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Greetings,

As autumn continues, change is in the air!

Literally, the changing season reminds us that there is much to be done before commencement on Dec. 15. While many of our students will be graduating, transferring and even taking on additional responsibilities at home or on the job, enrollment reports indicate that a number of our students have not registered for winter semester classes.

Many college colleagues are working behind the scenes to identify and communicate with these students, reminding them to act now to secure the classes they want and need.

Your work on the front line, whether in the classroom, student services or daily student interactions is important in this effort. Please make every effort to encourage students with whom you come in contact to consider their next steps and register.

As we move closer to the end of this semester, I hope that you will make time to attend some of the many events scheduled over the next two months, including a Cougar basketball game, a college concert, art hop activities or a professional development class. The weekend is a great time to visit the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

I appreciate your continued dedication to our work.

“Together Is Better,”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

Winter Weather College Closing Update

As a reminder, the college revised/expanded its closing protocols as a result of last winter's inclement weather. As we move toward winter weather, please be aware that one of the following six announcements will be used when notifying media outlets, employees and students of class

cancellations and building closures.

1. **Morning Classes Cancelled:** Classes starting before 12 p.m. are cancelled. However, the college is open for business.
2. **Afternoon Classes Cancelled:** Classes starting between 12 p.m. and 3:59 p.m. are cancelled. However, the college is open for business.
3. **Evening Classes are Cancelled:** Classes starting between 4 p.m. through the remainder of the evening are cancelled. However, the college is open for business.
4. **"Specific" Campus/Locations are Closed, i.e. Arcadia Commons Campus, Bronson Healthy Living Campus, Groves Campus, Texas Township Campus:** The college or one or more campuses or facilities are closed for business for the day and/or evening activities.
5. **Delayed Start:** The college is closed until 10 a.m. The college is open for business at 10 a.m. and classes beginning at 10 a.m. or later will begin at their regularly scheduled times. All classes scheduled to begin prior to 10 a.m. are cancelled.
6. **College Closed:** The college is be closed for business, classes and activities are cancelled for the morning, afternoon and evening.

Adjusted Operating Hours

In the event hours of operation are adjusted (NOT closed or delayed start) facilities will remain open for all employees to report to work. Additionally, public meetings/events/activities scheduled during affected hours may be rescheduled.

Alisha Cederberg Recognized by Certified Financial Aid Administrator Program

Director of Financial Aid Alisha Cederberg recently earned certification from the Certified Financial Aid Administrator (CFAA) Program, making her one of only 93 active CFAAs in the country and the only one currently working at a Michigan college or university.

The Certified Financial Aid Administrator (CFAA) Program certifies individuals with proficiency in the body of knowledge pertaining to administering federal (Title IV) financial aid and its interaction with state and private financial aid. To earn the CFAA certification, an individual must demonstrate sufficient industry-related experience, successfully pass a comprehensive knowledge exam and affirm commitment to the standards for ethical behavior that are a hallmark of the financial aid profession.

Electronic Transcripts Now Available

Ordering an official transcript from Kalamazoo Valley is now easy and convenient, thanks to the National Student Clearinghouse online ordering service. Kalamazoo Valley now offers secure ordering, processing and delivering of official transcripts electronically. Current and former students can visit the National Student Clearinghouse website and request a transcript at any time while also receiving processing and delivery notifications. [more](#)



Art Hop Tonight Features The Photosynthesis Project

Nov. 1 | Art Hop at the Center for New Media | 5:30 - 8 p.m.

The Photosynthesis Project is an invitational endeavor for artists and writers who reside in SW Michigan, conceived by Linda Rzoska - owner of Kalamazoo's Ninth Wave Studio. The participants explored the subject of photosynthesis - so basic to our existence - and responded to it artistically. Stop by the CNM tonight to check it out!

CTE Millage

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, voters in the Kalamazoo RESA service area will decide on a one-mill, 20-year Career & Technical Education (CTE) Millage to fund a comprehensive, K-12+ redesign of CTE in our county. The plan provides more students with access to career coaching, work-based learning and opportunities to earn credentials and certificates, preparing them for the high-wage, high-demand, high-skill openings that businesses are struggling to fill. Learn [more](#) about the local need and proposal details.

New Student Online Orientation

New Student Online Orientation is all new! This resource is great for returning students, new students who cannot attend in-person New Student Orientation and especially our current students who might have questions about Kalamazoo Valley. A link to New Student Online Orientation can be found under "My Links" in your My Valley account.

With Winter 2020 registration now open, this a great time to share the "Choosing Classes" section with students in your classes. Here's a helpful [tutorial](#) on how to use the new software.



Tibetan Buddhist Monks to Construct Mandala Sand Painting at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Tibetan Buddhist monks from Drepung Loseling Monastery will construct a mandala sand painting at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum Nov. 6-10, in partnership with Connecting Chords Music Festival.

From all the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, that of painting with colored sand ranks as one of the most unique and exquisite.

Millions of grains of sand are painstakingly laid into place on a flat platform over a period of days or weeks to form the image of a mandala. To date, the monks have created mandala sand paintings in more than 100 museums, art centers, and colleges and universities in the United States and Europe. [more](#)



Diversity and Inclusion welcomes Dr. Jessica Rickert, DDS to Campus

In honor of Native American History Month, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion welcomes Dr. Jessica Rickert, DDS, as she speaks to students in Dental Hygiene and Health Careers on Nov. 7.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Rm. 4240 TTC
2:30-4 p.m. | Rm. 223 CAH

Rickert, a member of the Prairie Band Pottawatomi Nation, was the keynote speaker at the Michigan Oral Health Coalition in October 2019. A unique pathfinder, she inspired as she shared her personal journey to become the first female American Indian dentist in the United States. She has a longstanding commitment to strengthen our community by advancing diversity and inclusion in the dental profession.

