



## REGISTER NOW FOR FALL SEMESTER



Student registering for classes

Fall semester at Kalamazoo Valley Community College begins Sept. 8 and there is still time to register for classes.

To meet student health and safety needs, the college will continue to offer in-person, online and hybrid courses. According to Sarah Hubbell, director of admissions, registration and records, nearly 60 percent of the classes offered will have some in-

person component, with classes being taught either completely in-person or hybrid.

"We're excited to have students back on campus and still have seats available in a wide range of classes, including classes like College Success Strategies and Introduction to Logic to the History of Rock and Roll and Media and the Sexes," Hubbell said. "Learn more and register at [www.kvcc.edu/register](http://www.kvcc.edu/register)."

Regardless of vaccination status, face coverings are required for all individuals coming to campus. Additionally, students taking in-person classes will be required to complete COVID-19 Safe at College Training prior to the first day of classes as well as take a daily self-screening health questionnaire on days that they will be on campus.

According to Dannie Alexander, vice president for campus planning and operations, classroom space has been reconfigured to meet social distancing protocols.

"We are addressing the needs of the college's four campus locations to ensure that students are safe on campus and in the classroom," Alexander explained. "Wherever possible, three feet social distancing will be in place and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting routines will continue."

Students, Alexander added, will be able to get books and supplies from the Texas Township Bookstore, which will resume normal business hours for the fall semester while the Wellness and Fitness Center and Cougar Café will reopen with limited access. To assist students taking classes virtually, Alexander said the laptop and hotspot loaner programs will also continue.

"It's been a long 17 months," Alexander said. "We're anxious for the start of the fall semester and to see students on campus."

To learn more, visit [www.kvcc.edu/register](http://www.kvcc.edu/register).

## INSTRUCTOR ERICK MARTIN NAMED OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD RECIPIENT

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

"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

in other disciplines and on the college's other campuses to make them aware of the welding program.

He has collaborated with other instructors to ensure that students are aware of the lucrative careers in the skilled trades. "I have a strong passion for the skilled trades," he said. "It's a viable career path for anyone."

Martin has always fostered an open and inclusive welding program and strongly encourages participation in the skilled trades by non-traditional students. He is



Erick Martin and President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

turned Kalamazoo Valley into that spot," he said.

In 2020, Martin received a Faculty Instructional Award and was nominated for the recognition by his colleagues and students. His nominators praised his exceptional skills as a welder and instructor, saying, "I nominate Erick Martin for being competent, organized and energetic as an instructor as well as extremely knowledgeable in his trade. I feel that Erick Martin had the most organized system of hand outs, vocabulary, presentation lectures, and lab based demos, above and beyond that of any other teacher I've encountered in any class here, regardless of department. His welding lab is also better than most in Southwest Michigan because it has a larger variety of equipment that better reflects the industrial work environment."

"Erick changed my life. That's all the reason I need," another student said. "Erick deserves this award because he has been more than an instructor to me. He has

been a mentor, a friend and a person you can turn to for advice. He goes to every length to help his students succeed and develop the skills required in the welding trade. All he asks for in return is the sincere effort of his students."



Erick Martin with student, Rene Navarrete

sharing his expertise with our welding students."

Martin has worked at Kalamazoo Valley since 1998. He helped 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.

Washington said Martin is a passionate advocate for the technical trades and works collaboratively with colleagues

active on the advisory boards for local career centers and can therefore tailor his program to employers' needs. Martin is an outspoken advocate for his program, but more importantly, he's an advocate for his colleagues. In October 2019, he helped organize Kalamazoo Valley Community College's first Skilled Trades Expo. The event attracted more than 800 participants including local employers, students, potential students and their parents.

"To me, what's more important than anything is that we all get recognized. We all contribute to the economic development of our community. Businesses have to know where they can find a quality and skilled workforce. We've

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# FALL 2021 POLICE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY AT CAPACITY



Expanding Our Horizons, a cultural awareness experience training

- Branch County Sheriff's Department
- Sturgis Police Department
- Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety
- Benton Township Police Department
- Berrien County Sheriff's Department
- Portage Department of Public Safety
- Bangor Police Department
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Police Department

Victor Ledbetter, director of Kalamazoo Valley's Law Enforcement Training Center, attributes the record numbers to people wanting to be a healing influence on society.

"The world is seriously divided and it doesn't seem to be getting any better," Ledbetter said. "I believe a lot of people are unhappy with the way certain people are being treated. They want to personally help make a change for the better so they are joining law enforcement to be that positive change that is needed. There was an increase in numbers after 9 - 11 and there is an increase after George Floyd."

Ledbetter, whose efforts in diversity training have received both local and national recognition, says graduates from the academy enjoy the highest employment rate in the state. A total of 92 percent of alumni are employed in the field, compared to a statewide average of 69 percent.

