





June 15, 2021

Greetings,

Summer is here and I hope that you are finding time to enjoy all that the season has to offer.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College continues to strengthen relationships with the people and organizations we serve.

Examples include the June 4 opening of the tenth Alumni+ Art Show. More than 20 alumni artists submitted 58 pieces for this juried show on display now through the end of the month.

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum presents [Giants, Dragons & Unicorns](#), a new traveling exhibit opening today. The museum remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for registered guests of all ages.

On June 19, the college is collaborating with Soul Artistry for a local celebration of the

commemoration of the end of slavery, Juneteenth. Throughout July, the college will celebrate Hispanic heritage in partnership with El Concilio/Kalamazoo Hispanic Council during special activities including a fine art show by local Hispanic artists at the [Center for New Media opening on July 2](#).

The college's enrollment management team and others continue to pay tribute to graduating high school seniors as they visit summer community events and activities in the "Cougar Cruiser". In addition, members of the college community will be participating in the [Downtown Kalamazoo Partnership's Kalamazoo Market](#) on the second Saturday of each month through October to meet and share with the community the Kalamazoo Valley story.

These efforts and many more are designed to demonstrate our commitment to our students, their families and the broader community. We believe that lives can be changed through communities that are uplifted. Kalamazoo Valley will continue to seek out and collaborate with others who share our dedication to providing accessible platforms for engagement and learning, because we believe that teaching and learning hold the power to change lives.

I hope that as we continue to focus on students in the classroom and online during summer semester that we will remember our place in the broader community. Get out and enjoy all that Michigan has to offer!

Sincerely,



L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
President

## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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### **Return to Campus Schedule Update**

On June 1, I communicated with you about the continued phased in re-opening of campus buildings for administrators, staff, faculty, students and guests. Today, I am writing to remind you to continue to prepare for on-campus work, which does not include a rotational schedule.

As you return to an on-campus work schedule, specific health and safety precautions remain in effect, including:

- Face coverings, worn properly, will continued to be required for all people on college property

- When possible, proper social distancing is still required, existing precautions related to offices, common spaces and classroom and labs will continue
- Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting protocols will continue
- Frequent handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer is recommended
- Daily [health screening](#) will continue to be required for all those working, learning or visiting our campus buildings

The COVID-19 (Coronavirus) vaccine has been proven a safe and effective way to prevent the spread of the virus; we encourage everyone to become vaccinated.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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### Traffic Alert

Beginning Monday, June 21 O Avenue between 6th and 8th Streets will be closed for construction. Seek an alternate route.

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### EAA - Advising Selection and Development Task Force

The Advising Selection and Development Task Force consists of 16 active members with diverse departments represented including Human Resources, Advising and Counseling, Office of Student Access, Financial Aid, Admin Support, Kalamazoo Promise, Employment Services and Apprenticeships.

The kick-off meetings were held in late May where members reviewed the EAA Platform and divided responsibilities into sub-working groups. The KPI's umbrella consists of Hiring Practices, Advisor Development and Practices, Recognition and Reward, Professional Development and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. The Task Force is in the process of understanding the KPIs and gathering evidence data to guide our research.

The Task Force members will be meeting twice a month.

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### **Erick Martin Named the MCCA 2021 Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient**

Kalamazoo Valley Community College welding instructor Erick Martin has been named the Michigan Community College Association's 2021 Outstanding Faculty Award recipient. "This is a great recognition of the high quality faculty from your college," said MCCA President Michael Hansen. Martin will be honored at the organization's summer conference in July.

"We are proud of Erick and his latest achievement," said college President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. "He's one of a kind and we're fortunate to have him sharing his expertise with our welding students."

Martin has worked at Kalamazoo Valley since 1998. He helped to develop rapid training options that enable students to achieve a welding skill set and degree in one semester with both daytime and evening classes. He has represented the technical trades department on the Academic Leadership Council for 10 years and has served on a number of hiring and search committees, ensuring that the college is hiring the most qualified applicants. [more](#)



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**KPS and Community Partners Awarded Grant to Create Apprenticeship Program**

Kalamazoo Public Schools has been awarded a grant from the Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship (PAYA) to expand apprenticeships for high-school aged youth in the Kalamazoo area through a new effort called Career Launch Kalamazoo. The \$25,000 grant will support Career Launch Kalamazoo strategy development and implementation through fall 2022. In addition to funding, the grant also includes more than \$1 million of in-kind support for technical assistance, strategic planning, coaching sessions with experts, learning trips, access to learning partners, problems of practice and cycles of inquiry work to enhance programming.

PAYA also will provide Career Launch Kalamazoo with technical assistance from PAYA's national partners, cross-site learning opportunities, and opportunities to participate in national research, communications, and access to the PAYA Network, a group of organizations working to expand and improve apprenticeships for high schoolers.

The grant will support the work of local employers, educators, community partners and policy leaders who are building high-quality youth apprenticeship programs that promote inclusive economic development and create new opportunities for young people.

The grant drew more than 200 applications, and KPS received one of only six grants awarded this year. KPS is one of 17 grantees from across the country that has been funded over the years. With the grant, KPS will partner with Kalamazoo Valley Community College, the City of Kalamazoo, The Kalamazoo Promise, Bronson Healthcare Group, Flowserve and MANN+HUMMEL to create Career Launch Kalamazoo, a program designed to provide KPS students with apprenticeships in three high-demand career areas: information technology, healthcare, and manufacturing.



### **Winners of the 2021 English Department Essay Contest** **Essays from English 099**

First Place: Words Unspoken by Vanessa Vang

Second Place: Trapped by Jordan Watts

### **Essays from English 110**

### *Comparison/Contrast Essays*

First Place: From Skirts to Scrubs by Jillian Green

### *Research Essays*

First Place: Call-out Culture: Why the Ends Do Not Justify the Means by Tatum Merriam

### *Other Essays*

First Place: ". . . and the fans from thirty years ago send their hopes across their weary lungs":

Fragile Masculinity and Culture-Produced Gender Roles in "At Fifty" by Gwen Serrine

Second Place: Drop-off by Darrin Door

## **Essays from English 111**

### *Literary Criticism Essays*

First Place: A Beacon of Light in a Yellow Coat by Tatum Merriam

Second Place: Discovering Your Place by Kirby Snow

Honorable Mention: To a Daughter Leaving Home by Linda Pastan by Kathryn Pusevic

Honorable Mention: A Morning to Admire: Ted Hughes' "The Horses" by Emma Temple

## **Essays from English 160**

### *M Research Essays*

Considering the Nature of the Angel by Jonah Verhage

## **Essays from English 203 and 230**

First Place: The Oppressive Objective of the "American Idea": America's Affidavit Prohibits Equality and Perpetuates White Privilege by Grave Hovda

Second Place: Sula: The Complexity of the Alternative by Chloe Nivala

# LIBRARIES

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## **Kalamazoo Valley Libraries: In-Person Access to Textbook Reserves Has Returned**

Has it been difficult for your students to access their textbooks off campus? Have your students missed being able to use reserve copies of their textbooks in the library? Or perhaps they miss having a quiet place to read? Good news! The library has made physical copies of textbook reserves available for use. Most are available for a 3 hour loan during the library's open hours.

Students just need to follow a few simple steps:

- Come to the library's front desk
- Provide library staff with their class number and instructor or the book's title
- Have their Valley ID available to check out the book

Please be aware that we do not have a copy of every textbook. If you have a copy of your class textbook you would like to place on reserve, please contact the library for more information. To search for a book's availability, please see our page on [Textbook and Course Reserves](#) for

instructions and other helpful information.

If your students are unable or uncomfortable coming to campus to use reserves in person, library staff will continue to offer [curbside](#) pick up service for a limited number of pages per book at the Texas Township Campus.

**Virtual Assistance:**

Visit us [online](#)

Call 269.488.4380 (TTC)

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

Zoom by appointment, please email

**Summer Hours 2021**

**Virtual Hours:**

Monday - Thursday | 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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

**Library Open Hours:**

**Texas Township Campus Library (TTC)**

Monday- Thursday | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.\*

**Arcadia Commons Campus Library (ACC)**

**(located in Anna Whitten Hall, Room 321)**

Monday | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Tuesday | 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - Thursday | 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

*\* The libraries are closed until 9 a.m. on Tuesdays for staff training.*

# MARKETING DEPARTMENT

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**Reminder! Submit Your Events for the Student Planner**

The college will printing the Student Planner for the 2021-2022 school year. Please use this [link](#) to submit your events/important dates for inclusion. We know that planning is difficult right now but please include as much detail as possible. To keep everything organized, use only the link provided. Do not send attachments or emails with your information.

This information also will be used to populate the college's master calendar, social media posts and in other college marketing. Please include all significant dates so our students are informed

and prepared.

In order to have the Student Planner ready for the first day of classes, all information must be submitted by **June 21**.

If you have any questions please contact [Khadijah Kabbani](#), marketing department intern.



### **Respiratory Care Program Receives Credentialing Success Award**

The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) has presented the Respiratory Care Practitioner program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College its Distinguished RRT (Registered Respiratory Therapy) Credentialing Success Award. This distinction is awarded as a part of the CoARC's continued efforts to value the RRT credential as a standard of professional achievement. This is the program's fourth consecutive year to receive this award.

The primary responsibility of CoARC is to accredit programs based on their compliance with established accreditation standards. Respiratory Care Program Director Susan Pearson said, "Our goal is to prepare students for important life-saving careers in respiratory care, especially now, as the world's attention is focused on respiratory-related illnesses caused by the COVID-19 virus and other diseases. Kalamazoo Valley's program selection for this recognition provides our program with the acknowledgement it deserves."

