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READ THE LATEST **KV FOCUS**

Greetings,

I continue to be inspired by the conversations I am having with our students. Their stories of gratitude for the assistance they have received from a favorite staff or faculty member help to remind me why I choose this profession so many years ago.

At the same time, I am well aware that there are many distractions that can interfere with the focus on our students and their success. That's why I am thankful that we can turn to the Strategic Plan to help us prioritize our efforts. Based on my conversations with many of you, I know that you are already working together to operationalize the plan.

You will have an opportunity to learn more about our progress during the Winter 2020 Summit on Friday, Jan. 3. Soon you will receive an e-invitation for the event which will start with breakfast and program in the A Gym. The morning will include remarks from Trustee Vice Chairperson Lucinda Stinson and recognition of college colleagues for their years of service. Be sure to register for the breakfast and for two of the many workshops scheduled that morning. Remember that the college will be closed for business between 8 a.m. and noon that day so that everyone can participate.

Enjoy your time with family and friends during the upcoming thanksgiving break.

"Together Is Better,"

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

2019 Veterans Day Celebration

The college celebrated Veterans Day on both the Texas Township and Arcadia Commons campuses with a number of activities on Monday, Nov. 11. See [photos](#) below.



Basketball Invitational

The college hosted the annual KVCC Invitational last weekend. The men and women's teams hosted visiting opponents from Alpena Community College, Bryant & Stratton Community College (Wisconsin) and Lake Michigan College.

Kalamazoo Valley women played Alpena Friday afternoon at 5 p.m.

Kalamazoo Valley won 76-55

Kalamazoo Valley men played Alpena Friday night at 7 p.m.

Kalamazoo Valley won 100-75

Kalamazoo Valley women played Bryant & Stratton Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Kalamazoo Valley lost 71-86

Kalamazoo Valley men played Bryant & Stratton Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m.

Kalamazoo Valley won 98-96

A food drive in partnership with Loaves & Fishes was held during the invitational that proved to be very bountiful.



Cougar basketball players (left) Jovaun Jones, Jordan Ross, (right) Evan Finch. See more photos at www.kvcc.edu/flickr



HUNGER & HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 16-24

To support Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week, please consider donating to Valley Food Share, an initiative to meet the immediate food needs of Kalamazoo Valley Students.

Food donation bins can be found around campus. Items needed include:

- Canned chicken
- Beans
- Nuts
- Canned Tuna
- Low sodium soups

Make a monetary donation by visiting: www.kvcc.edu/foundation

For more information, visit www.kvcc.edu/foodshare or email foodshare@kvcc.edu

Kalamazoo**VALLEY**TM
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Get It Done! Get Ready for Winter Semester

More than 9,000 students are invited to campus Nov. 20 from 4-7 p.m. for the annual Get it Done event. The event serves as a one-stop option for people who are interested in attending Kalamazoo Valley. Representatives from the Financial Aid Office, Office for Enrollment Management, the Admissions, Registration and Records Office, Student Activities and Organizations and Student Success Services will be on hand to assist those in attendance.

Please help welcome these guests to campus and direct them to the Student Commons for assistance.

A second Get it Done event is scheduled for Dec. 5 from 3-6 p.m. in Anna Whitten Hall.

Have Lunch with Kalamazoo Promise Students

Kalamazoo Promise Services invites you to attend a luncheon on 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. Please RSVP by calling x4692 or x4040.

Police Officer Training Academy Graduation Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremony for the 88th Basic Training/Police Academy.

TUESDAY | NOV. 26 | 3 P.M.

Dale B. Lake Auditorium

Texas Township Campus

Refreshments to follow in the cafeteria

Upcoming Staff Development

Nov. 26 | 12-1:30 pm | Room 4230 TTC | [Sign Up Now](#)

Deaf People in the Media: Lunch and Learn Presentation and Panel Discussion

A student from WMU's American Sign Language program will present a Diversity and Inclusion Lunch and Learn. The topic is the (mis)representation of deaf people in media, specifically commercials. The group will explore ads from the past 30 years that show deaf people and/or sign language themes. Members of the audience will have a chance to participate in a discussion about the accuracy of the culture and/or linguistics that are displayed and the perceptions hearing and deaf people have about those representations. A panel will include a graduate from Gallaudet University, members of the deaf community, a professor of business and marketing from WMU and an instructor from Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media. Facilitated by Jamie Rix.

