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September 15, 2021

Dear College Community,

On Sept. 9, 2021, the White House announced that the Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is developing an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) that will require all employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative COVID-19 test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work.

Exactly when the rule will be published, when it will take effect and what it will include remains to be seen. We will continue to look for the new rule to be published, seek to understand the details and possibly develop protocols to address how the new developments may affect the college and the communities we serve.

Kalamazoo Valley will continue with the health and safety protocols previously shared with the entire college community. Creating a safe environment is a shared responsibility and I appreciate all that you are doing to comply with college guidelines.

I will continue to communicate with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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



First days of classes. Go to Kalamazoo Valley's [Flickr](#) page to view all photos.

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION & RECORDS

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Encourage students to register for 2nd 12 and seven week courses. Classes start Sept. 22 and Oct. 27. A list of 12-week classes available can be found [here](#). Click [here](#) for seven-week classes.

Student Services Contact Information

Wondering who to direct students to for help? Please use this [contact sheet](#) for the names and contact information for college student services.

Students can [self-schedule](#) their appointment through MyValley. Please direct them to click on "Schedule an Appointment with Student Services" under My Links.



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Input Needed!

Thank you for participating in the Fall 2021 Virtual Summit. In an effort to continuously improve the Summit, we welcome your feedback. Please complete this [short survey](#) by Sept. 20 and let us know your thoughts.

Thank you,
Summit Planning Committee

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.

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 provide access to your course materials, help answer research questions, assist navigation of 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 quick guide to frequently asked questions...

If you or your students have a question such as formatting a document in Microsoft Word, citing a source or adding an attachment to an e-mail, take a look at these [How-To Videos](#) library staff created to answer those questions and more.

We look forward to connecting with you!

*We appreciate you following the college's safety protocols and practicing social distancing when you visit us.

Virtual Assistance:

Visit us [online](#)

Call 269.488.4380 (TTC)

Email libraries@kvcc.edu

Zoom by appointment, please email

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

Faculty Instructional Award Winners Announced

The Faculty Instructional Awards were presented Sept. 1 during the Fall 2021 Summit. The awards are part of an effort to recognize and honor individual excellence in teaching and 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 life-long impact.

Any current student, faculty or staff member is able nominate their choice for this important recognition.

This year's award winners are:

Alberto Cintron-Colon, Biology Instructor

Cheryl Almeda, English and Foundations Development Instructor

Chris Pruis, Chemistry Instructor

Lois Baldwin, Psychology Instructor and Counselor

Mark Love, Business and Foundations Development Instructor

Michael Keller, English Instructor

Stephanie Hughes, Culinary Instructor

Theresa Shane, Nursing Instructor

Congratulations to all!



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VETERANS SERVICES

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College Named Veteran Friendly School with Gold-Level Status

Michigan Veterans Affairs agency recently named Kalamazoo Valley Community College a Veteran Friendly School, with gold-level status.

The Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools Program recognizes academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students. These institutions are awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze-level status based on their veteran-centric services and programs. Any academic institution or training facility in Michigan eligible to receive veteran education benefits can apply for the program.

Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services Coordinator Charles Heidelberg said it is an honor to be named a 2021 Veteran Friendly School.

"Achieving gold-level status is a real testament to the college's efforts to not just be veteran-

women every step of the way."

For more information about the veteran services available on campus, contact Heidelberg at 269.488.4970 or veterans@kvcc.edu.



Sustainable Brewing Program Wins Top Craft Beer Awards

We have some very exciting news from our brewing department's faculty, staff, and students. The past week has been an eventful one for the brewing department. At the U.S. Open College Beer Championship, student beers earned one Gold and two Silver Medals, and placed 4th overall!

The U.S. Open College Beer Championship is for colleges and universities that teach brewing courses. Any college or university that offers courses in brewing can enter. In the fifth year of this competition, eleven colleges and universities from the United States and Canada participated.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College won a Gold medal for Pineapple Peppercorn Berliner Weiss, created by by students Kaelyn Aures and Mike Jones; Silver medals for Schwarzbier, made by students Kaelyn Aures and Mike Jones; My Old Friend, crafted by students Christopher Scheibel, Daniel Houvener, Jacob Miller, Tyler Rosey, Joseph Parker, and Theodore Woznicki.

