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MISSION STATEMENT

Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive.

Nov. 1, 2022

Greetings,

Keeping the lines of communication open is a key to organizational success. Actively engaging one another in meaningful conversations has been an important part of our work together over the past several years. I continue to enjoy your input and feedback on our combined efforts to make Kalamazoo Valley Community College a great place for all to learn, grow and thrive.

I invite you to make a reservation for lunch and conversation with me and your college colleagues, by choosing from one of the two dates listed in the article below.

We are entering a very busy time of the academic year, working toward to the completion of the current semester, commencement and the end of the calendar year. Political rhetoric, family responsibilities and the change of seasons can be overwhelming. Therefore, I encourage you to do everything possible to stay focused on our mission and the work at hand. Let's keep communicating, collaborating and working together!

Sincerely,

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

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



Lunch with the President

President Washington invites faculty and staff to join him for a casual lunch gathering in the private dining room of the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building at noon on Nov. 17 or Dec. 7. Choose only one date, please. Space is limited to 15 attendees and registration is required to attend. We anticipate that additional dates will be available later in this academic year. Click [here](#) to make your reservation.

MARKETING DEPARTMENT

Order your College-Branded Office Apparel Now

The college's online pop-up shop for ordering college-branded office apparel is now available. Male and female dress shirts, cardigans and sweaters are available. You chose the item and the color. Orders can be placed between Nov. 1-14 with an estimated delivery of Dec. 19. All sales are final. There are no returns, exchanges or refunds. If stock becomes unavailable, you will be contacted. The college does not have samples available. Employees must use their own personal credit card for purchases and have the items shipped to their home. The site can be accessed [here](#) or through the employee portal, under "Marketing." For more casual attire such as T-shirts and sweatshirts, visit the college Bookstore or shop online at bookstore.kvcc.edu.

If you have questions, please contact Robyn Hughes at x4687 or rhughes@kvcc.edu.

WELLNESS AND FITNESS CENTER

Expanded Pool Hours Announced

Beginning today, the pool on the Texas Township Campus will be open during the following days and times:

	Open	Close
Monday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Tuesday	11:45 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	Coming Soon	
Friday	11:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.





WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2
3 - 6 P.M.
TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

Students!

Connect with employers and learn more about careers in the Human Services | Social Sciences Education | Public Service pathways.

Free and open to everyone!

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Visiting Writers Series Continues on Nov. 3 with Nancy Eimers



Kalamazoo Valley's "About Writing" Visiting Writers series is coordinated by English instructor Julie Stotz-Ghosh, Ph.D., and offers students the opportunity to talk with professional writers and



and a 2:15 p.m. reading by the author.

On Thursday, Nov. 3, author Nancy Eimers will discuss her new chapbook, "Human Figures."

She is the author of four previous poetry collections, "Oz," "A Grammar to Waking," "No Moon" and "Destroying Angel." Her poems have appeared in numerous magazines and anthologies, and she has been the recipient of a Nation Discovery Award, a Whiting Writers Award and two National Education Association Fellowships. She lives in Kalamazoo.

For more details about the Visiting Writers series, click [here](#).

ATHLETICS

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Lady Cougars Volleyball Team Headed to Regionals Nov. 3

Congratulations to the Kalamazoo Valley Community College volleyball team for qualifying for Regionals. The players ended their season on Oct. 27 with a 9-3 record in the Western Conference. This record placed them second in the conference behind Lake Michigan College that finished 10-2.

This second-place finish earned the Lady Cougars a spot in the National Junior College Athletic Association Region 12 Tournament to be held Nov. 3 - 5, hosted by St. Clair County Community College in Port Huron, Michigan. "We're very proud of the accomplishments of our Cougar volleyball team this past season," said Athletic Director Russ Panico. "Root them on now in Regionals. Go Cougars!"

The Lady Cougars will compete in the first round against Alpena Community College on Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Find more tournament information [here](#). You can follow the team on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok @kvccvb.