Career Source to Feature Veteran Services

The college's veteran services department will be featured on the Nov. 8 Career Source segment on WWMT News Channel 3 during the 6:30 a.m. newscast and then replayed Saturday, Nov. 9 during the 7 a.m. news. Be sure to watch and learn more about what the college is doing to support our student veterans, service members and their dependents.

Tailgate with the EMC Students before Cougar Basketball

Faculty and staff are invited to join Dr. Deborah Coates and the Early/Middle College students

Friday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. for a pre-game tailgate - complete with hotdogs and chips - in Room 4240 (TTC) and then watch the men's basketball team take on Alpena Community College at 7 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet the Early/Middle College students and support Cougar basketball. Please RSVP to [Deb Coates](#) by Nov. 7.

Helping Children Understand STEM

Helping children understand STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – concepts can be a challenge for parents. But, help is on the way for families in the Kalamazoo area and beyond through the first-ever STEM QUEST on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township campus.

The daylong event, organized by the STEM division of the Michigan Crossroads Council, Boy Scouts of America, will give all youth in grades K-12 and their parents or caregivers opportunities to get hands-on experience with building and creating through this expansive discovery maker space using creative technology, various electronics, underwater robotics, and more. [more](#)

Faculty Chef Joel Boone, Culinary Students to Participate in Seven Courses of Gold

Seven of the region's most successful chefs, including Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Joel Boone, will be a part of the American Culinary Federation of Kalamazoo/Battle Creek's Seven Course of Gold dinner on Sunday, Nov 10 at 600 Kitchen downtown Kalamazoo.

"November 10 will be an amazing night. Each local celebrity chef will be paired with a local grower who will provide locally sourced vegetables, meats, cheeses and greens. Plus each course will be paired with a creative cocktail from Green Door Distillery Spirits," according to Chef Joel Boone. [more](#)

Veterans Day

The college will celebrate Veterans Day on both the Texas Township and Arcadia Commons campuses with a number of activities on Monday, Nov. 11.

Events and activities include:

8 a.m. | Flag Raising (TTC Flagpole Entrance)

8:30 - 11 a.m. | Breakfast in TTC Room 4240 (open to all)

1 p.m. | Walk to Rose Park from Anna Whitten Hall for 2 p.m. celebration and announcement of the Veteran of the Year Award.*

3:30 p.m. | Lunch in AWH Room 128AB

**If inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum*

Artist's Forum Presents Diane Seuss

Kalamazoo Valley's Artists' Forum presents a Thursday, Nov. 14 conversation with Pulitzer Prize finalist Diane Seuss called "Staying Home: Writing Where You Live," and a reading and talk on the subject of writing from the rural imagination, "Writing Rural: Elevating the Twang." Seuss will present an afternoon workshop and will read from her works at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Commons Theater at the Texas Township Campus. [more](#)

Upcoming Staff Development

Nutrition 101 - The Fuel We Need to Thrive

Nov. 14 | 3-4 p.m. | Room 4370 TTC

This class is an overview of the most basic nutrition principles, how food interacts with our bodies and health. It dives into the macro and micro nutrients that are essential for us, how we get them and what are some things to consider about each of them. Understanding their fundamental principles could lead to healthier decisions.

Sign up [now!](#)

Mindful Holiday Eating

Dec. 4 | 10-11 a.m. | Room 4370 TTC

The holiday season is abundant with celebrations around delicious food. This class will explore ways to enjoy these food celebrations without sabotaging your health.

Sign up [now!](#)

Have Lunch with Kalamazoo Promise Students

Kalamazoo Promise Services invites faculty and staff to attend its Kalamazoo Promise Luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 26 from 12-3 p.m. in Room 9318, located in Student Success Services on the Texas Township Campus. This is an opportunity to meet with Promise Manager Monteze Morales and Promise students. This is a drop-in event. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling x4692 or x4040.

Support Kalamazoo Valley Student Scholarships

Did you miss today's Pancake Breakfast in support of student scholarships? You can still help by making a [donation](#) to the KVCC Foundation. Please contact [Steve Doherty](#), director of the KVCC Foundation, with any questions.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Interested in a Career as a Respiratory Therapist?](#)

[Interested in a Career as a Medical Assistant?](#)

[Find out what it Takes to be a First Responder](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Announces Merze Tate Explorer College Academy Program](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Continues in March](#)

[Interfaith Panel Discussion](#)

[National Apprenticeship Week](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Enjoy Free Holly Jolly Trolley Rides in Downtown Kalamazoo](#)

[Art Hop - Murphy Darden: Collecting with Passion](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Pancake Breakfast Supports Culinary Scholarships](#)

Groves Campus

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Kalamazoo's NAACP Branch will Honor Individuals, Organization at Annual Banquet](#)

[KVCC Hosts Wind Turbine Technician Academy Open House](#)

[Artists' Forum Welcome Writer Diane Seuss on Nov. 14](#)

[Despite Sour Manufacturing Report, Michigan Recruiters Pump Up Trades Job Opportunities](#)

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