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September 15, 2020

Greetings,

Creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty and staff continues to be at the forefront of our efforts. I want everyone to follow all of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) prevention guidelines so that we can protect the communities we serve and remain in compliance with all Executive Orders and public health guidelines. This is a shared responsibility.

We are pressing forward with a multitude of fall activities which include virtual events for our students, the college and the broader communities we serve. The schedule includes a [Constitution Day](#) presentation on Sept. 17, the [Skilled Trades Expo](#) on Oct. 1 and an [Art Show](#) hosted via social media from the Center for New Media on Oct. 2. Fun and educational online activities are available on the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) website. The college and museum are major sponsors of the S.H.A.R.E. [Virtual Summit on Racism](#) in November and Virtual College Night events, in cooperation with K-College and Western Michigan University, are being planned. For a complete list of events, visit the Cougar Events calendar on the [college](#) website. I hope that you will take advantage of all that the college has to offer and that you will encourage our students to participate, too.

We continue to expand our association with other community collaborators like KalamazooRESA as the college provides classroom space for high school skilled trades classes. Plus, the college continues to serve as a convening organization for the Southwest Michigan Regional Advanced Manufacturing Consortium.

As Gov. Whitmer continues to relax some COVID-19 (Coronavirus) related restrictions, the college will follow the recommendations such as the reopening of the Fitness Center and the gym on the Texas Township Campus for student and employee use within the coming weeks.

The beginning of the fall semester is always busy, made even more so because of the many efforts required to deliver instruction, student services and community-building experiences for our students during this less than ideal season. I'm proud of the many ways you are continuing to respond to the challenge! I remain convinced that "together is better" and many of the best days for the college are ahead of us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

President

Kalamazoo Valley Employee Daily Self-Screening Information

As a reminder, Kalamazoo Valley employees are required to complete a daily self-screening questionnaire using the State of Michigan's MISymptoms tool before coming to campus, effective Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Get started [here](#).

Employer codes are assigned by your Cabinet level supervisor and listed below. Using the correct employer code ensures your screening will be recorded properly.

MISymptom self-screening questionnaire must be completed prior to entering any Kalamazoo Valley campus.

Employer Codes

Dennis Bertch | 1176-1688

Mike Collins | 3813-6133

Linda Depta | 4968-8091

Aaron Hilliard | 8926-6939

Craig Jbara | 6813-8992

Kathy Johnson | 5017-8861

Brian Lueth | 3176-1576

L. Marshall Washington | 4237-3294

Tim Welsh | 7625-1017

For more information about the State of Michigan's MISymptoms tool, click [here](#).

For additional Frequently Asked Questions about returning to campus, click [here](#).



Eagan Named New Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services

Dr. Paige Eagan will assume the responsibilities and role of the Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services beginning Sept. 16.

Currently Dr. Eagan serves as the Dean of Instruction for Mathematics and Sciences and she recently served the college as Interim Vice President for Instruction and Student Success Services.

Prior to joining the college, she served as Department Chair and Grant Coordinator/Physical Sciences Activity Director at Lake Michigan College. Dr. Eagan has more than 16 years of teaching experience as a faculty member at various institutions.

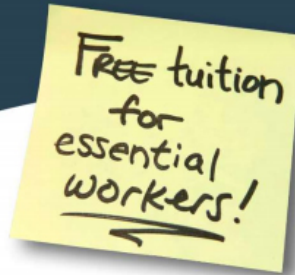
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Kalamazoo Valley Welcomes Frontline Workers

Frontline workers who've been thinking about going back to college or finishing their high school equivalency can now do it for free, thanks to a new program through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

Through the Futures for Frontliners scholarship program, Michiganders who served as essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic have the opportunity to attend community college tuition-free – even if they don't have a high school diploma or equivalency.

Examples of frontline workers are those who staffed grocery stores and restaurants, provided waste management services, manufactured Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), operated public transportation or provided critical police or fire services.