"We are the premier academy in the state and have been at the forefront of diversity, equity and inclusion training," Ledbetter said. "In 2019, we implemented implicit bias and de-escalation training. In 2020, the governor mandated that all academies teach those topics. I also added a unique diversity training unlike any other in the state or nation. Called Expanding our Horizons, a Cultural Awareness Experience, the training offers a safe space to have hard, but much needed conversations about race relations and laws and policies that shaped our country - allowing us to work on solutions to bridge the gap and strengthen relationships."

In addition to a week devoted to diversity training, specialized areas of instruction in the academy include:

- 34+ Hours of Scenario Training
- Building Searches

- Application and Interviewing Training
- K-9 Familiarization
- Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing
- Pepper Spray Exposure
- Rapid Deployment
- Emergency Vehicle Operation
- Pistol, Shotgun and Patrol Rifle

"There is nothing more rewarding than dedicating your life to the service of others," Ledbetter said. "When it's done properly, there is no greater reward than to make a positive difference in your community and the lives of others."

Applications for the January 2022 academy will be accepted beginning Sept. 7. For more information, visit [www.kvcc.edu/police](http://www.kvcc.edu/police).

Kalamazoo Valley will welcome 26 men and four women to its 92<sup>nd</sup> Police Officer Training Academy later this month, its largest recruiting class in years.

All 30 of the cadets are sponsored by one of 10 police agencies. The sponsoring agency pays the cadet's tuition to attend the academy and upon successful completion of the 16-week program the cadet will have a job within the agency. Sponsoring agencies include:

- Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety
- St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department



Cadets at firearm training

## GREATER KALAMAZOO AREA COLLEGE NIGHT RETURNS



High school students who are exploring post-secondary options are invited to attend the 2021 Greater Kalamazoo Area College Night Oct. 18 at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus.

Representatives from nearly 80 different public and private colleges and universities, including several Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) and Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) are expected to attend as well as a number of community colleges and other training institutions. Representatives from each institution will be available from 6 - 7:30 p.m. to speak with students and their parents about post-secondary educational opportunities, their programs and campuses.

Additionally, representatives from the U.S. Armed Forces will be on hand to discuss military opportunities and how military service can help pay for a college education.

Director of Enrollment Management Megan Pauken said the event is an excellent opportunity and convenient way for college-bound students and their parents to explore their options.

"Where else can you access information about so many different colleges and universities under one roof?" she said. "It's a great way to learn about the different higher education opportunities available. From community colleges and large, four-year universities to small liberal arts colleges, technical schools, go-to-work academies and military service, there's something for everyone. It's one-stop shopping."

A financial aid workshop, led by Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Financial Aid Alisha Cederberg, will be held at 7 p.m. in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium to assist those with questions and concerns about paying for college. The workshop will cover scholarships, student loans and the kinds of financial assistance available from the federal and state governments. It also will provide an in-depth look at the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), identifying the necessary documents needed and time frame for completion.

"I encourage anyone who has questions about financial aid to attend - there's a lot of money out there to help with the costs of attending college - and the process can be complicated," Cederberg said.

Co-sponsored by Kalamazoo Valley and Western Michigan University, the 2021 Greater Kalamazoo College Night is free and open to the public. For more information, call 269.488.4303.

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Kalamazoo Valley  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**OPEN TRYOUTS**  
FOR THE 21-22 TEAM  
**SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 | 6 - 8 P.M.**  
TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS - MAIN GYM

- **Must be a high school graduate.**
- **Must bring valid physical to tryouts.**
- **Face coverings must be worn.**
- **If selected, must be enrolled in 12 credits or more at Kalamazoo Valley for the Fall 2021 semester to be eligible to play.**

**Coach Felicia Thomas**  
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**FAFSA™**

Throughout August, the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) is providing outreach, information and support to recent high school graduates and their families to increase FAFSA™ completion rates and positively impact college-going rates. The assistance will be available to anyone across the state of Michigan, and will include information and assistance sessions and one-on-one support.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAFSA™ SUPPORT

- One-on-one FAFSA™ assistance can be scheduled by emailing [adviser@micollegeaccess.org](mailto:adviser@micollegeaccess.org) or by calling or texting the college advising hotline at 810.373.5385.
- FAFSA™ assistance sessions will be held weekly on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. (EDT) now through Aug. 26. Advance scheduling is not necessary; participants can join any session via Google Meet (<http://meet.google.com/yox-aacd-rji>), or by dialing 1.346.800.2445 (PIN: 202 581 229#).

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY MUSEUM TO EXPAND HOURS

Starting Aug. 17, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum will be expanding public open hours to Tuesday through Saturday. The plan will include two public sessions of 10 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 - 3 p.m. Currently, the museum is open to guests at these times on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Preregistration at [kalamazoomuseum.org](http://kalamazoomuseum.org) is strongly encouraged, although a small number of walk-up registrations will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The planetarium will be offering a month of free shows on Fridays and Saturdays starting Sept. 10 to welcome guests back. Face coverings are required on all Kalamazoo Valley campuses, regardless of vaccination status.

Current attractions include:

- **Giants, Dragons & Unicorns: The World of Mythic Creatures**, on display through Sept. 12, traces the natural and cultural roots of some of the world's most enduring mythic creatures.
- **The Global Language of Headwear: Cultural Identity, Rites of Passage, and Spirituality** will be open through Oct. 24.
- **All About Buttons! The Michigan Button Society** is on display through Dec. 31. Local button collectors and enthusiasts share the story of the evolution and impact of these fasteners that goes back thousands of years.

# GRADUATE PROFILE: ALYSSA (SANFORD) MOSHOGINIS



Alyssa (Sanford) Moshoginis

Before cancer, Alyssa (Sanford) Moshoginis worked in her father's financial planning practice, Sanford Advisory in Portage. After cancer, she's newly married and is a registered nurse at Bronson Methodist Hospital.

In 2017, when she moved back home from Florida to work with her father, her parents, Todd and Amy Sanford, noticed that she was pale, tired and bruising easily. Medical tests revealed that she had a rare form of leukemia (APL). "I'm very lucky to be here. My doctor said I was 24 to 48 hours away from not being here at all," she said. The doctor at Bronson knew she was gravely

ill and knew they could not treat her, so they suggested that she be transported to University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor by ambulance immediately.

Moshoginis then spent months in the hospital undergoing treatment. Her nurses asked her if she had ever considered a career in nursing. She hadn't, but the idea appealed to her since she already knew that she enjoyed helping people. Three years have passed since she underwent 109 cancer-fighting infusions and the Hackett Prep High School and Miami of Ohio University graduate has now completed her associate degree in nursing at Kalamazoo Valley Community College and is working at Bronson Hospital on the General Medical Unit. She is also studying to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing through Western Michigan University.

Kalamazoo Valley was a logical choice for re-entering college, Moshoginis said. "Kalamazoo Valley was the only place I wanted to go," she said. "I started working on nursing prerequisites during chemo. I studied flash cards in my chemo chair. I worked really hard, even after going through chemo." Despite the tiring effects of chemotherapy, she earned a 3.8 GPA in her courses. "I had such a wonderful experience at Kalamazoo Valley," she said. "Patrick Joswick (director of nursing) was amazing. He would come and teach some of our pharm classes. He's easy to relate to and is someone all the students enjoy as our director."

While keeping up with school work was often tough, Moshoginis said she had plenty of encouragement, especially from her parents, her brother Brent and her husband Aaron. She also says she received excellent care at U of M and at the West Michigan Cancer Center in Kalamazoo, where she has follow-up appointments. "I was really inspired by my nurses," she said. "Because of everything I've been through, I knew I wanted to work with cancer patients," she said. "You can share your story and also share your faith, which in turn gives patients hope and something to hold on to during hard times."

Because she's so grateful to have restored health and a new career on the horizon, Moshoginis has established a Kalamazoo Valley scholarship to benefit nursing students. "I really wanted to give back and the best way to do that is to help give people an education," she said. "I've been very blessed financially and I feel really grateful every day to be here and able to share my story. I hope my scholarship inspires other students to do the same upon their graduation, given the opportunities we are presented with after receiving our education from Kalamazoo Valley."

Donations to the scholarship fund are being accepted through [www.kvcc.edu/foundation](http://www.kvcc.edu/foundation).

## KALAMAZOO'S ART HOP INCLUDES CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA EXHIBITS



2nd Annual Black Arts Exhibit

Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media, located at 100 E. Michigan Avenue in downtown Kalamazoo, hosts art exhibits during Kalamazoo's monthly Art Hop events. Art Hop is normally held on the first Friday of each month and the CNM is open from 5:30 - 8 p.m. during Art Hop. Exhibits remain on exhibit through the end of each month.

### CENTER FOR NEW MEDIA & ARCUS GALLERY EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

**SEPT. 3, 2021**  
**COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT** - The first exhibit of the fall semester will feature a selection of photographs from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' permanent collection as well as those submitted by local photographers. The show is open to all Center for New Media students and local community members. Work should be framed and ready for hanging. In addition, a digital copy should be emailed to Cindy Parks at [cparks@kvcc.edu](mailto:cparks@kvcc.edu) and Jordan Wilson at [jwilson9200@kvcc.edu](mailto:jwilson9200@kvcc.edu). The deadline to enter this show is Aug. 27, 2021.

**OCT. 1, 2021**  
**MANGLED HOPES FOR BRIDGES, PAINTINGS BY NATALYA CRITCHLEY** - Her exhibition became an immersive installation with a map of South America painted on the floor framing and contextualizing the paintings that emerged during the isolation of the quarantine - images of Venezuelans fleeing the country, and then returning as the pandemic tumbled their humble beginnings in other Latin American countries.

**NOV. 5, 2021**  
**ABSTRACT PAINTING BY MARK OLSON** - Mark Olson taught himself to paint by researching artists such as Pollack, Rothko, Kline and Richter. His work is inspired by nature, mathematics and what he calls mindscape. "From nature and mathematics come colors, structure and order; and from mindscapes come layers and arrangements of chaos and randomness," he explained.

**FEB. 4, 2022**  
**3RD ANNUAL BLACK ARTS EXHIBIT** - In collaboration with the Black Arts & Cultural Center and the Metropolitan Kalamazoo branch of the NAACP, Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media will be hosting its third Annual Black Arts Exhibit in observance of Black History Month. This show will highlight the works of local black artists and provide a shared connection to the rich black cultural heritage in the Kalamazoo area. Entry deadline to be determined.

**APRIL 1, 2022**  
**STUDENT FINE ART SHOW** - This juried exhibition of Kalamazoo Valley student work displays a variety of traditional mediums that include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics. Submissions for this show are due by 4 p.m. on March 25, 2022.

**JUNE 3, 2022**  
**ALUMNI + ART EXHIBIT** - An annual juried exhibition of visual artwork created by Kalamazoo Valley alumni. Entries for this show will be accepted until May 20, 2022.

For more information email either Tom Hamann, [thamann@kvcc.edu](mailto:thamann@kvcc.edu) or Cindy Parks, [cparks@kvcc.edu](mailto:cparks@kvcc.edu) or call 269.373.7883. See entry forms and more detail at [www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits](http://www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits).



Bridges by Natalya Critchley

## HEADING TO VALLEY THIS FALL? COMPLETE ORIENTATION NOW!

Orientation can be completed online by logging into your MyValley account, choosing "My Links" and then "New Student Online Orientation". The last step in online orientation will give you the opportunity to verify that we have your placement test scores, register for an advising or counseling appointment and secure your Valley ID. It's a great way to complete a number of your next steps as a Valley student.

**CLASSES START SEPT. 8**



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# TUITION FREE COLLEGE AVAILABLE AT VALLEY



now in his second semester at Kalamazoo Valley working toward a degree in business administration, attending tuition-free thanks to the Michigan Reconnect scholarship.

Michigan Reconnect is designed specifically for eligible adults who want to start – or finish – an associate degree or skills certificate at their in-district community college.

The program pays the remaining tuition balance and any other outstanding fees after financial aid has been applied. Adults currently enrolled at a community college can also take advantage of the scholarship.

“The Reconnect scholarship certainly makes finishing my degree more enticing,” he said.

With a full-time job and a five year-old son, Fuce is taking seven credit hours in the online business program.

“It’s going to take me a while but I finally figured out what works for me and my schedule,” he said. “I’m building a routine and prioritizing my time to keep me on track. There’s been a learning curve with class being online but everything I’m learning I’ve been able to apply to my job.”

Fuce is one of more than 77,000 people who have applied for the Michigan Reconnect scholarship since it was announced in February.

The \$30 million Michigan Reconnect program is the largest effort in state history

to ensure that more than 4.1 million Michiganders who are 25 or older and do not have a college degree will have an opportunity to earn a tuition-free associate degree or skills certificate.

*“A degree used to open doors for people,” Fuce said. “Now, a degree just lets you knock on that door.”*

According to the Michigan Community College Association, in 2019 only 41% of the state’s residents of working age had an associate degree or higher.

To be eligible for the Reconnect scholarship, residents need to:

- Be at least 25 years old when they apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma
- Have not yet completed a college degree



Joel Fuce

A minimum of six credit hours must be taken to use the Reconnect scholarship.

The application is located at [www.michigan.gov/reconnect](http://www.michigan.gov/reconnect), takes less than five minutes to complete and can be done on a mobile device.

For more information about Michigan Reconnect at Kalamazoo Valley, visit [www.kvcc.edu/reconnect](http://www.kvcc.edu/reconnect) or call 269.488.4303.

After being passed over for two promotions at work, 32-year-old Joel Fuce realized he needed to make a change.

As a sales manager for a state-wide distributing company, he had stopped and started college four times since graduating from Portage Northern High School in 2008.

“Getting a degree was never that important to me,” Fuce said. “For the field I work in, it wasn’t required.”

However, as his role within the company grew and he wanted to take on more responsibilities, his boss told him not having a degree was a “gigantic red flag.”

“A degree used to open doors for people,” he said. “Now, a degree just lets you knock on that door.”

Determined to not be passed over for a promotion again, Fuce decided to make completing his degree a priority. He is

**CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**COMMUNITY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
**SHOW OPENS AT 5:30 PM**

**DEADLINE TO ENTER IS**  
**AUGUST 27, 2021**

[www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits](http://www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits)

**STRIVING FOR INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE IN EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

Diversity, equity and inclusion are at the core of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College mission. We are looking to collaborate with others who share these values and who will join with us as we continue to work across lines of identity and difference to make an impact on lives of our students, faculty and staff and the communities we serve.

