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February 15, 2021

Greetings,

One of the best things about being president of Kalamazoo Valley Community College is my front-row view of most of what happens at the college.

I see members of our college community demonstrating compassion and pursuing excellence as we continue to respond to the challenges of the pandemic, economic turmoil and the growing demand for social justice. Please check out this [short video](#) that highlights some of these efforts. Our mission binds us together and continues to provide focus for our work together.

Our values provide the standard for our interactions with one another, our students and the communities we serve:

- Caring and Respect
- Integrity
- Excellence and Quality
- Humor and Well-Being
- Teamwork and Stewardship

More than words on a page, these ideals call us all to a high level of performance and challenge us to bring the best version of ourselves to our work every day. I see you doing more, being more and helping more because that is what is required during times like these.

As I celebrate President's Day, I see you and I celebrate you and I am thankful for the great responsibility we have to make Kalamazoo Valley a place where every student can learn, belong and achieve success.

"Together is Better,"



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

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## College Health and Safety Guidelines

If you need a reminder about the college's health and safety expectations, visit [www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.kvcc.edu/coronavirus).

When you are working on campus, continue to complete a daily self-screening questionnaire using the [State of Michigan's MISymptoms](#) tool.

By working together, we can help minimize the long-term effects of this unprecedented situation.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

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## Vaccination Follow Up

On Feb. 9, 2021, members of the Kalamazoo Valley Human Resources Department and I met virtually with members of the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department (Health Department). During the meeting, Health Department, officials shared the progress of distributing the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccination throughout Kalamazoo County.

Vaccination clinics are currently scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week with a goal of administering 2,000 vaccinations each day that the clinics are open. In addition to Health Department staff there are approximately 400 retired physicians and nurses who have volunteered to assist in the effort.

The vaccines are also being distributed by Kalamazoo's two local hospitals, with 60% of the available vaccines going to the Health Department and 40% going to the hospitals. During the meeting, the Health Department representatives shared the obstacles created by the limited supply of vaccine availability. They are using both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and there are currently 26,000 people on the waiting list. The Health Department is following its priority list while assuring that the distribution process is equitable, transparent and efficient.

With this in mind, I would like to reference my prior communications. On Dec. 16, 2020, at the request of the Kalamazoo County Office of Emergency Management, I asked all employees to complete a survey to determine their interest in participating in Phase 1B vaccination. After sharing the survey with the Office of Emergency Management, the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) notified all Michigan community colleges that only K-12 schools and not community colleges would be included in Phase 1B. The Health Department is abiding by the priority rule and has encouraged me to direct employees to its [website](#) to determine vaccination

registration eligibility.

The progress of vaccination in Kalamazoo County is promising. As more information becomes available, I will continue to keep all employees updated.

Aaron Hilliard  
Vice President for Human Resources



### **United Way Campaign Kicks Off Today**

Kalamazoo Valley Community College and the United Way of the Greater Battle Creek/Kalamazoo Region will partner during the annual campus fund drive beginning Feb. 15 - 19. Over the next week, you will have the opportunity to help our community “Change the Story” by participating in this year’s United Way campaign. This campaign is about bringing people together to tackle our community’s most challenging issues, because no one person or organization can do it alone.

Your help is essential. With the help of hundreds of volunteers like you, we’re transforming our region together, one life at a time. Your contributions stay local, in our community. Your donations help many grassroots, small nonprofits who understand our local needs. [more](#)

## STUDENT SERVICES

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### **Important Academic Advising Survey Coming Soon!**

Kalamazoo Valley is participating in an important national self-study project called Excellence in Academic Advising which serves to establish standards for colleges and universities to evaluate and improve academic advising. These standards acknowledge the role of advising in promoting student learning, success and completion.

In order to gather feedback from important stakeholders at Kalamazoo Valley, our currently enrolled students as well as faculty and staff will be asked to complete a survey about their perceptions and experiences with academic advising. This survey will be coming soon to your

Valley email address, with the subject line "Academic Advising Survey." Please plan 15-20 minutes to complete it. If you have questions, please contact Laura Cosby at [lc Cosby@kvcc.edu](mailto:lc Cosby@kvcc.edu).

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## Help Us Increase our Social Media Presence

If you don't already, be sure to like the college on [Facebook](#) and follow us on both [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for all of the latest campus news. Have an event or information you want to share, email [marketing@kvcc.edu](mailto:marketing@kvcc.edu).

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## Spots Still Available for Professional Photos

Do you need a professional photo taken for use on the college website or for your LinkedIn profile? The marketing department will take photos in the Student Commons pit area Feb. 16 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 5 p.m. Please sign up [here](#). Questions? Email [marketing@kvcc.edu](mailto:marketing@kvcc.edu).

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## Black History Month Workshop

Kalamazoo Valley's office of Diversity and Inclusion welcomes Dr. Tonya Bailey for "The Dismantling of Othering," a Black History month workshop on Feb. 23 from 12:30 - 1:45 p.m. This workshop will explore Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy, connecting it to our inter-relatedness and what it means in 2021 to "Do"! The interactive keynote is designed to engage participants in the Tonya Bailey Experience and emphasize Dr. King's words and theme of this year's community-wide celebration "None of us is free until all of us are free." Attendees will walk away with tools on how to dismantle othering and achieve educational equity, racial healing, and celebrate oneness. Contact Diversity and Inclusion Director Trice Batson at [tbatson@kvcc.edu](mailto:tbatson@kvcc.edu) for the link to participate.

For the full list of Black History month events, including virtual art exhibits hosted by the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Center for New Media, click [here](#).

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### Visit the KVM

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 - 11:30 a.m. for pre-registered guests. Registration is available online through the Museum's calendar page and each session is currently limited to 10 guests. For more details about this in-person experience and other online programs, please visit the [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org).

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## Mollie Babbitt



Mollie Babbitt is a third year student at Kalamazoo Valley who started out taking prerequisites before she was accepted into the respiratory care practitioner program. She just started her second semester in the RCP program. In addition to being a full-time student, she works as a general medical unit clerk at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. [more](#)

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## LIBRARIES

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### **Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: Connecting Your Students to Technology and More**

Wondering how your students can get the equipment they need to connect with you and carry out their course work? Kalamazoo Valley Libraries can help.

#### **How can my student get a laptop?**

Once your students have filled out the [laptop loan application](#) and received approval by email, they may borrow a laptop from either library location—Texas Township or Arcadia Commons. They may keep their laptop for the entire semester.

#### **What if my student does not have internet access?**

No worries. Students can fill out a [mobile wi-fi hotspot application](#) to receive email approval and borrow the necessary hardware for the semester. The hotspots will allow the students to access the internet wherever they are, wirelessly.

**Can students get calculators at the library, too?**

Yes, they can! Scientific and graphing calculators are available for semester-long checkout – no pre-approval required.

**Do you (or your students) have other questions?**

We offer much more than hardware! We can hold and provide access to your course materials, help answer tough research questions, assist navigation of complex databases and scour library systems to put that sought-after resource in your hands. We are standing by virtually and in-person this semester to answer staff and student needs.

**And, for a light-hearted look at the services the Libraries offer.**

Take a look at the [video](#) library staff created, in order to insert a little happiness in the hard times of this past year.

Contact us today and let us help you simplify your semester!

**Virtual Assistance:**

Visit us [online](#) at

Call 269.488.4380 (TTC)

Email [libraries@kvcc.edu](mailto:libraries@kvcc.edu)

Zoom by appointment, please email

**Virtual Hours:**

Monday - Thursday | 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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

**Library Open Hours:****Texas Township Campus Library (TTC)**

Monday- Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Arcadia Commons Campus Library (ACC)**

Monday - Friday | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Curbside Assistance:****Texas Township Campus Library (TTC)**

Monday - Friday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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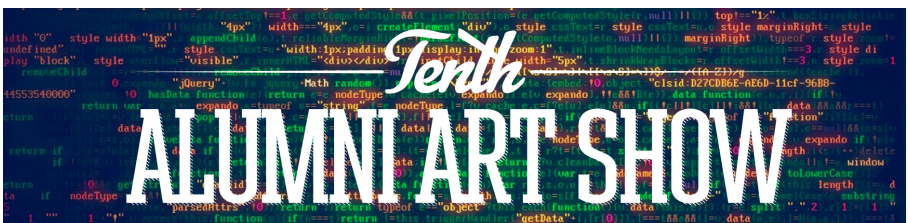
## Museum to Host March 6 Virtual Fretboard Festival

For 16 years, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum has hosted a fretboard festival, celebrating Kalamazoo's unique music history with live performances, demonstrations and workshops. The 2021 Fretboard Festival, set for March 6, is going to be different.

Instead of welcoming thousands of patrons into the museum, staff will be welcoming thousands to the virtual fretboard festival on the event website. A quick peek behind the stage curtain of this year's event will give hints about what participants can look forward to. Bob Rowe and the Green Valley Boys, Megan Dooley, The Go Rounds, Mark Sahlgren & Darcy Wilkin and Brian Koenigsnecht are among the musicians who are slated to perform.

Workshops for musicians of all skill levels are also planned, along with opportunities to explore the work of talented luthiers and admire exquisitely crafted instruments. Whatever you enjoy most about the festival, register in advance at [kvcc.edu/fretboard](http://kvcc.edu/fretboard) to get insider information, early content and first access to free workshop signups for the 2021 Fretboard Festival.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is governed by its Board of Trustees.



## Alumni+ Art Show Returns in June

It's time to get ready for Kalamazoo Valley's Tenth Alumni+ Juried Art Show! The show opens on Friday June 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

This juried art show is the opportunity for Kalamazoo Valley Alumni to showcase their works. Each year this show is held at Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media in conjunction with Art Hop.

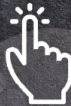
There is no artist entry fee and works submitted will be considered for six awards to be presented the night of the show. [more](#)

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Monday-Thursday

7:45am-1:30pm



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## IN THE NEWS

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum to Host March 6 Virtual Fretboard Festival](#)

[From Beer to Cervezas: Ex-Founders Brewer Relocates Abroad](#)

[Kalamazoo's Stuart Neighborhood: Where Every House has Its Own Story and There's a lot to Love](#)

[Community Conversations: Black Community Leaders Say Systemic Racism is Rooted in Policy](#)





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