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Greetings,

Persistence has always been a key to success. Persistence is required now as we count down to the end of the semester.

While we do look forward to the holiday break and a well-deserved respite from our daily activities, I want to thank you for your continued persistence until the very last day of the semester with our students. Some students are looking to us for inspiration so that they can have a strong finish to the semester. Others need our encouragement to continue their work next semester.

I know you are dedicated to our students' success. I hear how you talk about your work and I see what you are doing. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated. Our commencement program on Dec. 15 will be another great celebration of persistence and the joy of dreams achieved. Thank you.

"Together Is Better,"

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

Brewing Students Beer is Now on Tap at the 418

If you missed the Student Tap Takeover last week, come to the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building tonight or Thursday from 5 – 6 p.m. to sample student brewed beers during Happy Hour.



Photos: Student Taps Takeover celebration at the 418 Restaurant Nov. 26



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

WINTER SEMESTER STARTS JANUARY 6

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

SPECIAL REGISTRATION EVENTS ARE HAPPENING:

DEC. 3	Rm. 4230 (TTC)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Tacos Served!
DEC. 4	Rm. 4230 (TTC)	11 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Walking Tacos Served!
DEC. 5	Rm. 128 (AWH)	3 – 6 p.m.	Cookies Served!
DEC. 9	Main Lobby (AWH)	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Subs Served!

Pool Update

Due to necessary renovations, the pool at the Texas Township Campus closed Nov. 28. It will reopen April 30, 2020. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our facilities.

Get It Done! Get Ready for Winter Semester

More than 9,000 students are invited to Anna Whitten Hall Dec. 5 from 3-6 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 encourage anyone who may still need to get registered for winter semester classes to attend this event.

Career Coach Helps Students, Community Members Find Jobs

Students and community members looking for a job now have a new tool to assist them in their job search. Career Coach, Kalamazoo Valley Community College's new online job board, matches job seekers with careers based on their personal interests and skills.

[Career Coach](#) is a free online tool anyone can use to explore, prepare for and find the right career.

The Career Coach assessment tool identifies a person's interests and matches those to potential career areas. Using that information and a simple keyword search, job seekers can learn about the employment prospects for a variety of careers, wage information and current job postings in the area.

According to Tracey Corbett, student employment relations liaison, the site is easy to navigate and offers a number of free resources for job seekers.

"This site is great for our students and community members," Corbett explained. "It's very user friendly and really allows the job seeker to customize his or her search based on job title, key words, education and so much more."

Those looking for employment will find career exploration tools, including a skills assessment and soft skills training as well as employment trends, salary information and a resume builder. Additionally, students can search for part-time and full-time internship and apprenticeship opportunities.

Career Coach not only connect students with jobs but also to Kalamazoo Valley's guided pathways and programs of study – helping them map their educational journey so they achieve their career goals.



It's Time to Sign Up for the Winter 2020 Summit Held at the Texas Township Campus!

All full-time faculty and staff and all others who are normally scheduled to work on Jan. 3 are required to attend and register for the event by Dec. 16 using the links below. We are confident that this event will 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 your colleagues regarding topics that relate directly to Kalamazoo Valley's 2020–2022 Strategic Plan.

[RSVP](#) by Dec. 16.



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Summit Picture Days

Reminder! If you will be honored at the January 2020 Summit for your years of service to the college, you will be featured in a slide show that will highlight all of the employees being recognized.

A photographer is available to take your photo for the slide show on the following dates and times:



TTC Cougar Cafe

Special Holiday Meals

Dec. 11 – 12

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Ham or Shepherd's Pie

\$4.99 one side and dessert

Ham or Shepherd's Pie

\$5.99 two sides and a dessert

\$6.99 three sides and a dessert

Prime Rib

\$7.99 one side and dessert

\$8.99 two sides and dessert

\$9.99 three sides and dessert

Dec. 10

1 – 5 p.m.

Lower Level of the
Student Commons (TTC)**Dec. 11**

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Photo Lab at the
Center for New Media (ACC)

Please stop by to have your photo taken. If you do not have your photo taken, a cougar head will be used.

If you have any questions,
please contact

[Dawn Kemp](#) at x4685 or
[Erin Dominianni](#) at x4445.

TTC Cougar Cafe Hours

Dec. 16

7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Dec. 17 – 20 and Jan. 2

7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 23

Closed

Jan. 3

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

TTC Coffee Shop

Dec. 16

7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Dec. 17 – Dec. 18

Closed

Dec. 19

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Dec. 20

Closed

Welcome Tables

Classes start Jan. 6 and we need your help welcoming students to campus! Please consider signing up to work one of the Welcome Tables Jan. 6 and/or 7. Tables are located at the Flagpole Entrance, Tower Entrance, VP Offices Hallway and the Gallery Hallway near the Wellness and Fitness Center. There are two spaces at each table, so sign up with a friend or meet someone new! Each table will be supplied with maps and the 2019–20 Student Planner to share with our students.