The program offers free tuition to pursue an associate degree or skill certificate at a community college either full-time or part-time while they work or while earning their high school diploma or equivalency through an approved adult education provider.

“Providing frontline workers in essential industries with access to tuition-free community college to pursue their career and personal dreams is a wonderful way to say ‘thank you’ – they certainly earned it,” said Megan Pauken, director of enrollment management at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. “We are excited about this opportunity and welcome frontline workers to Kalamazoo Valley.”

The application for seeking a college degree or certificate, attaining a high school diploma or equivalency and additional program information, including qualifying professions, are available now at [Michigan.gov/Frontliners](https://michigan.gov/Frontliners), with enrollment in classes available beginning January 2021.

Winter semester at Kalamazoo Valley begins Jan. 11.



Volunteers Needed for Valley Food Share

Valley Food Share is an initiative designed to meet the immediate food needs of Kalamazoo Valley students. Through the program, currently enrolled students can pick up a bag, or a “share” which includes food grown locally and sourced through our own Food Innovation Center as well as nonperishable items from Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes. The college has been providing students with shares once a week for more than a year.

Valley Food Share distribution is currently a drive-thru service on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. alternating between the Food Innovation Center and the Texas Township Campus. Volunteers are needed to help distribute shares to students who have indicated that they are in need. Please [sign up](#), if you are able. For more information, email foodshare@kvcc.edu.



Rebecca Durkee to Give Sept. 17 Constitution Day Talk

In celebration of Constitution Day on Sept. 17, sociology instructor Rebecca Durkee will discuss the centennial of the 19th Amendment. The passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment was a pivotal step in recognizing the right of women throughout the country to vote. Specifically, this amendment explicitly barred discrimination in voting based on one’s “sex,” (since interpreted by the Supreme Court to include gender and gender-identity).

Originally, the Constitution made no reference to sex or gender with regards to voter discrimination. However, practices varied widely across the states and generally resulted in discrimination against those who did not own land (at a time when it was practically impossible for African or Native American men or any women to legally own land.) In addition, many states explicitly prohibited voting for people who were not men. Thus, women were prevented from voting in many instances. The ratification of the 19th Amendment helped to ensure that many women could exercise this civic duty.

A controversial aspect of this amendment is the common belief that after 1920, all women were “allowed” to vote, commonly known as universal suffrage. However, while the 19th Amendment should have guaranteed the right to vote for all people regardless of sex, women of color continued to face discrimination at the polls for many years, despite African Americans’ right to vote being protected under the 15th Amendment, ratified in 1870.

Durkee will speak live at 2 p.m. at Anna Whitten Hall. The talk will be broadcast via Zoom to the rest of the college and will also be recorded. Register now, [here](#).

LIBRARY HOURS

TTC LIBRARY (UPPER LEVEL ONLY)

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
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Friday	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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WALK-IN BOOKSTORE SERVICE AT THE MAIN CAMPUS BOOKSTORE!

MONDAY-FRIDAY 11 AM - 4 PM



(l-r) Anna Fontaine, Ron Higginbotham, James Kordupel, Amy Longcore, Patrick Malsom, Erick Martin and Queen Roach

Faculty Instructional Awards

Faculty Instructional Award winners for 2020 were announced during the Fall Summit on Sept. 2. The Instructional Awards are part of an effort to recognize and honor individual excellence in teaching. The awards are designed to reward those instructors at Kalamazoo Valley who actively encourage students' intellectual curiosity, engage them in the enterprise of learning and have a lifelong impact. Award nominations are made by any current student, faculty or staff member. More than 400 entries were submitted for consideration this year.

This year's winners are math instructors James Kordupel and Amy Longcore; geography instructor Queen Roach; Anna Fontaine, English, philosophy and First Year Experience instructor; welding instructor Erick Martin; and physics instructor Patrick Malsom. English instructor Ron Higginbotham introduced the winners and noted that everyone rose to the challenge of teaching remotely when the pandemic began in March. This year, we are "celebrating the atmosphere of excellence that we all help maintain," he said.

