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REMINDER! THE COLLEGE IS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE  
OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY  
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020

## **Greetings,**

During one of the Summit breakout sessions we were reminded that there are currently five generations on our campuses: Traditionalists, Boomers, Gen Xers, Millennials and Gen Z. The differences in learning styles, preferences and aspirations provides the college with opportunities on how to recruit, motivate and retain staff and students in an age-respectful environment.

I consider the rich diversity of our students, faculty and staff to be an asset. Decades of research have shown that diversity, nurtured in a welcoming and respectful environment, encourages critical thinking, reduces harmful stereotypes and strengthens the ability to communicate, work and play across lines of identity and difference. These 21st century competencies are essential skills for our students to master during their time on our campus and for all of us to model and demonstrate.

Although our campuses will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I hope that we will consider it a “day on” and contemplate the messages of this important American.

In cooperation with the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and others, the college has scheduled multiple opportunities to further recognize, celebrate and honor the contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout the month of February. Information about these events and activities is available below as well as on the college website, social media and on posters.

“Together is Better,”

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

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## **Campus Tools: How to Navigate Resources and Requests**

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.

**January 17 | 10 -11:30 a.m.**

**Room 205 | AWH**

Sign up [NOW!](#)

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## **Valley Food Share**

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered time, food and money to Valley Food Share. Hundreds of students have benefited from the initiative and we'd like to keep it going for the winter semester but need your help!

Please [sign up](#) to help build, unload and distribute the shares. There are more than 140 volunteer spots available. This program can only continue to be successful with the help of volunteers!

## **Drop-in Employee Fitness Classes**

Start the New Year off right – try an employee fitness class! All classes take place in TTC 6040, 12:05 - 12:50 p.m. No need to sign up. Come to any of these free fitness classes when you can.

### **Mondays: Strength and More / Drum Core**

Low-impact, but high intensity, your whole body will get stronger! In this class, every movement plane is attacked using weights and body weight.

### **Wednesdays: Rev + Flow**

A dynamic workout that's easy on your joints without compromising the intensity of your workout. Rev + Flow strengthens bodies and sculpts muscles through targeted, music-based movements and resistance training. This will challenge the body in new and unique ways through easy-to-follow movements and uplifting music.

### **Fridays: Yoga**

Feel the body-mind connection while you stretch and strengthen your muscles. No previous yoga experience is necessary; however, our trained instructors will challenge you if you are an experienced yogi!

Please contact [Blake Glass](#), WFC program manager, with any questions at x4177.

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## Havirmill Cafe is Now Open, 418 Offers Taps on Tuesdays

The Havirmill Cafe is now open for the winter semester with a light breakfast service starting at 7:30 a.m. and lunch service from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. There are a couple of changes this semester as the class schedule has been adjusted to better serve students and staff. The cafe classes are now on an eight-week schedule so that means that each week, two different cuisine themes are featured. In addition to the special themed dishes, there is also a salad bar and grab and go items.

The 418 Restaurant will open for dinner service in March on Tuesdays and Thursdays with reservations from 6 to 7 p.m. Call 269.548.3200 for reservations. The restaurant is hosting Winter Taps on Tuesday featuring food and beer pairings along with shareable appetizers in a happy hour format from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning on Jan. 14 and continuing on Jan. 21, 28 and Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25.

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## A Refugee Girl's Journey Toward Healing: A Conversation with Mee Moua

Kalamazoo Valley's Committee for Cultural Understanding and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion present: A Refugee Girl's Journey Toward Healing: A Conversation with Mee Moua on Jan. 22. at 11 a.m. in Room 4240 (TTC).

Mee Moua is the Principal of Interdependent Group, LLC, which provides training, facilitation and coaching support for individuals and organizations in planning, leadership, and transformation. She is passionate about democracy building, heart leadership and making visible the interconnectedness among peoples.

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## Washington, Linden Face Off in Chili Cook-Off

The upcoming 2020 downtown Kalamazoo Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This annual free event offers chili sampling and the opportunity to explore downtown restaurants and stores.

Kalamazoo Valley will host two locations:

- 1. Center for New Media**

Featuring Turkey Chili created by Dr. L. Marshall Washington and Chef Joel Boone

- 2. Kalamazoo Valley Museum**

Chocolate Chili created by Dr. Peter Linden and Chef Cory Barrett

Stop by the Radisson or Consumer's Credit Union to begin your quest to find the best chili. Pick up a commemorative spoon for just \$5 as well as a map to guide you through the many chili stops.

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**COUGARS**  
BASKETBALL



# ESSENTIAL NEEDS DRIVE

**JAN 27-FEB 5**

Donate personal hygiene products and other essential items in order for us to make personal care packages for the homeless.

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## College Celebrates Black History Month

The college's Office of Diversity and Inclusion collaborates with student groups, faculty, our own Committee for Cultural Understanding as well as the community to provide support, resources and leadership as we strive for inclusive excellence.

The college's observance of Black History Month includes the numerous activities. However, the recognition of the contributions of African Americans continues throughout the year as Kalamazoo Valley Community College seeks to empower and engage all people in actions that productively contribute to accomplishing the goals of our institution.

Events include:

### **Filling In The Gaps: The Art of Murphy Darden**

Art Exhibit and Video Continues through Feb. 28

Kalamazoo Valley Museum

The Kalamazoo artist and historian explores Black cowboys, his personal experiences in Mississippi, civil rights heroes and Kalamazoo's African American community.

### **"Beyond The Dream III: A Deeper look at the Perspectives of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."**

Feb. 4 | 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Room 4240 | TTC

Participants will have the opportunity to listen, reflect and share their thoughts, feelings and opinions regarding Dr. King's philosophies and ideas. A light lunch will be served. [more](#)

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**Kalamazoo County  
Early/Middle College Open House  
to be Held Feb. 5**

Motivated college-bound students can earn college credit for little or no cost while in high school through the Early/Middle College program at Kalamazoo Valley. Participants can earn up to an associate degree while still in high school. Learn more about the program at the FREE Kalamazoo County Early/Middle College Open House, sponsored by Kalamazoo RESA Education for Employment, Education for the Arts and Kalamazoo Valley's Early/Middle College program on Wednesday Feb. 5 at the Air Zoo on Portage Road from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.



**Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hosts  
8th Annual Storytelling Festival:  
Growing Stories**

Kalamazoo Valley Museum staff have announced this year's lineup for the 8th Annual Storytelling Festival. The festival runs on February 7 and 8 with two days full of world-known professional storytellers who will capture hearts and take visitors on a journey beyond words. Growing Stories, this year's theme, includes family stories that grow from one generation to the next, stories that sprout from another, tales that connect people like vines, and stories to entertain children and adults alike. Authors, publishers, and storytellers come together to help grow stories during this event.

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**Become a Corrections Officer in Just Four Weeks**

The Kalamazoo Valley Law Enforcement Training Center at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is offering a four-week-long Corrections Officer Academy that runs from Feb. 17 to March 13 to help fill the growing number of open corrections positions in state prisons. Classes

are held from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Groves Campus.

The Corrections Officer Academy is a Michigan Sheriffs Coordinating and Training Council-approved, 160-hour certification program for correctional personnel supervising inmates in county jails. The average starting salary is \$35,849 while highly experienced workers can earn as much as \$53,306. [more](#)

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### **Kalamazoo Career Fair Save the Date – March 18**

The Student Employment Services team is hosting the Kalamazoo Career Fair Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 12 - 4 p.m. in the main hallways of Texas Township Campus.

To prepare students event, two Career Fair prep events are scheduled:

Tuesday, March 10 from 2-3:30 p.m. at AWH Room 128C and

Wednesday, March 11 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at TTC Room 4370.

These sessions are to assist students in preparing for professional interactions with employers, whether they are looking for a full-time or part-time employment, internships or just looking to network with companies.

We would greatly appreciate if you were able to implement student attendance to the prep events and the fair into your class syllabus.

Thank you for your support and please let us know if you have any questions.

[Tracey Corbett](#), Student Employment Relations Liaison

[Mary McConnell](#), Workforce Coordinator

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### **Annual Retirement Party Slated for April 28**

Mark your calendars and save the date as we honor faculty and staff who have retired from the college in the past year. The celebration will be held April 28 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in the Theatre, Room 4240 on the Texas Township Campus.

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## **Career Coach Helps Students 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. It can be found at [www.kvcc.emsicc.com](http://www.kvcc.emsicc.com).

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.

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.

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## **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**

### **Texas Township Campus**

[Feb. 19 ACEN Site Visit Public Meeting](#)

### **Arcadia Commons Campus**

[KVM Hosts 8th Annual Storytelling Festival: Growing Stories](#)  
[Celebrating Black History Month](#)

### **Bronson Healthy Living Campus**

[Culinary and Brewing Programs Host Winter Taps Events](#)

### **Groves Campus**

[Become a Corrections Officer in Just Four Weeks](#)

### **Kalamazoo Valley in the News**

[Michigan Family Farms Conference to Feature Nurturing Resilient Farms in 2020 and Beyond](#)

[Apprenticeships, internships give Kalamazoo Valley Students Professional Edge](#)  
[Computer Information Systems Training Prepares Graduates for Lucrative, Exciting Careers](#)  
[15 impact Underclassmen from the Kalamazoo-Area High School Hoops Scene](#)  
[Have You had a Chance to Check Out the Willard Wigan Exhibit at the KVM yet?](#)  
[Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hosts 8th Annual Storytelling Festival: Growing Stories](#)

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**CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS**

**HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

**STAFF & FACULTY  
DEVELOPMENT**