Wide Email Message Policy Change

Expanding and improving techniques for communicating with campus colleagues including staff, faculty and students is a growing priority at the college.

We utilize a number of communication tactics, which include:

- Postings on the home page of the college website www.kvcc.edu
- Information on the website college calendar
- Stories on home.kvcc.edu
- KV Focus Plus (E Newsletter delivered (typically) on the 1st and 15th of each month)
- My Valley Global Messages
- College-Wide Email Messages

In an effort to improve college information distribution, as of today, all requests for on-campus communication must be submitted via Workzone to the marketing department.

Your request will be reviewed and a marketing team member will suggest the best and/or multiple ways to distribute your message. If you do not have a Workzone account established, please email marketing@kvcc.edu.

The IT and Human Resources Departments are no longer responsible for the creation and distribution of college-wide email messages. If you have questions, please contact [Tim Welsh](#) or [Linda Depta](#).

Winter Class Schedules

The Winter 2020 class schedules have arrived and are ready for distribution! If you would like to request a box/multiple boxes for your department, please email [Receiving](#) with the desired quantity.

Note: There are 80 schedules per box so please order accordingly.

New Director of Enrollment Management

Megan Pauken has been named the new director of enrollment management, effective Oct. 1. She previously served as the associate director of enrollment management and has been with the college for more than six years. She replaces EJ Bast, who left the college in August. Megan and her team are now housed in Room 6044, next to the Wellness and Fitness Center.

Kalamazoo Valley to Host Skilled Trades Expo Today

In celebration of National Advanced Manufacturing Week, Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Advanced Technology Center is hosting a Skilled Trades Expo today from 4 – 7 p.m. 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.

Early Registration

Full and part-time employees and their dependents may register early for Winter 2020 classes on Friday, Oct. 4 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration must be submitted in person with a Kalamazoo Valley ID card in the Admissions, Registration and Records office, Room 9140-TTC, or at the Student Service Center in Anna Whitten Hall. Payment for Winter 2020 must be submitted by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019.

Please call the Admissions, Registration and Records office, x4281, if you have questions.



The Oct. 4 Art Hop event at the Center for New Media in downtown Kalamazoo shines the Faculty Spotlight on Aubrey Rodgers.

Art Hop at the CNM runs from 5:30 –



On Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. (or as supplies last) apples from Shultz Fruitridge Farms will be distributed in the lobby of the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building to staff, students and Havirmill Cafe customers for the Great Lakes Apple Crunch. There

8 p.m. The art exhibit will remain on display through the end of the month.

will also be an information table with recipe cards and information about upcoming life enrichment classes.

[more](#)

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.

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.

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.

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.

Campus Tools: How to Navigate Resources and Requests

Overheard on Campus: Who do I contact to reserve a room? How do I request a laptop cart? Do I have to submit work order for office maintenance? How do I log a trouble ticket for this computer problem? How do I market my program to students? I know there's a link and tutorial on this, but I don't know where to start!

If you've ever asked these types of questions, this session on Campus Tools and Resources is for you. Learn how to request assistance with facilities, IT, AV/Media, marketing, event coordination, and room reservation needs. You'll get a general overview of the requesting process for various tasks around campus and have an opportunity to do hands-on training with

specific requesting software, including Astra Schedule, Dude Solutions, WorkZone, IT Ticketing System and the AV/Media request form.

Location: TTC 7560

Date & Time Oct. 11 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

What's Happening at the Museum

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum hosts the 33rd annual Chemistry Day program “Marvelous Metals!” on Saturday Oct. 12 from 12 – 4 p.m. and two new exhibits are also opening.

Local chemists from colleges, universities, and companies come together to explore with visitors how chemistry is part of our everyday lives. Museum visitors of all ages will enjoy learning about chemistry in a fun and exciting way.