Volleyball Player Spotlight

Player Spotlight is an occasional feature highlighting outstanding student-athletes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The honorees have been nominated by their coaches.



**Sarah Stauffer****Position:** Outside Hitter**Hometown:** Sturgis, Michigan**Major:** Dental Hygiene

Why outstanding: As a freshman, Stauffer has earned a starting spot on our 2022 roster as an outside hitter from Centreville High School. She has become an integral part of the Cougar offense and is very close to accumulating 200+ kills this season.

**Rainie Atherton****Position:** Defensive Specialist**Hometown:** White Pigeon, Michigan**Major:** Elementary Education

Why outstanding: Atherton is a freshman defensive specialist from White Pigeon High School. She shows tremendous hustle and aggressiveness on defense, as well as serving. This season she has racked up 200+ kills and 16 service aces.

**EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE****November Activities**

The first Friday monthly euchre meet up is this Friday, Nov. 4 in Room 4370 at TTC from 12 -1 p.m.. Please let Julia Fedeson at jfedeson@kvcc.edu know if you plan on joining!



with an appetizer potluck. Connect with Bethann Talsma at btalsma@kvcc.edu for more information for evening euchre.

Walk and Meditate: We will walk outdoors for 30 minutes and end with a 10 minutes silent meditation Monday Nov. 21 at Noon (Meet at flag entrance) AWH on Tuesday, Nov. 22 at Noon (Meet in the first floor lobby) . Wear comfortable shoes and dress. If raining, we will walk indoors. Please let Cathy Colella at ccolella@kvcc.edu if you plan on attending.



Call for Proposals for Winter 2023

Has your department embraced new practices or procedures that others could benefit from knowing? Do you have a skill, talent or activity that others might enjoy? Do you have something to share with the college community? Everyone at the college is invited to submit a proposal for the Winter 2023 Summit. Presentations can be 30 or 50 minutes - your choice! The in-person event will take place on Thursday, Jan. 5 and will include the annual Board of Trustees Breakfast and recognition of employee years of service.

Proposals should support one of the following college values:

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

Submit your proposal [here](#) by Nov. 11.





VETERANS DAY

★★★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★★★

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 p.m. | Modern Warrior Live video presentation in Room 9130 (TTC)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

7:30 a.m. | Flag raising ceremony at Flag Pole Entrance | Texas Township Campus

1 p.m. | Modern Warrior Live video presentation in Room 9130 (TTC)

5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. | Veteran's Recognition Men's and Women's Basketball Games vs. Milwaukee Technical College Main Gym | Texas Township Campus

Color Guard presentation | Free T-shirts for veterans and/or dependent | Admission is free!

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LGBTQ Advocacy Training

Staff and students are invited to learn to be better advocates and allies to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people during a Safe on Campus Training session set for Friday, Nov. 18

Participants will receive information on practical strategies for addressing homophobia, learn ways to support students who are "coming out" and gain an understanding of respectful language use. Participants may choose to become members of the Ally program by signing a pledge of support for LGBTQ people.

Ally members are given a placard to display in their campus living or work place. This indicates the space is safe for LGBTQ persons to discuss their concerns. Membership is optional. The Safe on Campus (Ally) Training includes the viewing of a one-hour video. This video is a PowerPoint presentation with audio and close captioning that can be viewed on YouTube. For registration and details, contact Director of Diversity and Inclusion Trice Batson at 269.488.4119 or tbatson@kvcc.edu.

Diversity and Bias in the Search Committee Process Workshops

Participants in these important sessions will explore the various types of implicit and unconscious bias, what they look/sound like during a search committee process and how to mitigate their potential for negative impact. Also, learn what it means to serve on a search committee, including the "dos and don'ts" while serving on the committee. These sessions are a prerequisite for those who would like to serve on a hiring committee. The next session will be held on Nov. 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The training will occur at Anna Whitten Hall. Please contact [Trice Batson](#) or [Scott Hall](#) to register.



November is Native American Heritage Month

Acknowledgment of Native American Heritage began in 1986 with the week of November 23-30, known as "American Indian Week." Eventually, starting in 1995 and beyond, the entire month of November served as the recognition period of historical, cultural, societal, and educational contributions of the first inhabitants of the United States.



FALL Taps on Tuesdays

Join Us for Taps on Tuesdays!

This is your invitation to join us on Tuesday, Nov. 15 for a special "alumni edition" of Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Taps on Tuesday event. Taps on Tuesday at the college's 418 Restaurant in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building on the Bronson Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo, features tasty student crafted beer and food pairings for just \$10. Additional beverage and food options will also available. The event, hosted by the Kalamazoo Valley's Alumni+ group, is designed to help you reconnect with friends and learn more about all the great things happening at the college. If you completed even one class, you are a part of the Kalamazoo Valley Alumni+ family! Everyone is welcome - we are all friends of Kalamazoo Valley Community College. No advanced registration required.

Taps on Tuesday runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6 and 13. Join us!



COMMUNITY & CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Kalamazoo Valley Adds Medical Cannabis Courses to its Cannabis Education Program

Expanding on its popular workforce cannabis training program, Kalamazoo Valley Community College recently announced that it will offer an online medical cannabis education course.

Through a unique partnership with Medical Cannabis Mentor, a leader in online medical



Kalamazoo Valley is Medical Cannabis Mentor's first community college partner. [More](#)

SPOTLIGHT SERIES

SPOTLIGHT SERIES FOR STUDIO ARTS, APPLIED ARTS AND MEDIA TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 17 | 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA, ROOM 65



Featuring guest artist **Kenji Jumanne-Marshall**.

Kenji is one of Black comics pioneer artists. After publishing *WitchDoctor* in '99 and as a co-founder of *GRIOT* comics he followed Detroit self-publishers like *Urban Style Comics* into their own lane in indie comics.



HUMAN RESOURCES

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Flu Shot Clinic Scheduled for Employees

Flu season is coming! Kalamazoo Valley Community College is hosting another flu shot clinic for all employees. The clinic will be held at our Texas Township Campus. In order to reserve your spot, you will need to click on this [link](#) and complete the required information. Space is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. Once you sign up and pick your appointment time, it is important to keep that time to ensure that everyone signed up is able to receive their flu vaccine. If employees have the college or other medical coverage, bring a copy of your insurance card for billing purposes. If you have questions, contact [Becky Craft](#), employee benefit manager.

Friday, Nov. 18

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Texas Township Campus, Room 5740

CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA

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Austin Rounds Exhibit to Remain on Display at the Center for New Media

Austin Rounds' art exhibit will remain on display at the Center for New Media throughout the month of November. Rounds is a 20-year-old artist who has used his art as an outlet and a way to express himself when the world around him may feel off kilter, beautiful and even challenging. Being autistic has not always been easy, but it is a part of who he is and it adds to his creativity.

He recently finished working as the sole illustrator for author Jerrod S. Smelker's book of scary short stories, "WICKED HARVEST: Michigan Monsters & Macabre - 2," which was published in August by Wicked Harvest Books.

There is also a small exhibit of Rounds' work on display at the [Kalamazoo Valley Museum](#) until Nov. 13.

MiLEAP

Free CNC Training through Mi-LEAP

Free Computer Numerical Control training is being offered by the Michigan Learning and Education Advancement Program. Classes are held at the Northside Association for Community Development and include a completion incentive and assistance for barrier removal. The next session, available to those who are under or unemployed or live in the Northside, Eastside or Edison neighborhoods or are Kalamazoo-Promise eligible, runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F, Nov. 28 to Dec. 16.

Click [here](#) for more information.





Student Profile: Matthew Maka

A desire to keep his sister's car repair costs to a minimum sparked Matthew Maka's interest in studying to become an automotive technician. "I didn't want her to pay an arm and a leg after she crashed her car," he said. "My dad and I helped fix her car and got her back on the road."