And if this was not enough great news, it gets even better!

At the Great American Beer Festival Competition, an internationally acclaimed competition featuring the best breweries and craft beer industry greats, Kalamazoo Valley's Sustainable Brewing program earned a Bronze Medal. The beer "Sour Flower" was one of 118 entries in the Contemporary Gose category, and was the only collegiate entry to earn a medal in any category.

The program faculty and staff intend on competing in these competitions moving forward - something future students can look forward to participating in.

"Congratulations to brewing instructors Aaron Ross and Brian Lindberg, lab assistant Elijah Giles and brewing operations manager Taylor Darling, who have worked so hard to give our students

Culinary Education and Culinary Instructor.



Valley Food Share Assists Students with Food Insecurity

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 box, 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, to take home. The college has provided students with shares once a week since March of 2019.

Valley Food Share distribution is currently a drive-thru service on Thursdays between 2 - 4 p.m. alternating between the Food Innovation Center and the Texas Township Campus. **Students will receive an email each Thursday afternoon with a link to sign up for a box of food for the next week.** If coming by car, we ask that they remain in your vehicle and the share will be placed in your trunk by college employees. If they come on foot or on a bicycle, a face covering is required.

If you have any questions or would like materials to distribute in your classroom, please email foodshare@kvcc.edu.

WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER

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The Wellness and Fitness Center is Open

The Wellness and Fitness Center has reopened for employees Monday – Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Additionally, students taking WPE classes may visit the Wellness and Fitness Center (WFC) during their scheduled class meeting time and to complete WPE assigned activities during open hours.

The safety of faculty, staff and students remains a top priority. Please make note of the following:

- First-time users of the WFC will be required to watch a video regarding the use and proper cleaning of equipment.
- Scanning in and out with college ID will be strictly enforced.

proper procedures for cleaning equipment after each usage.

- Towels will not be provided.

TAPS ON TUESDAYS

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TUESDAYS 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.

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HAVIRMILL
CAFE

REOPENING



Havirmill Cafe and 418 Open for Business

The student-run Havirmill Cafe in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building reopens today. Hours are 7:30 - 11 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. for lunch. The cafe will be open Monday through Thursday.

Breakfast options will be mostly grab-and-go items. Lunch on Mondays will be lighter fare including soups, salads and sandwiches. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will have more entrees and hot food options. Menus will rotate through various regional American cuisines.

Many of the food items will be packaged so as to reduce touch points with serving utensils. Guests are asked to maintain at least three feet of distance between each other while moving through the line.

For the next few weeks, the cafe and restaurant will be open only to students, faculty and staff.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM

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Relax and Meditate at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum

Come to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum planetarium, let go for a little while and feel the effects of ancient sound instruments on your mind, body and spirit on Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Leave feeling a deep peace and calm. In this sound immersion experience, Tibetan bowls, crystal bowls, tuning forks and other sound instruments will be used to help a busy mind down-shift to relaxation, meditation and deep state healing. No previous experience in music or meditation is necessary. [more](#)

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National Hispanic American Heritage Month Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

In celebration of National Hispanic American Heritage Month, Kalamazoo Valley is a sponsor of the Gilmore Festival's free Sept. 24 Nachito Herrera plays Cuban Jazz concert at 6 p.m. in Bronson Park. The event will also be live streamed. Participants who plan to watch in person should bring a lawn chair or blanket and follow state and local Covid-19 safety protocols.

For more information click [here](#).

CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA

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October Art Hop Features Natalya Critchley

The Oct. 1 Art Hop at the Center for New Media will feature paintings by artist Natalya Critchley. She is an English born artist who came to Venezuela looking for light at 18, and settled in Puerto Ordaz, an industrial city on the confluence of the Orinoco and Caroni rivers, with the brightest

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