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August 3, 2020

Greetings,

I appreciate your resiliency and flexibility as we continue the phased-in approach to opening college buildings in preparation for fall semester. We remain in nearly constant contact with state and local governmental and community health officials to keep the college in compliance with all regulations related to the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff and the communities we serve.

In just over a month, fall semester begins. As a part of our coordinated student recruitment efforts, the college will host two “Inside Out” sessions, opportunities for students to complete the steps necessary to get enrolled in a safe, outdoor environment. Information about those invitation only events is included below. Employees scheduled to work at these events will be contacted by their supervisor.

In the midst of all of our planning for the new academic year, I hope that you will find time during this last official month of summer to enjoy activities with your family and friends and all those you hold dear.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L. Marshall Washington". The signature is fluid and cursive.

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

President

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INSIDE OUT

COMPLETE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO GET ENROLLED IN A SAFE, OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Students interested in attending Kalamazoo Valley this fall were invited to Inside Out, a special opportunity to complete the steps necessary to get enrolled in a safe, outdoor environment on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Texas Township Campus and Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Arcadia Commons Campus between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

During Inside Out, we're bringing our services outdoors to serve students in person. These services include:

- Admissions, Registration and Records
- Advising & Counseling
- Financial Aid
- Testing Center

Enrollment Management, Facilities and Event Services, IT, Public Safety, Operational and Institutional Support and Marketing will be providing assistance.

Employees will be contacted by their supervisor with details about participation.

These outdoor services are structured to meet social distancing guidelines put in place by the state of Michigan and an RSVP is required, with a maximum of 30 students attending per hour. Masks must be worn by everyone in attendance.

If we experience inclement weather, Inside Out will happen on Thursday, Aug. 13 and Thursday, Aug. 20 with the same expectations as outline above.



Virtual Fall Summit Set for September 2 and 3

Plans are underway for the Fall Semester 2020 Summit, which will take place on Sept. 2 and 3. Live and recorded sessions will be offered and the theme is mental health, anxiety and well-being. If you need a computer to participate in the Summit, please reach out to it@kvcc.edu for assistance.

The keynote speaker will be Sarah Rose Cavanagh, a psychologist, professor and associate director of the D'Amour Center for Teaching Excellence at Assumption College. Her research considers the contribution of emotions and emotion regulation to quality of life. She will present "Crafting Learning Environments of Compassionate Challenge."

Watch for details and registration links at www.kvcc.edu/summit.

Kalamazoo Valley is On the Road

Beginning today, you may notice one of our newest recruitment tactics - billboards - that have

been placed around town to highlight the benefits of enrolling in our classes.



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CNM to Host Creativity During Crisis

The Center for New Media is hosting a virtual art show, Creativity During Crisis, premiering on Sept. 4, 2020. Entries are being accepted until Aug. 14. The show is open to greater Kalamazoo area artists, writers and musicians. There is a limit of two entries per artist. Work must have been created after the Michigan "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order was put into effect on March 23, 2020.

The categories are animation/time based media/video; 2D artwork such as paintings, drawings, mixed media, digital and traditional art or photography; 3D artwork such as sculpture, ceramics, and mixed media; and the written word.

Entries will be featured on the Center for New Media's Facebook account

[@KalamazooValleyCNM](#) and on the Center's Instagram account [@centerfornewmedia](#). All entries must be sent by 4 p.m. on Aug. 14 to Cindy Parks via email at cparks@kvcc.edu. For detailed show requirements and submission instructions, see the [Gallery Requirements form](#).



Return to Campus Plan - Available at www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

Stay six feet apart when possible and do not congregate. Limit face-to-face interaction as much as possible. Wear a face covering, limit group gatherings and observe social distancing in hallways. Use elevators, walkways and hallways only when necessary.

WEAR FACIAL COVERINGS

In accordance with Gov. Whitmer's Executive Order, face coverings are required at all times in indoor public spaces.

PRACTICE PREVENTION HYGIENE

Wash hands frequently and use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Avoid touching your face, eyes or nose. Cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing.

IN-PERSON CLASSES AND MEETINGS

Classrooms and meeting spaces have been arranged to limit capacity and provide space for proper social distancing. Do not share food or other items that are difficult to disinfect. Keep in person meetings minimal and consider remote options. Clean and disinfect all table surfaces, chairs and computer equipment after each on-campus meeting.

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS

The CDC says those with COVID-19 report a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Cough
- Fever or chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Unexplained headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea

For severe symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.

WHAT IF I AM SICK OR HAVE BEEN AROUND SOMEONE WHO IS?

If you have been exposed or think you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you are experiencing symptoms, contact your healthcare provider or local health department for guidance.

If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home and follow quarantine directions given by your healthcare provider.

Contact your supervisor if you need to stay home.

For additional information, visit www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus.

**CALENDAR OF
EVENTS**

**HUMAN
RESOURCES**

**STAFF & FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT**