



New Members Wanted

The Kalamazoo Valley Committee for Cultural Understanding (KVCCU) is seeking new members for the upcoming school year.

The group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and rotates their meeting locations monthly between the Texas Township Campus and Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus.

The vision of the KVCCU is to foster an increased understanding of diversity and inclusion whereas all faculty, staff, students and community members are welcomed at all Kalamazoo Valley campuses. Its mission is to provide and ensure an enriched social and educational environment that is not limited to one group and creates an inclusive culture through various events and activities that are founded on diversity and inclusion.

For more information, contact [LaSonda Wells](#).

Naturalization Ceremony

On June 21, the college will host a Naturalization Ceremony for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services department. The hour-long ceremony will begin at 1 p.m. in the Dale Lake Auditorium.

Signage and volunteers will be available to assist our visitors. Participants and their guests will begin arriving as early as 11 a.m. Thank you for assisting those who may appear in your area needing direction to the auditorium.

Please consider volunteering to help greet our guests. The Naturalization Ceremony Volunteer Sign Up link is located in the Workplace tab of My Valley under Volunteer Opportunities.

Due to space limitations, this event is not open to the general public. Contact [Bonita Bates](#) for more information.



Kalamazoo Valley's Veteran Services department recently received a \$500 grant to support of military-connected students. Thank you to all faculty and staff who completed the online training module to help us ensure our veterans have the best educational experiences possible at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

MINDFUL MEDITATION

Every Tuesday
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
June 12 - August 21
Facilitated by Cathy Colella

**Culinary and Allied Health
Building, Room 247**

Enjoy silent meditation that focuses on the breath and share a short reading regarding mindfulness practice. Chairs will be available. Please feel free to bring meditation cushions, props or a light blanket to allow for comfort during seated meditation. Experience is not necessary. Guidance regarding meditation will be provided. All are welcome.

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: Restorative

Those with the Restorative strength love to solve problems. Whereas some are dismayed when encountering another breakdown, they are energized by it. They enjoy the challenge of analyzing the symptoms, identifying what is wrong, and finding the solution. They may seek out specific kinds of problems that they have met many times before and are confident that they can fix. Or they may feel the greatest push when faced with complex and unfamiliar problems. What is certain, is that they enjoy bringing things back to life. It is a wonderful feeling to identify the undermining factor(s), eradicate them, and restore something to its true glory.

The genius of the Restorative talent is found in the way they can think and fix things. This is key to all problem solving. But their ability to fix goes beyond patching things together.

The way they restore things involves bringing them back to life. Accordingly, they can have a restorative effect on relationships and in fact, entire organizations. The genius of their Restorative strength is that they are so good at figuring out what is not working, resolving that, and then guiding people to a way of being healthy and highly functional.

Did you know that Information Processing Specialist **Mary Kay Pobocik**, Adjunct Faculty **Alice Sigfrids**, Printing **Curtis Townsell**, Systems Analyst and Developer **Micheal Marks**, Payroll Accountant **Kristi Stonerock**, PT Wellness Specialist **Kendra Hutchings**, and Computer Support Technician **Wade Doty** are among the many faculty and staff who have Restorative as their number one strength? [Click here to learn more](#)

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP

Download the app React Mobile (iOS and Android). Using a predetermined contact circle, React Mobile allows users to send out an emergency contact blast to an entire group – without having to first unlock the phone. The app also allows friends or family to virtually “walk” you home, keeping tabs on your progress using GPS technology.

CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

[June 21 Orientation](#)

[Academic Honors for Athletes](#)

[Cougar Baseball Team Earns Post-Season Accolades](#)

ARCADIA COMMONS CAMPUS

[Perfect Little Planet at the KVM](#)

[Cats & Dogs](#)

BRONSON HEALTHY LIVING CAMPUS

[Hoop House at the FIC](#)

THE GROVES CAMPUS

[Thrive in a Multi-Generational Office](#)

KALAMAZOO VALLEY IN THE NEWS

[Cody Piechocki, Head Baseball Coach of Valley and the Kalamazoo Growlers](#)

[Kalamazoo Valley Museum's Summer Programming Begins June 27](#)

[New Valley President Promised 200K Salary Under 3-Year Contract](#)

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