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**REGISTER FOR FALL**

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# SUSTAINABLE FOODS, FARM AND GARDEN FALL 2021 PROGRAMMING

## URBAN HOMESTEADING

**AUG. 25 - SEPT. 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$120**

**INSTRUCTORS: LEE ARBOGAST, BRENNA PIXLEY, SARA TANIS AND MARIEL BORGMAN**

Join us in revealing many of the ways to make more food with less from home. In an era of climate change and energy decline, we will benefit from being more involved in producing our own food to ensure access to the most nutritious and life supporting meals. The secret is that it can be fun and easier than you think to care for your family, friends and city's ecology. Come join us in learning to make simple gardens (indoor and outdoor), planting perennial food crops, foraging wild edibles, preservation and fermentation of crops, raising urban livestock, cheese making, composting and mushroom cultivation. This is a class for all ages and all scales of land access.

## HOME LANDSCAPE DESIGN

**SEPT. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AND OCT. 7 | 6 - 9 P.M. | \$30**

**INSTRUCTOR: ROB WELCH**

This course will teach homeowners or interested beginning designers to develop and design a basic landscape. The design process will be demonstrated and each student will design a plan for their site. The process from family inventory to plant selection will be covered. Each student will present their project and develop ideas from others as the class progresses.

## PLANT IDENTIFICATION WALK

**AUG. 28 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. | \$20**

**INSTRUCTOR: BRENNA PIXLEY**

**LOCATION: KLEINSTUCK PRESERVE**

Join local herbalist Brenna Pixley in this interactive plant walk, focusing on identifying tasty and useful plants. Become more aware of seasonal and traditional parts of our diets and practices, and discuss native and invasive species and sustainable and ethical wild crafting techniques.

## TOUR OF THE FOOD INNOVATION CENTER

**SEPT. 4 | 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. | FREE**

ValleyHUB is a farm, food hub and education center based at the Food Innovation Center at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. The Urban Farm at ValleyHUB showcases a range of sustainable agricultural practices. The five-acre site includes an indoor grow room, a heated greenhouse, outdoor raised beds, and two passive solar hoopouses. The Food Hub is a licensed food processing facility equipped to produce fresh-cut fruits and vegetables at a range of production scales. Join us on this free tour to explore the beautiful site and learn about our programs and practices.



## BEEKEEPING: PREPARING FOR OVERWINTERING

**SEPT. 7, 14 AND 21 | 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. | \$60**

**INSTRUCTORS: CHARLOTTE HUBBARD AND SARA TANIS**

Feed? Wrap? Insulate? Treat? A combination of field work (weather allowing) and classroom instruction will review key steps for overwintering an apiary in Michigan.

## WINTER GROWING AT HOME

**SEPT. 11 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. | \$20**

**INSTRUCTOR: BEN BROWN**

Fall crops and harvested plants can be a source for continued growth through the winter months. Students will learn how to extend the life-span of annual crops by propagating them and continuing to grow them inside your home all winter long.

## GARDEN GUARDIANS: HOW INSECTS KEEP PESTS OUT OF THE GARDEN | SEPT. 18 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. | \$10

**INSTRUCTOR: SARA TANIS**

Join us for a fun and informative class that focuses on how beneficial insects in the yard and garden help protect your plants from damaging pests. We will take an up close and personal look at lacewings, lady beetles, "true bugs", mantids, and others. These insects serve as predators of aphids, thrips, and caterpillars, just to name a few. The course will be a combination of hands-on and classroom learning and at the end of the day, you will take home a packet of seeds for plants that will help you attract predators to your garden. Attracting guardians to your garden could be part of your Integrated Pest Management program – and its fun to see them in their ecological habitats.



## BUILD A NATIVE BEE HOTEL

**SEPT. 25 | 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. | \$30**

**INSTRUCTORS: MARIEL BORGMAN AND VERONICA BOLHUIS**

Tunnel nesting bees are important pollinators for fruits and vegetables. Unlike honey bees, tunnel nesting bees do not live in colonies or move in swarms, so they are also often called solitary bees. Participants in this class will learn how to build and manage a bee hotel to support their local tunnel nesting bees. Each participant will be able to take home a bee hotel at the end of the class.

## SEED STEWARDSHIP: HARVESTING, CLEANING AND STORING STAPLE CROPS FOR FOOD AND SEED

**OCT. 2 | 9 A.M. - 12 P.M. | \$30**

**INSTRUCTOR: AMY NEWDAY AND JOHN EDGERTON**

In this class at the Food Innovation Center seed garden, we'll explore seed crops like beans and grains that can be grown in our region as protein-rich staple foods. You will build your knowledge and skill in growing, harvesting, cleaning, and storing seeds from a variety of dry beans and grains such as rice, amaranth, millet, barley, rye and wheat. We'll demonstrate tools and techniques for threshing and winnowing, selecting seeds for next year's seed crop and ideas for incorporating these nourishing foods into your daily diet.

## AT HOME HERBALISM

**OCT. 7, 14, 21, 28 - NOV. 4 AND 11 | 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. | \$150**

**INSTRUCTOR: BRENNA PIXLEY**

Herbs are a traditional source of nutrition and healing. Students will explore the impact of ancestral plants, sources of materia medica, ethical and sustainable foraging techniques, as well as recipes for building a home apothecary. We will engage in on-campus plant walks to discuss bioregional, cultivated and seasonal plants. Hands-on workshops include creating salves, broth mixes, infused oil, spiced cider, elderberry syrup and more. Students will take home items created in class.

## MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

**OCT. 6, 13, 20 AND 27 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$100**

**INSTRUCTOR: LEE ARBOGAST**

Learn about growing your own gourmet mushrooms from locally available materials. We will grow oysters, shiitake, winecaps and more. Students will learn how to procure substrates and create good environments for mushroom growth. We will also discuss how to use coffee grounds and other composted material as substrates for mushroom growth. Mushroom identification is practiced during this course as well. Students take home different inoculated mushroom media at the end of each session.

## VERMICULTURE COMPOSTING

**OCT. 23 | 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. | \$20**

**INSTRUCTOR: BRENNA PIXLEY**

Do you want to lower your carbon footprint and make your own organic fertilizer in one simple process? Vermiculture composting uses worms to recycle food scraps and other organic material into a rich soil amendment that will help your garden retain moisture and support beneficial microorganisms. Participants in this class will learn the basics of vermicomposting at home. Each student will receive a bag of worms to get started in vermicomposting.

## SO YOU WANNA BE A BEEKEEPER?

**NOV. 9 | 6 - 9 P.M. | \$30**

**INSTRUCTORS: CHARLOTTE HUBBARD AND SARA TANIS**

If you are interested in beekeeping, but not sure what it takes to be a successful beekeeper, this class is for you. Participants will learn about the financial, time, physical and emotional commitment required for beekeeping. You will also learn about the essential equipment needed, where to locate hives, the various options for obtaining bees and a timeline for making it happen.

All classes are held at the Food Innovation Center, unless otherwise noted. For more information, contact Hristina Petrovska, hpetrovska@kvcc.edu. To register for a class, go to kvcc.edu/community.

## CAREER ACADEMIES

### CORRECTIONS OFFICER ACADEMY

**OCT. 18 | GROVES CAMPUS | \$1,200**

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Corrections Academy is a Michigan Sheriff's Coordinating and Training Council (MSCTC) approved, 160-hour certification program for correctional personnel supervising inmates in county jails. This program will focus on obtaining the skills necessary to maintain the safety and security of a correctional facility. Upon successful completion of the academy, 10 credits will be awarded by Kalamazoo Valley. For more information contact Kenyatta Herrion at kherrion@kvcc.edu or 269.353.1280.

### WIND TURBINE TECHNICIAN ACADEMY

**JAN. - JUNE 2022 | GROVES CAMPUS | \$15,000**

Focused on specific, hands-on competencies, this unique training model moves students from the classroom to learning labs and into the field quickly. Trainee success requires a self-directed learning style, a desire to learn through hands-on practice and a dedication to become a world-class technician in the wind industry. Students have the unique opportunity to not only earn an international certification, but also experience hands-on field service during their time in the Academy. This course is a non-credit, full-time program. Students attend M-F, eight hours each day for 24 weeks. For more information and to apply, contact Taylor Smith at tsmith2@kvcc.edu or 269.353.1253.

### PATIENT CARE ACADEMY

**JAN. 2022 | GROVES CAMPUS | \$1,200**

Students who successfully complete the academy are eligible to take the state of Michigan examination to become a certified nurse assistant (CNA). CNAs are employed by nursing homes, home healthcare agencies, hospitals, retirement communities, hospice and private homes. The program, held on nights and weekends, provides classroom instruction, hands-on practice in a lab, real world clinical experience and acute care observation experience at a local hospital. Tuition is eligible for funding through the Kalamazoo Promise, Veteran Education Benefits and Michigan Works! For more information and to apply, contact the Groves Center at careeracademies@kvcc.edu or 269.353.1253.

### PHLEBOTOMY ACADEMY

**SEPT. 14 | CULINARY AND ALLIED HEALTH BUILDING | \$1,400**

This 10-week academy is in partnership with Bronson Hospital. Students train to work as phlebotomy technicians and prepare to gain national certification through the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Students learn to draw blood from patients and prepare it for diagnostic testing. This program is eligible for funding through the Kalamazoo Promise, Veteran Education Benefits and Michigan Works! For more information and to apply, contact the Groves Center at careeracademies@kvcc.edu or 269.353.1253.

### DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY

**SEPT. 17, 18, 24 AND 25 | \$575**

Dental radiographs are an integral part in the interpretation of dental abnormalities and diseases. As new techniques are developed, the dental practitioner must remain well-informed of these changes and capable of performing radiographic procedures proficiently. This course is designed to help prepare dental assistants on the basic principles and current techniques of dental radiography.

For more information about any of Kalamazoo Valley's Career Academies, contact careeracademies@kvcc.edu or call 269.353.1282 or go to [www.kvcc.edu/programs/career\\_academies.php](http://www.kvcc.edu/programs/career_academies.php).