See Kalamazoo Valley Community College President L. Marshall Washington's [video](#) congratulating the award winners here.

Watch a [video](#) of the instructors accepting their awards.

Work Schedule Options for Eligible Staff and Administrators

During this unprecedented COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic-related season, many staff and administrators must manage the demands of increasingly complicated student school schedules with their on-campus work schedules here at the college.

In addition to the leave options available to eligible staff and administrators who are responsible for pre-K through 12th grade students outlined in the Employee Handbook and the FFCRA, supervisors/administrators may now work with staff and administrative employees to design temporary, on-campus work schedules, in two or four week increments.

Complete the [Alternative Work Schedule form](#) in concert with your supervisor/administrator and forward the final document to your Cabinet-level supervisor for consideration.

Free Dinner for Valley Students

Broncos Kitchen, a free hunger-relief charity for college students, recently announced that it has partnered with Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry to fight food-insecurity.

Officials say the partnership will enable Broncos Kitchen to serve free dinners on Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. through the month of September.

A valid student ID is required to participate. Students from WMU, Kalamazoo College and Kalamazoo Valley Community College are welcome to join.

Mondays

58 West
5800 Jefferson Commons Dr
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Wednesdays

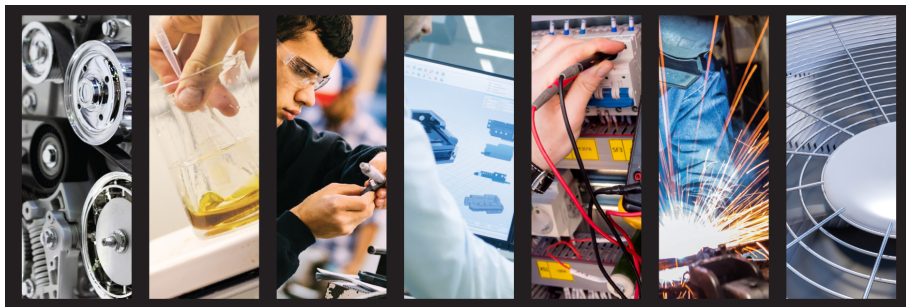
Wesley - United Methodist Campus Community
2350 Ring Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

Loaner Laptops Available

The college has loaner laptops available for students who don't have computers at home. To qualify, students must be registered and paid for their fall semester classes, have signed up for a college tuition payment plan or have financial aid on their account to cover their tuition and fees.

Direct students to go to www.kvcc.edu/laptop to complete an application.

Students should monitor their college email frequently to learn if they have been approved and to receive instructions about how and when to pick up their loaner laptop.



Kalamazoo Valley Hosts October 1 Virtual Skilled Expo

As a part of its celebration of National Manufacturing Week, Kalamazoo Valley Community College will stage a virtual [Skilled Trades Expo](#) on Thursday, Oct. 1.

Prospective students, families, employers and the general public will be directed to the website to view and participate in a variety of educational and interactive videos and activities which will include:

- Information about training at Kalamazoo Valley for high-paying jobs in these pathways:

Automotive Technology

Electrical Technology

HVAC Technology

Engineering/Design/Manufacturing Technology

Welding Technology

Computer Information Systems

- Interviews with Kalamazoo Valley faculty members
- Q and A sessions with employers, faculty and others

Mini Grant Program

For the 2020-21 academic year, the KVCC Foundation has established funding deadline dates for consideration of internal mini grant requests. Employees anticipating submission of mini grant requests to the Foundation must make plans in advance and adhere to the established deadlines. Mini grant applications must be submitted to the Director of Development, [Linda Depta](#), by the deadlines listed below. Early submission is helpful. Funds are limited and will be dispersed on a first come first served basis each year.

The following dates for internal mini grant requests have been established for the 2020-21 academic year. The mini grant request deadline is Oct. 16 for board funding consideration on Nov. 4. The mini grant request deadline is Jan. 15, 2021 for board funding consideration on Feb. 5.

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