Kalamazoo Valley's program prepares graduates for national credentialing examinations which lead to certification and registry. Extensive adult and neonatal critical care experience is included as a part of this program. Major emphasis is placed upon cardiopulmonary critical care technology. "Our students receive nationally recognized training both in the classroom and in the field," said Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, Paige Eagan, Ph.D. "We are very pleased to receive the CoARC Credentialing Success Award."

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Tracy Klinesteker, Autumn Nguyen and Cathy Green

## 2021 Alumni+ Art Show Winners Announced

The awards presentation for Kalamazoo Valley's Tenth Alumni+ Art Show took place during Art Hop on Friday, June 4 at the Center for New Media in downtown Kalamazoo. This juried art show enables Kalamazoo Valley alumni to showcase their works in a professional gallery setting. This year's show includes 58 entries from 22 alumni artists who work in the genres of ceramics, carving, digital art, painting, video art and more. The art show, launched in April 2010, is sponsored by Kalamazoo Valley's Alumni+ program, and is a way for graduates, former students and supporters of Kalamazoo Valley to stay connected to the college and each other. The award winning artists, their prizes and background information follows below.

### Show Judge

Judging Kalamazoo Valley's 2021 Alumni+ Art Show was Katherine Ransbottom. Ransbottom has been Associate Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at the Kalamazoo Institute of Art (KIA) since 2018. She started at the KIA as a curatorial intern in 2012. Most recently she curated at the KIA *Natural Forms: Contemporary Works by Japanese Women (2019)*, and *Through the Years: Selections from the Asian Collection (2021)*. She holds a BA in Art History and an MA in Museum Studies.

### Winners

#### **BEST OF SHOW - \$500**

Stephen Maronto | "Green Crystalline" | ceramic, clay, glazed

This is Stephen Maronto's first time entering a Kalamazoo Valley Alumni+ Art Show. He attended Kalamazoo Valley between 1991 and 2020. His work has previously been shown and for sale in the Kalamazoo Valley Potters' Fall Art Show and Sale in 2018. Mr. Maronto was a participating artist at the 2019 Art Show and Sale, held at Second Reformed Church, Kalamazoo. The fall 2017 issue of KIA's magazine *Sightlines* noted Maronto's crystalline glazed ceramic work as one of six local artists whose work was chosen to be sold at the KIA shop.

#### **DIRECTOR'S CHOICE - \$400**

Cathy Green | "Endangered" | glazed stoneware

2021 is Cathy's third time entering her work in Kalamazoo Valley's Alumni+ Art Show, previously

entering in 2017 and 2019. Her work entered in 2017 won an Honorable Mention. She attended Kalamazoo Valley between 1989 and 2006 and is a member of the Kalamazoo Valley Potters. Green has been working with clay since the 1970s and her love of nature is reflected in much of her work. Her work can be seen at her [website](#) and at the Bridge Street Gallery, Plainwell, Spirit of Kalamazoo Shop, and at the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Augusta.

### **FIRST PLACE - \$300**

Tracy Klinesteker | "Beaver Island Marsh" | soft pastel on UArt Board, gesso

This was Tracy's fifth year entering work in Valley's Alumni+ Show. She entered Valley's Alumni+ Art show in 2015, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Previous entries garnered a 2nd Place award in 2019, and Best of Show in 2020. She attended Kalamazoo Valley in 2013 and 2014 and is a member of the Great Lakes Pastel Society. Her pastel work was previously on exhibit at the People's Church of Kalamazoo in 2017. As part of a KIA project Klinesteker, along with Frank Wolf, presented an ARTBREAK TALK-Making Art Accessible to the Blind. This presentation is now available at the National Docents.org site. More of her work can be seen at [tracy-klinesteker.format.com](http://tracy-klinesteker.format.com).

### **SECOND PLACE - \$200**

Autumn Thu P Nguyen | "Facing Life" | water color

This is Autumn Nguyen's first Alumni+ Art Show. She earned an A.A.S. in Graphic Design at Kalamazoo Valley Community College in 1997.

### **THIRD PLACE - \$100**

Angelita Kolodzieczyk | "Purple Dahlia" | water color

This is Angelita Kolodzieczyk's first Alumni+ Art Show. Angelita attended Kalamazoo Valley from 1978 to 2010.

### **FOURTH PLACE - \$50**

Hilary Harper | "Reverie" | digital photography, layered digital photos

2021 marks Hilary Harper's second time entering an Alumni+ Art Show, having previously entered in 2019. She earned an A.A. Liberal Arts in 1986 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. In addition to being a photographer, Harper is an accomplished writer who earned an MFA in Creative Writing at Queens University of Charlotte in North Carolina. Learn more about Hilary's writing at [here](#).

### **HONORABLE MENTION - \$25**

Nancy Maronto | "Totem" | ceramics, clay, glaze

This is Nancy Maronto's first time entering an Alumni+ Art Show at Kalamazoo Valley. She attended Kalamazoo Valley from 1995 to 2020.



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