# LIFE ENRICHMENT AND CORPORATE TRAINING FALL 2021 PROGRAMMING

Kalamazoo Valley Community College provides innovative and relevant lifelong learning opportunities to community members of all ages.

These non-credit classes emphasize personal enrichment, professional development and community outreach.

All classes held at the Groves Campus except the Taps Plus series. To register go to: [www.kvcc.edu/community](http://www.kvcc.edu/community) or call 269.353.1253.

Face coverings are required on all Kalamazoo Valley campuses, regardless of vaccination status.

## TAPS PLUS SERIES

Join us for a new add-on event paired with the popular Taps on Tuesdays at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building in downtown Kalamazoo. Enjoy great food and beverages at very reasonable prices from Taps on Tuesdays, and then bring them into our culinary theater to experience a great educational event. Watch the website for another Taps Plus event to be added in October.

### TAPS & TALKS - UNDERSTANDING SEO FOR YOUR BUSINESS | SEPT. 21 | 5:15 - 6 P.M. | \$15

Have you seen a decrease in your organic search ranking? Has there been a dip in your website traffic? Perhaps your online presence just isn't what it used to be. You're not alone. There have been major updates recently that are rocking the world of web. That's on top of the 500-600 minor changes to its algorithms Google makes annually! This session will provide insight into your online life. Let's talk about what can be changed on your website to improve your organic search results, as well as offsite tactics that are equally valuable to your online presence.

**Audience:** Small business owners, non-programmer types looking to affect their organic search, web managers looking to improve their online presence.

### TAPS & TALKS - BUILD A CULTURE OF TEAMWORK THAT DRIVES RESULTS | NOV. 16 | 5:15 - 6 P.M. | \$15

What does a highly effective and cohesive team really look like? Do you know the five behaviors you want in your team? Join us to answer these questions and discuss the critical behaviors and interpersonal skills needed to be an effective team player on any team.

**Audience:** Organizations and individuals looking to drive results and build a true culture of teamwork.

## TECHNOLOGY

### SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

OCT. 16 | 9 - 11 A.M. | \$35

What makes those smartphones so great with photography? The user! Spend a morning with graphic arts instructor Aubrey Jewel Rodgers, and she will help you take great photos with your phone. You will also learn some tips on in-camera editing, printing, sharing and storing images. Bring a charged smartphone with room for photo storage.

### IPAD BASICS | JAN. 8 | 9 A.M. - NOON | \$50

New Year, new iPad? Spend a morning with graphic arts instructor Aubrey Jewel Rodgers, and she will help you get the most out of this powerful piece of technology. From taking photos and videos, to making documents and cards, learn the potential of creativity and productivity that you have in your hands with the iPad. Getting someone an iPad as a gift for the holidays? Make it an extra special gift by adding this class to help them learn how to use their new iPad. Bring a charged iPad with room on the device.

## MICROSOFT EXCEL

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - INTRO

SEPT. 14 OR OCT. 26 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

Learn about the Microsoft Office Excel 2016 environment and how it can be used for the creation of electronic spreadsheets to perform numeric calculations, analyze numeric data, and present numeric and visual data in an office or personal setting.

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - CHARTS, OUTPUT AND TEMPLATES | SEPT. 21 OR NOV. 2 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

Students will be introduced to the creation of charts, printing and sharing worksheets, and utilizing setting and templates in workbooks.

**Prerequisites:** Intro to Excel 2016 or equivalent knowledge.

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - MANAGING WORKBOOKS, PRESENTATION FEATURES AND ADVANCED CHARTS | SEPT. 28 OR NOV. 9 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

Participants will be introduced to the Microsoft Office Excel 2016 environment and how it can be used to manage workbooks, name ranges, presentation features and advanced charts.

**Prerequisites:** Intro to Excel 2016 or equivalent knowledge.

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - TABLES, SUMMARIZING DATA AND PIVOTTABLES

OCT. 5 OR NOV. 16 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

Participants will learn to create tables to sort, filter, summarize, validate, and transpose data - as well as how to create, format, and manipulate PivotTables and PivotCharts.

**Prerequisites:** Intro to Excel 2016 or equivalent knowledge.

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - LOGICAL & LOOKUP FUNCTIONS, ADVANCED FORMULAS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS | OCT. 12 OR NOV. 30 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

In this course, participants will be introduced to decision-making functions, working with various advanced formulas and arrays and special functions like date and time.

**Prerequisites:** Intro to Excel 2016 or equivalent knowledge.

### MICROSOFT EXCEL 2016 - IMPORTING & EXPORTING, DATA ANALYSIS, MACROS AND FORMS

OCT. 19 OR DEC. 7 | 6 - 8 P.M. | \$64

Students will be introduced to the Power Pivot Data Model, What-If analysis, and recording and running macros.