Mindful Holiday Eating

Dec. 4 | 10-11 am | Room 4370 TTC | [Sign Up Now](#)

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

Excel 2016: Advanced Skills with Sam Stolz

Dec. 5 | 8-11 a.m. | Room 2140 TTC | [Sign Up Now](#)

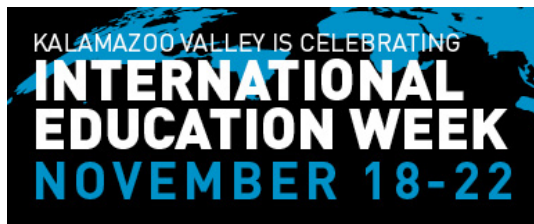
Dec. 12 | 2-5 p.m. | Room 128AB AWH | [Sign Up Now](#)

Come to this session for hands-on training in Microsoft Excel. We will have computers on hand

for you to use. You will learn how to manipulate pivot tables and advanced functions, format and troubleshoot formulas, analyze and sort data, and utilize data validation. Bring your specific Excel questions for the Excel expert.

2020 Kalamazoo Documentary Photo Project at the KVM

Documentary photographs show us what we take for granted today and what we took for granted in the past. Photography is a powerful tool when used to record a scene accurately and clearly. As our lives, culture, and surroundings change faster and faster, photography can preserve our time for future generations to study and enjoy. [more](#)



International Student Services

is celebrating International Education Week Nov. 18-22 with two special events.

Learn about international education directly from Kalamazoo Valley students at an international student panel.

Tuesday | Nov. 19
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Room 4240 (TTC)

Sample food and interact with representatives of several different cultures.

Wednesday | Nov. 20
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Commons (TTC)



With the busy holiday season "almost" upon us, the KVCC Foundation has registered with Amazon Smile and is now eligible to receive donations from the Amazon Smile Foundation.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop on [AmazonSmile](https://smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Exam Slam

Help students get ready for finals by encouraging them to join the tutors in the Learning Center for Exam Slam:

Study and Snack Days!

Tuesday | Dec. 3 | 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wednesday | Dec. 4 | 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Texas Township Campus

Tuesday | Dec. 3 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday | Dec. 4 | 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Anna Whitten Hall

Preparing for the Holidays, Sunday Discovery Series

Dec. 8 | 1:30 pm. | Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Special guest Melissa Grant will help plan for the holiday chaos and discover ways to keep your family calm and peaceful with helpful tools anyone can use. She will address ways to prepare your children for the holiday season, tips and tricks for holiday shopping/crazy crowds, and how to choose toys wisely. Come join Autism Spectrum Therapies as they ring in the holiday cheer for all! Autism Spectrum Therapies (AST) is a local Kalamazoo Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) provider offering in-home services for children with developmental disabilities. AST offers families the guidance and support they need for their children to be successful and independent. “We look forward to giving you the tools for success this holiday season and resources for support within the Kalamazoo community,” Grant said.

She received her undergraduate degree in psychology and special education, and a graduate degree in psychological sciences/applied behavior analysis from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She began working with Autism Spectrum Therapies in July 2018 and became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst in August 2018. Grant works primarily with children with developmental disabilities, specifically autism, but has also worked with adults with disabilities. Her graduate training focused on treatment planning with multidisciplinary teams (e.g. speech pathologists and occupational therapists) and parent education/training.

Winter Summit 2020

The Winter 2020 Summit is set for Jan. 3 and we expect this event to be relevant, fun and engaging for all. It will include a full buffet breakfast, hosted by the Board of Trustees, recognition of employees for milestone years of service, Strategic Plan updates, and informative presentations by faculty and staff regarding a variety of topics that relate directly to our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan.

Employees being recognized for years of service will be contacted via email to have their photos taken the week of Dec. 9 for the Summit slideshow.

Full-time faculty and staff and all others who are normally scheduled to work on Jan. 3 are required to attend. Watch for your invitation next week.

Together, we can make this Summit the best one yet.



Planetarium Shows at the KVM

Explore the universe, travel through time, or dive to the bottom of the Great Lakes. You will discover a new adventure with each visit to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum planetarium.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the Museum front desk, in advance, by phone with a credit/debit card by calling (269) 373-7990 or (800) 772-3370 or [online](#).

Tickets are \$3 per person. Children 2 and under are free.

- Non-refundable tickets may be purchased up to a week in advance.
- Ticket holders must present tickets 15 minutes prior to start time or forfeit their seat without refund, if there is a wait list for other patrons. There is no late seating. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to purchase your tickets.
- Tickets are available online up to six hours before a show. If you have questions or need assistance, please call (269) 373-7990 during Museum hours.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Story Prize Contest Deadline is Dec. 16](#)

[Dust Off Your Instrument and Make New Friends](#)

[PTK Honor Society Welcomes New Members](#)

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

[National Apprenticeship Week](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[KVAAP Helps Cover Tuition, Fees and Books](#)

[New Media '19 Showcase Entries Accepted Until Nov. 25](#)

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

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Culinary Connection – Career Fair Event](#)

Groves Campus

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hosts Nov. 16 Celebrating in Song Event](#)

[Tibetan Buddhist Monks Near Completion of Mandala Sand Painting](#)

[Back-to-School Military Veterans Find Support at Kalamazoo Valley Community College](#)

[New Event Aims to Teach Kids, Parents STEM](#)

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