Maka, an Allegan High School graduate, ruled out an expensive automotive program at a college in Ohio before committing to Kalamazoo Valley. Receiving the Marshall Beachler Professional Trades Scholarship solidified his decision. "I'm very grateful for the support of this scholarship," he said. "It helps me pay for all of my classes and books. It has really helped me out tremendously this semester. It gives me peace of mind that I have support." He works full time at a Toyota dealership during the summer and part time while he's taking classes.

Maka is in his second year at Kalamazoo Valley. He plans to return for a third year to complete the automotive drivability systems and automotive undercar systems associate degrees. Maka has always enjoyed school. He maintained a 4.0 GPA during his sophomore to senior years of high school. He's also earning high marks while taking 17 credit hours this semester at Kalamazoo Valley.

He credits his instructors with keeping him interested and motivated. "All of my auto instructors have been amazing," he said. "They're all different, but all are amazing." Maka loves working on cars and is confident that there will always be a demand for skilled auto technicians. "It's definitely a great investment," he said of his training. "You can definitely learn a lot and save yourself a lot of time and money. Everyone drives a car so techs are always going to be needed."



submit an essay about his goals for the next five years. "I want to be a master technician for Toyota and to be able to fix anything on any kind of car," he said.

Because of all of the hands-on instruction he's receiving in the auto lab at Kalamazoo Valley, Maka is certain that his goals are within reach. "I'm certain that when I'm ready, my instructors can help me find a job by the end of the day," he said.



KALAMAZOO VALLEY IS CELEBRATING
INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION WEEK
NOVEMBER 14-18

TUESDAY | NOV. 15
5 - 7 P.M. | ROOM 4240 (TTC)
Taste of Culture: An International Thanksgiving Dinner
Join us for an international thanksgiving dinner, as cultural dishes are shared from around the world!

THURSDAY | NOV. 17
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.
STUDENT COMMONS (TTC)
International Cultural Showcase
Celebrate the diversity of cultures found at Kalamazoo Valley. This showcase will include tables where students, faculty and staff will display their culture.

WEDNESDAY | NOV. 16
1 - 2 P.M. | ROOM 4240 (TTC)
International Student Panel
Hear from international students about their experiences in the United States. Light refreshments served.

FRIDAY | NOV. 18 or SATURDAY | NOV. 19
Meet, Eat and American Life Faculty and Staff
Faculty and staff host international students at their home for dinner.

For any questions regarding International Education Week, please contact Kristina Pudasaini at kpudasaini@kvcc.edu.

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The Apollo Story Takes Flight in Planetarium Show in November

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is offering a planetarium show about the Apollo program that placed 12 men on the moon from 1969 to 1972. "CAPCOM GO!" will be offered at 2 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays in November. Learn about the goals and mission of the program in a presentation that is suitable for all ages. Each show is \$3, with free general admission to the museum. Purchase tickets online at kalamazoomuseum.org.





The "HeLa" play cast at rehearsal.

Tickets Available Now to Two 'HeLa' Play Encore Screenings

On the heels of the successful debut of "HeLa," a play about Henrietta Lacks at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, two encore shows have been scheduled. A film version will be offered for free at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and Jan. 15 at the museum. Seating is limited. Tickets are now available online [here](#). Choose "Mary Jane Stryker Theater" in the dropdown menu. The play chronicles the accomplishments and local family connections of Lacks, whose cells, taken without her consent in 1951, are still leading to major breakthroughs today. Be sure to see the mini exhibit about Lacks, on display at the museum through Feb. 27, 2023.





Museum Offers Crafts and Santa Visit After Holiday Parade

Enjoy free craft activities at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum before and after the Nov. 19 Holiday Parade in downtown Kalamazoo. And for a limited time after the parade, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting the museum. Find them in front of the special display of a spare outfit that Santa wore during his days at the Gilmore department store in downtown Kalamazoo. While here, check out the museum's other exhibits. Crafts will be available starting at 10 a.m. Mark your calendar for more hands-on holiday fun from the KVM at the Tree Lighting in downtown's Bronson Park on Friday, Nov. 25, from 5 - 7 p.m.

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