**Prerequisites:** Intro to Excel 2016 or equivalent knowledge.

## LEADERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP: COACHING ON THE FRONTLINE

OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26 AND NOV. 2 | 8 A.M. - NOON | \$750

Participants will have opportunities to enhance and improve their leadership skills. Helping others improve and improving the organization are main foundations for being a leader. This program will focus on the leadership skills: feedback, communicating, listening, coaching, goals, planning and evaluating human performance. Participants will become skilled at using several job aids, such as the human performance model, SPEAK, SBI, GRACE and the basic coaching model.

### LEADERSHIP BEYOND THE FRONTLINE:

ENGAGING OTHERS | OCT. 5, 12, 19, 26 AND NOV. 2 | 1 - 5 P.M. | \$750

As a leader, your success is dependent on the success of the people you're leading. Leadership Beyond the Front Line: Engaging Others is aimed at giving leaders additional skills — by building on the successful Leadership Coaching on the Frontline. This second class in the leadership series will support the development of leader behaviors and skills like delegation, empowering and motivating others, training others, managing change and influencing people.

**Prerequisite:** Leadership: Coaching on the Frontline or leadership experience.

## MECHATRONICS

### PRECISION MEASUREMENT | TUES. NOV. 9

8 A.M. TO NOON | \$125

In this hands-on course, participants will learn how to accurately measure mechanical components with standard precision measurement devices including: dial calipers, dial indicators, micrometers and feeler gauges.

### BASIC MECHANICAL | NOV. 11 | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. | \$290

This program covers the fundamental principles of safe work practices, methods of maintaining and troubleshooting mechanical plant equipment, and the competencies needed to recognize and report worn part conditions.

## BASIC FLUID POWER

NOV. 16 | 8 A.M. - NOON | \$125

The course covers the fundamental principles of safe work practices, methods of maintaining and troubleshooting mechanical plant equipment, and the competencies needed to recognize and report worn part conditions.

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY

NOV. 18 | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. | \$290

In this hands-on course, participants will learn how to work safely around electrical equipment in an industrial setting. The units address the safety rules of electricity which are a prerequisite to Basic Electricity, Advanced Electrical and Automated Control Concepts, Sensors and Automated Electromechanical Devices and Programmable Control Systems courses. The participant will demonstrate comprehension by performing tasks on actual electrical and electronic controls of industrial equipment.



MIOSHA Classes currently scheduled to be virtual – subject to change. You must have a webcam, microphone and speakers to participate in these classes.

### MIOSHA PART 85, CONTROL OF HAZARDOUS ENERGY SOURCES | SEPT. 8 | 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. | \$130

This one-day seminar will thoroughly discuss the requirements of MIOSHA Part 85, Control of Hazardous Energy Sources. Topics include: a complete review and interpretations of the standard; lockout and tagout requirements; minor tool change exceptions; energy control procedures and exceptions; periodic inspections; and employee training. Interactive discussions and exercises have been designed to enforce the concepts presented.

### MIOSHA PART 2 - MASONRY WALL BRACING | SEPT. 14 | 9 A.M. - NOON | \$94

This course will review the MIOSHA regulations found in Part 2 - Masonry Wall Bracing and is designed to teach the training requirements for working in the restricted zones, identification of the proper external bracing, minimum standards for bracing and securing unsupported masonry walls until final stability is achieved, and requirements for a competent person. This course will satisfy the training requirements under Part 2 - Masonry Wall Bracing R408.40205(3) for employees working in the restricted zone.

### MIOSHA CONTINUOUS SAFETY AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT | SEPT. 16 | 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. | \$130

This course moves beyond the initial development and implementation of a Safety and Health Management System (SHMS) to the ongoing responsibilities for evaluation, maintenance, and participation in the system to affect continuous improvement. This course focuses primarily on building and sustaining management commitment and employee involvement. It is highly recommended that students complete "Recommended Practices for Safety and Health Programs" before taking this course.

### MIOSHA CONSTRUCTION - PART 45 FALL PROTECTION | SEPT. 28 | 9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. | \$130

Attendees will review the MIOSHA Part 45, Construction Safety Standard for Fall Protection including the latest OSHA and MIOSHA interpretations. Examination of recent fatal falls in construction and discussion of the latest fall protection techniques for construction will be covered. This class will also cover fall exposures for residential construction and MIOSHA fall protection criteria.

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY'S COMMUNITY EDUCATION & TRAINING COURSE LOCATIONS

**Texas Township Campus**  
6767 West O Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
269.488.4400

**Arcadia Commons Campus**  
Anna Whitten Hall  
202 North Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
269.373.7800

**Arcadia Commons Campus**  
Kalamazoo Valley Museum  
230 North Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
800.772.3370 | 269.373.7990

**Bronson Healthy Living Campus**  
Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary  
and Allied Health Building  
418 E. Walnut Street  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
269.548.3200

**Bronson Healthy Living Campus**  
Food Innovation Center  
224 E. Crosstown Parkway  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007  
269.548.3200

**Groves Campus**  
Groves Center  
7107 Elm Valley Drive  
Kalamazoo, MI 49009  
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