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Greetings,

This is a great time of the semester and a very busy time at the college! It's wonderful to see and feel the excitement in our classrooms and hallways as students and guests are fully engaged in their work. There are numerous opportunities for all of us for out of classroom learning experiences, too.

From a PTK induction ceremony on Feb. 6 to Black History Month observances including the Black Artists' Show opening on Feb. 7 at the Center for New Media, please make every opportunity to encourage our students to participate in the full schedule of extra-curricular activities being planned.

We all have the opportunity to volunteer for the Valley Food Share program. With supervisor approval, I encourage you to take time out of your workday to support this very important initiative. Student response to the program has been overwhelmingly positive and we need everyone to help out to keep it going.

We have the opportunity to spend some social time together at the "Pints with the President" event at the 418 Restaurant beginning at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Our student brewers and chefs are already preparing for that special "Taps on Tuesday" evening, I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Many of our college colleagues played a role in the recent Chili Cook Off activities in downtown Kalamazoo. We welcomed more than 1,100 visitors at both the Center for New Media and Kalamazoo Valley Museum on Jan. 25. In addition to sampling our recipes, our guests learned more about ValleyHUB and college programs by visiting information tables. More than \$200 was collected to help support the Valley Food Share that day. Although Dr. Linden and I prepared our best recipes, with help from our culinary students and faculty chefs, our submissions were not chosen as winners...there is always next year! See pictures below.

I encourage you to keep making Kalamazoo Valley the place where all students can learn. Thank you.

“Together is Better,”



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



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. [more](#)

PTK Induction Ceremony

Faculty and staff are invited to the PTK formal induction ceremony for all new members on Thursday, Feb. 6 in the Commons Theater, Texas Township Campus Room 4240 at 7 p.m. More than 70 students will be inducted into the honors society. President Washington will provide remarks.

Black Artists Exhibit

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. The exhibit opens on Friday, Feb. 7.

“We have wanted to present a show like this for some time,” said Center for New Media Director Tom Hamann. “The community's great response to the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Black Refractions: Highlights from The Studio Museum in Harlem proved that there was a large and enthusiastic regional audience for this type of programming and exhibition.”

The exhibition is part of the college's celebration of Black History Month. Artwork will be exhibited in the Center for New Media and its Arcus Gallery throughout the month of February.

The evening will also include readings from selected black authors by local leaders including, Kalamazoo Valley President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. and others.



Food Literacy



For All

Setting the Table for Health Equity

Winter 2020: **KALAMAZOO MEET-UP**

Food Literacy for All is a University of Michigan course featuring different guest speakers each week. Kalamazoo will join the course by livestream for:

Pakou Hang | January 28
Racial Justice and Equity in the Food System: Beyond the Roots
Zahir Janmohamed | February 11
De-colonizing Food Journalism
Naim Edwards and Ashley Atkinson | February 25
The Hidden Plight of Modern Growers

Kalamazoo Meet-up led by:
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
In partnership with:
Bronson Healthcare Group
MSU Extension

University of Michigan Partners:
Sustainable Food Systems Initiative
School of Public Health
Oakland Avenue Farm | FoodLab Detroit
Detroit Food Policy Council

Tuesdays
6:30-8pm

Kalamazoo Valley
Marilyn J Schlack
Culinary & Allied Health
Building
418 E Walnut St.

Join us for a
livestream of the
lecture and
discussion.
**Free and open to
the public.**

Come early for
Taps on Tuesday
at 418 Restaurant,
4:30-6:30pm.

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Kalamazoo Valley's
**COMMITTEE FOR
CULTURAL
UNDERSTANDING**

Invites you to the

KALAMAZOO AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT PANEL DISCUSSION

Wednesday, February 12 | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Anna Whitten Hall, Room 128AB | [Lunch Provided](#)

February Career Source

The college's math and science programs will be highlighted on the Feb. 14 Career Source segment that airs on WWMT News Channel 3 during the 6:30 a.m. newscast.

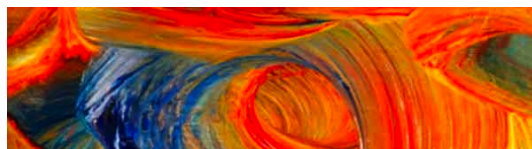
Tune in to learn more about how Kalamazoo Valley students are succeeding in these programs.

Discount Gilmore Festival Tickets Available

Kalamazoo Valley faculty and staff receive a 15% discount on all eligible Gilmore Festival events. Simply identify yourself as a Valley employee when purchasing tickets at the Epic Center.

Bookstore Sale

This Valentine's Day, show your college some LOVE! On Thursday, Feb. 13 and Friday, Feb. 14, buy any cozy college spirit-wear and get a **FREE** Kalamazoo Valley mug filled with sweets to share!



PARCHMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT

For the Winter 2020 semester, the college has adopted art students at Parchment Middle School. This community partnership is meant to



Profs & Pizza

**Tuesday | February 18
11 - 2 p.m.**

encourage future Cougars to continue to develop their artistic skills and to continue to explore educational opportunities through various events and activities.

An art exhibit showcasing the Parchment Middle School student artwork is on display at the Texas Township Campus in the hallway between the President's office and the library. The work will be exhibited all semester and students, their friends and families will be invited to a celebratory reception.

Wednesday | February 19 11 - 2 p.m. & 4 - 6p.m.

Enjoy some pizza, get to know your instructors and learn more about the awesome math and science programs at Kalamazoo Valley.

Representatives from various student services will also be present.

A fun and informal get together with your math and science instructors.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Kalamazoo Promise Students

Kalamazoo Promise Services invites faculty and staff to attend its Kalamazoo Promise Luncheon Tuesday, March 17 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.

Sign Your Story Video Campaign

American Sign Language students and instructors from Kalamazoo Valley recently completed a video called #SignYourStory. The signed and captioned campaign includes students, ASL instructors and deaf community members explaining why ASL is important to them. [more](#)

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

Texas Township Campus

[Enter the Ned Foskey Poetry Prize Contest Before Feb. 28](#)

[Interested in a Career as a Dental Hygienist](#)

[Story Prize Contest Winners](#)

[Visiting Writers Series Continues in March](#)

Arcadia Commons Campus

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum Hosts 8th Annual Storytelling Festival](#)

[Call for Submissions for Faculty and Staff Art Show](#)

Bronson Healthy Living Campus

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

[Enjoy Lunch at the Havirmill Cafe](#)

[Taps on Tuesdays Continue this Month](#)

Groves Campus

[College Welcomes New Cadets to 89th Police Academy.](#)

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

Kalamazoo Valley in the News

[Calendar: Michigan Family Farms Conference](#)

[Shake Up Your Date Night Routine with These 90 + Ideas for Couples to Try in Kzoo](#)

[Trice Batson on WKZO](#)

[Kalamazoo, Michigan: No Brain Drain Here](#)

[High Tech Microbiology at Kalamazoo Valley.](#)

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

**HUMAN
RESOURCES**

**STAFF & FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT**