



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.

COLLEGE-WIDE MEETINGS MARCH 16		
Texas Township Campus	Room 9130	8:30 a.m.
Anna Whitten Hall	Room 128	3:30 p.m.

Upcoming Important Dates

- Employee and their Dependents Early Summer Registration: March 9
- Summer Registration Opens: March 12
- Employee and their Dependents Early Fall Registration: March 30
- Petition to Graduate Deadline: March 31
- Fall Registration Opens: April 2
- Commencement: April 29
- Summer Semester Begins: May 7

New Building Tours Available

Intro to Kalamazoo Valley, offered through Faculty and Staff Development, is required for all full and part-time employees. The workshop introduces employees to the Kalamazoo Valley community - who we are, where we've been and where we're going. The revamped three-hour workshop is held at the Texas Townships Campus.

Additionally, new Valley Campus Tours allow employees to tour all of the college's buildings – the Groves Center, Anna Whitten Hall and the Center for New Media, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, Food Innovation Center, and the Culinary and Allied Health Building separately. Each tour lasts one hour and must be registered for separately. These tours are designed to help employees understand the full depth and breadth of each institution. For upcoming tour dates and times [click here](#).

Career Fair

The Kalamazoo Career Fair returns to Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township

Campus Wednesday, March 21 from 12-4 p.m. More than 75 regional employers will be on hand to meet with students and community job seekers.

Volunteers are needed in order to make this event a success. A number of different shifts and volunteer opportunities are available. If you have time and are interested in volunteering, please contact Workforce Coordinator [Mary McConnell](#).

Participate in Online Training, Earn Money for Student Veterans

Michigan has seen a 17% increase in students using Veterans Affairs benefits to pursue higher education since 2010's Post 9/11 GI Bill was enacted. As we seek to best support this growing cohort of students, it is imperative that our campus's educators understand the possible challenges student veterans face in their transition to academic and civilian life.

With financial support from the Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators' (CMVE) Kresge Foundation grant, all public colleges and universities in Michigan have free, unlimited access to Veterans on Campus, an online training simulation aimed at helping us better understand and support our student veterans. In this 30-minute web-based course, participants will better understand the unique value of veterans in the classroom, learn skills that will equip you to understand common challenges faced by veterans, and better understand support services available for veterans. Participants will also learn how to approach the veterans they are worried about, destigmatize the need for help, and refer them to local support services.

Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services Office will be awarded \$500 if 118 employees participate in the training. Thank you for helping us ensure our veterans have the best educational experiences possible at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

To take the course, follow the instructions below:

Go to: <https://www.kognitocampus.com/login/>

Create a New Account

Use enrollment key: michiganvets

Follow the on-screen instructions. Choose your course and click "LAUNCH"

For more information, contact [Mike Morehouse](#).



The 13th Annual Kalamazoo Fretboard Festival, hosted by the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, features performances by stringed instrument virtuosos, instructional workshops for those who want to learn to play, and family-oriented activities. This yearly event is a salute to all stringed instruments – especially those that are crafted in Michigan. [more](#)

STRENGTHS LUNCH & LEARN

Join us for the popular
Strengths Lunch & Learn
Monday, March 12
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Theater, Room 4240 (TTC)

Employees from Stryker, Edward Garment and Western Michigan University will discuss how they use their Strengths in the workplace.

Free taco bar!

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: Intellection

Those with the intellection strength like to think. They like mental activity. They like exercising the muscles of their brain, stretching them in multiple directions. They are the kind of person who enjoys their time alone because it's their time for musing and reflection. They are introspective. This introspection may lead to a slight sense of discontent as they compare what they are actually doing with all the thoughts and ideas that their mind conceives.

The genius of the intellection talent stems from the quality of thinking. Those with this strength think about ideas, concepts, and principles in great depth. This results in deep learning, deep understanding, and deep appreciation for the best knowledge. The greatest aspect of the intellection talent is the wisdom that is gained from the in-depth thinking and internal discussions. They can think by themselves for hours but never doubt what results: wisdom, clarity, and a firm foundation for action planning and decision making.

Did you know that Math Faculty **Darlene Kohrman**, PT Tutor **Jason Givhan**, and Librarian **Russel Barnes** are among the faculty and staff who have intellection as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

Confine walking to well-lit, regular traveled walks and pathways. Avoid shortcuts and keep away from shrubbery, bushes, alleyways, or any other areas where an assailant might be lurking.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[Visiting Writers Series Presents Mardi Jo Link on March 28 and 29](#)

[Kalamazoo Promise Services and Employment Services Career Preparation Event](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Hosts March 21 Career Fair](#)

[Opportunities for Education Dinner Presents Veronika Scott](#)

[Ned Foskey Poetry Prize Deadline is March 30](#)

[Petition to Graduate by March 31](#)

ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Portfolio Day at the Center for New Media](#)

BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[2nd Annual Foodways Symposium - Native American Culture and Cooking](#)

THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Become a Phlebotomist in Just 10 Weeks](#)

KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

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