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October 1, 2020

Greetings,

With the first weeks of fall semester well underway, we are already looking toward winter semester registration which opens on Monday, Oct. 5. Kalamazoo Valley Community College will offer a mix of face-to-face and remote classes for winter semester which begins on Jan. 11.

The winter [class schedule](#) has been finalized and is posted on the college website. Details about the registration process are being communicated with the college community and shared on the website and college social media. Recruitment activities and events are fully underway with community collaborators and prospective students.

Even as we begin registration for winter semester, there is still time for students to register for additional fall classes. Remind our students to take full advantage of all of our course offerings and activities including the virtual [Skilled Trades Expo](#) today and tomorrow.

Last week you received an invitation to join the Virtual Meet and Greet with Dr. Paige Eagan on Friday morning beginning at 9 a.m., please join us by using this Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/95900569046>.

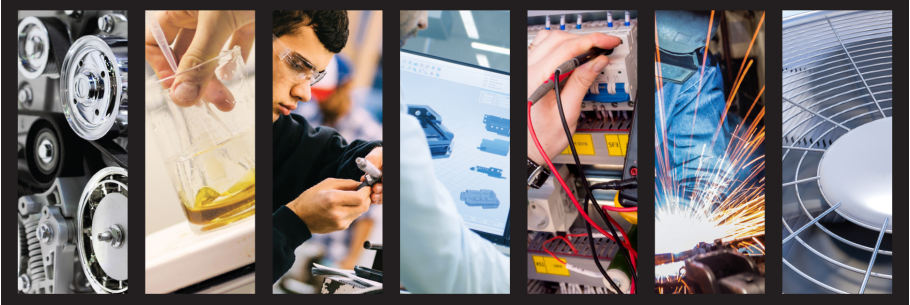
So many of us are continuing to juggle multiple demands for our attention. Our students are no exception. As they continue to navigate these uncertain times, your continued patience, good humor and encouragement can make the difference between despair and success in our learning environments and in life. Thank you for continuing to provide innovative and compassionate responses to the challenges we all face.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



Virtual Skilled Trades Expo

As a part of its celebration of National Manufacturing Week, Kalamazoo Valley Community College will stage a virtual [Skilled Trades Expo](#) today and tomorrow. 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, Chemical Technology
- Interviews with Kalamazoo Valley faculty members
- Q and A sessions with employers, faculty and others

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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Employee Registration for Winter Semester 2021

Employee registration for the Winter 2021 semester will be Oct. 2-4. Full and part-time employees may request access to online registration for themselves and/or their dependents through 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2.

To request access:

1. Send a new message to arr@kvcc.edu with "Employee Registration" as the subject. It must be from a "@kvcc.edu" address.
2. List the name and Valley Number or birthdate for each admitted person who will be registering.
3. We will add an access code to each person's record and reply back to confirm.
4. Beginning Oct. 2, each of you may log in to MyValley, select Register or Drop Classes from My Links and register.

If you miss this opportunity, you may still register following the standard registration schedule for all students beginning Monday, Oct. 5.

Payment for the Winter 2021 semester must be submitted by 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Please email the Admissions, Registration and Records office at arr@kvcc.edu, if you have questions.



Artwork by multimedia artist Erica Bradshaw

October Virtual Art Exhibit Features Illustrator Erica Bradshaw

The Center for New Media will host an October virtual Art Hop featuring multimedia illustrator and Kalamazoo Valley graduate Erica Bradshaw. The exhibit will premiere on Oct. 2.

"Growing up on 17 acres of field land, I am drawn to the variety of textures and patterns found in nature," Bradshaw said. "I enjoy incorporating these aspects in my work, often paired with collage. Working with mixed media has always been an immersive experience for me - it brings me joy to experiment with how materials interact with one other."

Bradshaw's exhibit will be posted on the Center for New Media's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.



Meet and Greet with Dr. Paige Eagan

Dr. Paige Eagan, the new Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Services, will host a Virtual Meet and Greet tomorrow, Oct. 2 from 9-9:30 a.m. Faculty and staff members are invited to participate by using this Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/95900569046>.

Dr. Eagan will talk about the overall vision for academics and student success services. She is looking forward to answering questions about the role of instruction and student success services, cross-department collaboration and the role of the college strategic plan for future planning.

After Friday's session, Dr. Eagan will begin inviting the broader college community to attend small group meetings. Watch for your invitation through email.

FREE TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS
DECEMBER 31,
2020

Apply by December 31, 2020 at **Michigan.gov/Frontliners** and discover how you can pursue your career and personal dreams tuition-free at Kalamazoo Valley. Winter semester begins January 11, 2021.

For questions about attending Kalamazoo Valley, visit **kvcc.edu/frontliners** or call **269.488.4303**.


FUTURES
FOR FRONTLINERS

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Kalamazoo Valley Welcomes Frontline Workers

Kalamazoo Valley is excited to welcome frontline workers, through the Futures for Frontliners program, to campus beginning in January of 2021. Help us spread the word about this incredible scholarship [program](#) that allows frontline employees who worked between April and June of 2020 to attend community college for free. Enrollment and retention are a part of everyone's job.

If you'd like printed materials for your office or electronic files to share with your contacts, please email [Erin Dominianni](#). If you questions related to enrollment, please contact [Lynn Grammel](#).

FACULTY SUCCESS CENTER

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Canvas Help is Available for Faculty and Students

There's no need for faculty or students to struggle with Canvas issues. Kalamazoo Valley's Learning Technologies Specialist Molly Pfaff says it's imperative that students take the student Canvas orientation before starting class. Students should automatically be enrolled so that it appears on [their Canvas Dashboard](#). Pfaff or Learning Technologies Coordinator David Kobb can check to see if a student is enrolled. Anyone can join a self-enroll version of the orientation at this link (case-sensitive): kalamazoo.instructure.com/enroll/WJ3MLK

Pfaff recommends that anyone working with students take the Canvas student orientation as well. "It's a work in progress, so we'd love to accept feedback based on what students are actually struggling with," Pfaff said. "Staff are also more than welcome to attend or watch our Canvas trainings for faculty." Kalamazoo Valley employees can register for live [Zoom](#) trainings, or visit the [Faculty Success Center](#) Youtube channel.

Pfaff points out that she and her colleagues in the Faculty Success Center can assist faculty who wish to make their own videos that show students step-by-step how to complete an assignment. As a first step,

visit bit.ly/fscmakingvideo.

[Canvas Guides for Faculty](#)

[Canvas Guides for Students](#)

[Basics Guide](#), aka introductions and definitions for most Canvas topics

[Video Guides](#) for both faculty and students

[Mobile Guides](#) for students/faculty using Canvas on a mobile device instead of a Mac/PC

[Canvas Student Orientation](#) (self-enroll version). This includes videos from the guides above, plus self-check quizzes. To report errors or make suggestions, please email facultysuccesscenter@kvcc.edu.

For more information about Canvas and other Faculty Success Center services, contact [Molly Pfaff](#) at ext. 4107 or [David Kobb](#) at ext. 4164.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

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Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Did you know this past Sept. 15 marked the official start of Hispanic Heritage Month? Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and celebrates the contributions Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South American and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to American society and culture. The observance was born in 1968 when Congress authorized the president to issue an annual proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week. Just two decades later, lawmakers expanded it to a month-long celebration, stretching from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

A number of our students come from a Hispanic/Latino background. Please join us for a virtual discussion on Wednesday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to noon as we explore the vast diversity, backgrounds and experiences of our Hispanic/Latino colleagues. RSVP to [Trice Batson](#) to receive the Zoom link.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
FOUNDATION 

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 disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis each 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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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A Message from IT

Please be mindful when reading and responding to emails. Many phishing attempts are currently circulating, including several related to COVID-19. Our spam filters catch most of these messages but occasionally a message gets through to your mailbox. College-wide messages are always sent by the marketing department and appear on a Kalamazoo Valley branded template. Please carefully examine the suspect email and look for things like spelling and grammar mistakes and hover over the sender's name to see the actual originating email address. If you receive any of these emails, be sure to mark them as spam.

If you have any doubts as to the legitimacy of any email you receive, please do not hesitate to contact the IT help desk. We ask that you please **DO NOT FORWARD** these types of emails to us or anyone else. This only delays our spam filter's ability to "learn." Please call the IT help desk at x4451 with details about the message. We can locate and view the message through our administrative console.



Virtual Summit Recap: Compassionate Challenge Takeaways

During last month's Virtual Summit, Dr. Sarah Rose Cavanagh spoke about the challenges young people are experiencing, specifically anxiety, during her keynote address. She is now sharing many of the resources and literature she referred to in her presentations with Kalamazoo Valley faculty and staff. You can view the [guide](#) on the Summit webpage.

Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: Helping You, Helping Students

How many times have you said this to your students? If you have a question, chances are someone else has the same question. The Kalamazoo Valley Libraries are in the business of answering questions, so let us answer all the questions that you (or your students) have.

How can my student get a copy of this week's reading?

In pre-COVID times, students could come to the Libraries and borrow a reserve copy of a textbook or other classroom materials. During COVID times, we're doing reserves a little differently. If you have classroom materials on reserve in the Libraries, students can call or email us at least 72 hours in advance, and we can work with them to give access to their readings.

Still need to put something on reserve? Contact [Ashley Bergkamp](#) (TTC) or [Franki Hand](#) (ACC) for assistance.

A student doesn't have internet access (or a laptop, or a graphing calculator), what can they do?

The Libraries can help with student hardware needs. Students can come to either library location – Texas Township or Arcadia Commons – and borrow a graphing calculator. Also, students can fill out an application for a [loaner laptop](#) or a [mobile wi-fi hotspot](#). All hardware loans are for the entire semester.

My students need help with their research paper, where do they start?

There are several ways to get research help from the Libraries:

- Request library instruction via Zoom or video from [Jim Ratliff](#) (ACC) or [Amy Brandt](#) (TTC).
- Point out the Help button in Canvas where there's a link to library contact information.
- Link to the Libraries website in your course: www.kvcc.edu/library.
- Let students know that library staff are not only available to answer questions, it's our job to answer questions. And we love what we do!

I have more questions that haven't been answered!

Please contact us, and let us answer your questions:

Call 269.488.4380 (TTC) or 269.373.7848 (ACC)

[Email](#)

Chat with a [college librarian 24/7](#)

Follow us on Instagram ([@kalamazoovallibraries](#))



The 418 Restaurant is open just for you! Kalamazoo Valley faculty and staff are invited to lunch at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. A [sign-up](#) link has been created to make a reservation. Reservation times are in 15-minute increments from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays through Oct. 22. Seating is limited in order to ensure proper social distancing and masks are required at all times in the building, except while dining.

A two-course lunch will be offered for \$12 and a three-course lunch will be offered for \$16.



Society For
History And
Racial Equity

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SHARE to Host Virtual Summit on Racism In November

The Society for History and Racial Equity (SHARE), with the support of Kalamazoo Valley Community College and its Kalamazoo Valley Museum, the Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Community Foundation and others, will present a virtual Summit on Racism Nov. 12-14. Registration for the virtual Summit, which will be accessed through Zoom, is now open. See the [SHARE](#) website and the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) website for more information. [more](#)

Flu Shots Not Offered on Campus

To reduce activity on campus and protect the safety of employees, we will not be offering an on campus flu shot clinic. Flu shots are available at many local pharmacies, doctor offices and clinics. Employees and their dependents covered by Kalamazoo Valley's medical plan with ASR are eligible to receive their flu shot at any in network location at no cost.

For information on seasonal flu, vaccines or help finding a vaccine clinic, please use these links: [vaccinefinder.org](#), [bronsonhealth.com](#) and [ascension.org](#).

FACILITIES SERVICES

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Important Information from Central Receiving

In an effort to help maintain the College as a safe place to learn and work, two new commodities have

been added to Central Stores: eight ounce bottles of hand sanitizer and 50 count packs of cleaning wipes. These two new additions will allow individual departments to stock up on necessary supplies, in addition to the freestanding sanitation stations, hand sanitizer pumps and wall-mounted sanitizer dispensers that have been made available throughout all common spaces of the College. Facilities Services is working to ensure that these units remain in working order and are filled at all times. Your department can request the sanitizer and wipes by visiting home.kvcc.edu and clicking on the "Paper-Other Supplies Request Form" link. We ask that initial requests do not exceed 12 bottles or 10 packs at a time. Because these items are stored on site, deliveries will occur within two business days after the request is received by Central Receiving.

In addition, Central Receiving recently experienced changes. As a smaller team we are working hard to support your needs, so the decision has been made to alter the Texas Township mail route. We will now be delivering/picking up mail once per day in the morning, and we appreciate your understanding and support of this necessary change. If your department has external (USPS) mail that needs to be sent out the same day after we have already been through, please feel free to bring the mail down and drop it into the outgoing mail bin in the hallway. Mail received before 4:00pm will go out the same day; anything after will go out the next day. If your department has interoffice mail that cannot wait until the following day, please consider taking it directly to the recipient or using an alternative method for transferring the information.

If there are any questions, please email receiving@kvcc.edu or call x4443.

Thank you,
Central Receiving

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