Chemists from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, WMU, K-College, Kalexsyn, Perrigo, Kalsec, and Pfizer will be conducting hands-on experiments in mixing slime, learning how to clean pennies, turning pennies from copper to gold, exploring the properties of magic sand, making instant snow, playing with density bottles, making a chemical traffic light, discovering how things glow in the dark, and watching liquid nitrogen and dry ice demonstrations. Exciting demonstrations related to metals include finding iron in cereal, learning how oil spills are being cleaned up using magnets, figuring out how metal detectors work, and learning more about the colors of fireworks and metals.

Co-sponsored by the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Kalamazoo Section of the American Chemical Society, Chemistry Day is part of National Chemistry Week. This year’s national theme, “Marvelous Metals!” is in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the publication of Mendeleev’s Periodic Table of Chemical Elements in 1869. Explore the metals found in the periodic table and learn about chemicals in use every day. Experiments are open to all ages and skills. Teachers are encouraged to come and get educational materials and lessons to share with their students.

Ripley’s Willard Wigan Microsculptor exhibit, on display at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum from Oct. 12, 2019 – Jan. 26, 2020, 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.

Filling in the Gaps: The Art of Murphy Darden, will be on display at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum Oct. 12, 2019 – March 29, 2020. 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. It coincides with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' hosting of Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem.

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 [Steve Doherty](#) 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



November 1 - Pancake Breakfast Supports Culinary Scholarships

The public is invited to enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast at the KVCC Foundation's student scholarship pancake breakfast on Friday, Nov. 1 from 8 – 10 a.m. in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building on Kalamazoo Valley's Bronson Health Living Campus.

"We will be serving pancakes to benefit the culinary student scholarship program," said KVCC Foundation Director Steve Doherty. Fruit toppings and traditional maple syrup and butter will be

available.

According to Doherty, the need for financial aid among students has continued to rise steadily. “The pancake breakfast is a great way to enjoy good food and contribute to a worthy cause,” he said. The minimum suggested donation is \$10 per person. Advance tickets are available. Contact [Vicki Warkoczeski](#) at x4539.

The pancake breakfast will be served buffet style in the college’s Havirmill Cafe and 418 Restaurant, 418 East Walnut Street in downtown Kalamazoo. Parking is available on site or at meters on the street.

Kalamazoo Valley, KVM to Sponsor Holiday Traditions

Kalamazoo Valley Community College’s Center for New Media and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum play important roles in downtown holiday traditions. The college is expanding its collaboration with the Kalamazoo Downtown Partnership as a returning after parade sponsor of the Nov. 16 event and will serve as the season sponsor of the Holly Jolly Trolley Nov. 11 through Jan. 1.

“This collaboration makes so much sense,” said Museum Director Bill McElhone. “By sponsoring the parade and the trolley, we can help downtown visitors take advantage of the entire spectrum of downtown events and activities during this special season. From special activities following the parade on Nov. 16 to seasonal planetarium shows and winter break family performances in December, the museum will be alive with much to see and do.” [more](#)

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 CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

- [Kalamazoo Valley to Host October 3 Skilled Trades Expo](#)
- [Alan Abarbanell presents the Abababa Farewell Tour on Oct. 4](#)
- [College Night 2019 Scheduled for Oct. 14](#)
- [PTK Hosts Holistic Health Fair](#)
- [Petition to Graduate by Oct. 31](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

- [October Art Hop at the CNM Features Faculty Member Aubrey Rodgers](#)
- [Petition to Graduate by Oct. 31](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

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

[Nov. 1 Pancake Breakfast Supports Culinary Scholarships](#)

Groves Campus

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Halloween Mayhem Comes to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum on October 26](#)

[Play BIG at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum with New Exhibits and Interactive Fun for All Ages](#)

[New Greenhouse will Provide more Locally Sourced Vegetables for Area Older Adults](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Secures Brewpub License to Sell Student-Made Beers](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Community College Skilled Trades Expo Offers Path to High Paying Jobs](#)

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