



KV Focus Plus is the e-newsletter for Kalamazoo Valley administrators, faculty and staff. If you have a comment, suggestion or something you'd like included, please email [kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu](mailto:kvfocusplus@kvcc.edu).

## Visiting Writers Series: Rhoda Janzen

The Visiting Writers Series at Kalamazoo Valley hosts author Rhoda Janzen today in the Student Commons Theater, Room 4240 at the Texas Township Campus. She will read from her work from 10 to 10:45 a.m. and give a craft talk from 2:15 to 3 p.m. [more](#)

## Call for Submissions for Faculty Art Show March 2

Submissions for the Faculty Art Show for the March 2 Art Hop are being accepted through February 23. This show is open to Kalamazoo Valley faculty and staff. Submissions and entry forms must be handed in to the front desk at the Center for New Media.

Please have your name, the title of your pieces, art medium, and date (optional) completed on the entry form. Please read the entry form and guidelines thoroughly before submitting. Artwork must be framed and ready to be displayed, a limit of three submissions per person.

Submissions will be displayed March 2 - 23 in the Center for New Media. Artwork can be picked up March 26 - April 13. [more](#)

For more information, contact [Kali Hayes](#).

## Strong Showing for Valley Students at BPA

Kalamazoo Valley's new Business Club took seven students to the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state competition Feb. 10 in Grand Rapids. The group competed against mostly four-year schools with long histories with the national BPA organization.

Two Kalamazoo Valley students placed in the competition. Susan Nicholson took first place in Payroll and second place in Advanced Accounting while Tetyana Tymchuk took second place in Payroll. Both students have the opportunity to compete at the national level in

Dallas in May.

Faculty advisors include Kathy Kerstetter, Maryalice Reck, Steve Walman and Kim Rohr. Congratulations to all!

## Dive into a New Routine

Looking to change up your workout routine? Head to the pool on your lunch hour. The pool is open to faculty, staff and students for open swim Monday-Friday from 12 - 2 p.m.



### FAFSA WORKSHOP

Do you know someone who needs assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Encourage them to attend a free workshop February 20 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Room 9130 on Kalamazoo Valley's Texas Township Campus. Those in attendance will receive hands-on assistance in completing the FAFSA. Please bring 2016 tax information.

This workshop is open to all families, not just those who have a student planning to attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

Presented by the Financial Aid Office at Kalamazoo Valley.



### CAMPUS BAND CONCERTS

The 60-member Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band presents two mini concerts February 28 at 1 p.m. and 1:25 p.m. Under the direction of Chris Garrett, the two mini concerts will include several selections, including circus march "Prestissimo," by Karl King and "Ammerland," a musical description of the Netherlands.

The mini concerts are free and open to the public.

**STRENGTH SPOTLIGHT**

As a strengths-based organization, Kalamazoo Valley gives its employees the opportunity to develop their strengths by building on their greatest talents – the way in which they most naturally think, feel, and behave as unique individuals.

In upcoming issues of KV Focus Plus, we will highlight one of the 34 different signature themes as identified by the Clifton StrengthsFinder Inventory as well as the names and titles of different people within the college who share it as their number one strength so you can learn more about the people you interact with on a daily basis.

### This Issue: Input

Those with the Input strength are inquisitive. They collect things. They might collect information – words, facts, books, and quotations – or they might collect tangible objects such as butterflies, baseball cards, porcelain dolls, or sepia photographs. Theirs is the kind of mind that finds so many things interesting. The world is exciting precisely because of its infinite variety and complexity. They keep acquiring and compiling and filling stuff away because it's interesting, it keeps their mind fresh, and perhaps one day some of it will prove valuable.

The genius of the Input talent is based on curiosity. It's as if their curiosity knows no limits. They want to know about everything. Question after question propels them to learn more and more. They become excited by their own questions and even more excited when they find answers to those questions. Sometimes they turn their curiosity to people and want to learn as much as possible about them, but for the most part they are driven to learn in general and specialize in areas of knowledge. Those with the Input talent want to share what they have learned. They can be a great communicator and get really excited to tell others about the latest thing they have learned.

Did you know that Student Activities, Orientation and Life Resources Coordinator **Coty Dunten**, Reference Aide **Cindy Pottorff**, Public Information Specialist **Erin Dominianni**, English Faculty **Carol Whiting**, Adjunct Faculty **David Reva**, Office Manager **Faith Bentley**, Services Assistant **Yvonne Cooley**, and Office Assistant **Susan Commissaris** are among the faculty and staff who have input as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

## CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

**Add Public Safety's emergency phone number to your phone. (488.4911)**

# CAMPUSCONNECTIONS

## TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[Kenya Shakir of GVSU presents Feb. 21 Workshop](#)  
[Presidential Candidates Interviews Scheduled](#)  
[Women's Basketball Open Gym](#)

## ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[A Spotlight On: Animation](#)  
[Portfolio Day at the Center for New Media](#)  
[Enter the Alumni+ Art Show by Feb. 23](#)

## BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[New Culinary Director Sets High Expectations](#)  
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## THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Interested in Becoming a Police Officer? Learn More at Informational Sessions](#)  
[Become a Phlebotomist in Just 10 Weeks](#)

## KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[Kalamazoo Valley's Early College Open House Tuesday](#)  
[Become a Phlebotomist in Just 10 Weeks at Kalamazoo Valley](#)  
[Six Candidates to Interview for Kalamazoo Valley President](#)  
[What Does Kalamazoo Mean?](#)  
[Presidential Candidate Presentations Begin](#)  
[Kalamazoo Valley Museum to Participate in Statewide Astronomy Day](#)



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