Sign up is easy and appreciated:

1. Follow this [link](#)
2. Log in and select your preferred time(s)
3. Click SAVE - you will receive a confirmation email
4. If you need assistance, please contact [Ashley Hamilton](#) x4401 or [Levi Funk](#) x4856

Unique Partnership Impacts Student Health

Thirty-two students enrolled in wellness and physical education (WPE) and exercise science classes have partnered with medical assistant technology (MAT) students for a detailed blood analysis in hopes of improving their overall health and well-being.

“It’s a voluntary program allowing students some tangible data that impacts their overall health and well-being,” explained Joe Brady, WPE faculty. “The students volunteer for a blood analysis,

completed by our MAT students, at the start of the of their WPE class. After talking about good nutritional habits, exercise routines, effective weight management and other pertinent information, the students then have the opportunity to apply the information they have learned in their class to improve their overall health and well-being.” [more](#)

Respiratory Award

Jennifer Crosby, a second year respiratory care practitioner student at Kalamazoo Valley, received a \$2,000 award from the Lambda Beta Society and an additional \$750 to attend the society’s International Congress meeting in New Orleans in November.

To be considered for the award, Crosby submitted a letter of recommendation from RCP instructor Megan VanDonselaar and also created an asthma and COPD educational presentation.

She was recognized as a 2019 award winner during the Lambda Beta reception on Nov. 9 in New Orleans. Henry Oh, president of Lambda Beta Society’s executive board congratulated Crosby by saying, “Students like you are the hope and future of respiratory care. Please never give up your quest for excellence.”

Susan Pearson, director of Kalamazoo Valley’s RCP program said, “We are so proud to recognize Jennifer for this awesome accomplishment!”



Photo: RCP instructor Megan Vandonselaar and student Jennifer Crosby

Amazon Smiles

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

The 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](#), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

CNM Seeks submissions for Exhibition of Works by Local Black Artists

In collaboration with the Black Arts and Cultural Center, The Metropolitan Branch of the NAACP and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Center for New Media will host an exhibition of works by local black artists in Feb. 2020. Submissions for the exhibition are being accepted through Jan. 24.

Specifications and submission forms for artwork submissions are available [here](#). A panel of reviewers will evaluate all submissions. Creators of the artwork chosen for the exhibition will be notified by Jan. 31.

Questions about the submissions may be directed to [Tom Hamann](#) x7919.

Looking for Alumnus or Alumna

Do you know a Kalamazoo Valley Community College alumnus or alumna who has earned distinction in his or her career field? Are you aware of a Kalamazoo Valley alumnus or alumna that has modeled personal growth and accomplishment that reflects a transformed life or lifestyle?

Alumni+ at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is inviting students, alumni, faculty, staff, and members of the community to share the names and accomplishments of outstanding Kalamazoo Valley alumni whom you believe should be considered for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award.

To be considered for the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award, nominations should be received no later than March 1, 2020. [Submit your nomination](#) today and help us identify Kalamazoo Valley's next Distinguished Alumni!

For more information, contact Alumni Relations Coordinator [Denise Thomas](#) x4314.

Requesting College-Wide Emails

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

As a reminder, the marketing department is the go to team to assist you with your on campus messaging. The college utilizes 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 on the first and fifteenth of each month)
- MY Valley Global Messages
- College-Wide Email Messages

In an effort to improve college information distribution, **please plan ahead** and submit requests for on- campus communication via Work Zone. If you do not have a work zone account established, please email marketing@kvcc.edu.

Your request will be reviewed and a marketing team member will suggest the best and/or multiple ways to distribute your message. As you make your requests, consider these criteria:

- Is the message urgent
- Does the message impact our ability to conduct business
- Is the message related to an event
- Is the message a solicitation for volunteers

The IT and Human Resources Departments are no longer responsible for the creation and distribution of college-wide email messages.

Thank you.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

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

[Interested in a career as a Dental Hygientist?](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Continues in March](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[January 15 Spotlight on Photography at the CNM](#)

[It's Time to Get it Done!](#)

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

[New Media Showcase Opens at the CNM on Friday](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

[Student-Crafted Beer Now Available at the 418 Restaurant](#)

Groves Campus

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Kalamazoo Mandolin and Guitar Orchestra at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#)

[U-M Biological Station: Nurturing Ecologists in Nature](#)

[The 2020 Kalamazoo Documentary Photo Project will Record Life in Kalamazoo](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Student-Brewed Craft Beer Hits the Tap, Under New Brewpub License](#)

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

**HUMAN
RESOURCES**

**STAFF & FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT**