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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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- Foster a safe, dynamic learning environment
- Demonstrate positive regard for self and others
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Integrity

- Do the right things for the right reasons
- Ensure interactions are driven by our vision, mission and values
- Be responsible, accountable and ethical

Excellence and Quality

- Embrace change as an opportunity
- Pursue excellence and innovation
- Value learning and develop an environment of intellectual inquiry
- Share new ideas and expand the boundaries of knowledge

Humor and Well-Being

- Nurture creativity, humor and enjoyment of work and learning
- Promote a healthy environment for mind, body and spirit

Teamwork and Stewardship

- Work together to achieve our vision, mission and goals
- Commit to finding solutions
- Manage and protect our resources – human, fiscal and environmental
- Develop and foster community relationships based on mutual trust



Greetings,

Community colleges are critical leaders in the American higher education landscape. The open admission policy, coupled with affordable tuition and geographic proximity to home, provide a pathway for post-secondary education for many students.

Community colleges are also the most diverse and inclusive segment of higher education. Across the nation, community colleges serve a larger proportion of women, African Americans, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanic/Latino, Native Americans, LGBTQA+ students and students with disabilities. Therefore, community colleges are uniquely positioned to foster an environment that honors, respects and embraces the variety of students attending the nation's colleges and universities. Further, community colleges are entrusted with creating educational environments that are safe, respectful and responsive and where the potential of students can be realized at the highest level possible.

To help ensure a bright future for our graduates, Kalamazoo Valley Community College embraced a new mission statement during 2022. This concise and action-oriented statement provides the framework for the creation of a new five-year strategic plan.

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The 2022-2027 strategic plan was created through a comprehensive process inviting input from:

- Faculty, Staff and Administrators
- Community and Industry Advisory Committee Members
- Students
- Alumni and Donors

We will continue to intentionally pursue and nurture strategic relationships and partnerships that help us realize our goals of creating a vibrant local economy by providing people with the skills and supports needed to gain access to good jobs. In this annual report, you will learn more about what makes Kalamazoo Valley a top-rated educational institution.

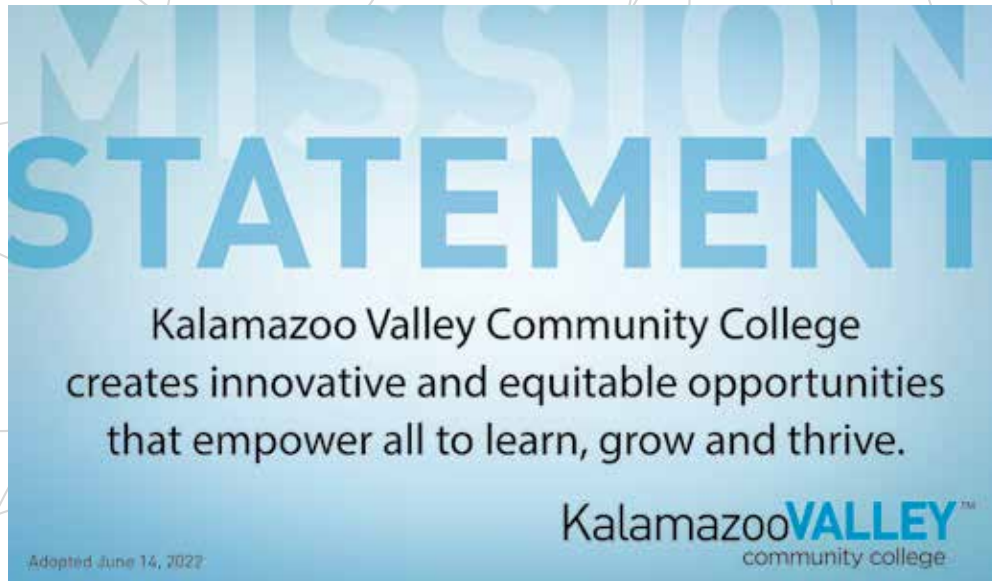
Overall, we are making progress toward achieving our mission. Thank you for your continued advocacy on behalf of the college and our students.

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President



TRUSTEES APPROVE REVISED COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT



Kalamazoo Valley Community College has a new mission statement: Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive.

The Board of Trustees adopted the revised statement during its regularly scheduled meeting on June 14, 2022. "The mission statement is an institution's formal, public declaration of its purpose. It serves as a guide for institutional decision-making and provides the flexibility necessary to respond to the needs of the community," said President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. "The new statement replaces one previously adopted in 1994 and modified throughout the years."

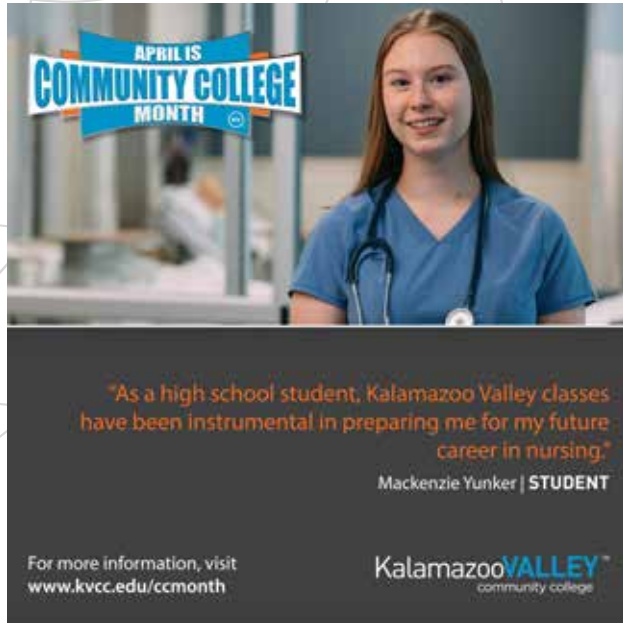
In September 2021, Washington appointed a cross-departmental team to collect input from college and community stakeholders. This Mission Statement Task Force created a seven-question, open-response survey. The goal of the survey was to solicit input from all college stakeholders regarding the purpose of the college and explore the relevance of the current mission statement. The survey was developed and distributed electronically to college staff and faculty members, foundation board members, emeriti, students, alumni, advisory

board members, community collaborators and community employers and leaders.

The Office of Institutional Research gathered and summarized 319 survey submissions, excluding any duplicate responses. The majority of responses received through the survey were positive, praising Kalamazoo Valley for providing opportunities, quality education, affordable education, a sense of community and an inclusive environment. Constructive criticism was given toward the internal culture of the college and toward making sure the college stays focused on its community impact and progression.

The Mission Statement Task Force then took the information and crafted several versions of a new, concise, action-oriented statement for consideration by the college Administrator Plus group and ultimately for approval by the Board of Trustees. The new statement is included on college digital and printed materials and posted throughout the college's four campus locations.

"This mission statement provides clear direction for our continued work together," Washington said. "I look forward to a bright future for the college, our students and their families and the communities we serve."



Together, with more than 1,000 other community colleges across the country, Kalamazoo Valley celebrated Community College Month in April. This campaign was designed to improve awareness of the economic, academic and equity advantages of attending community colleges and to break the stigma associated with public two-year colleges.

“These past two years have proven beyond a doubt that our college is absolutely vital to our community and our state,” said President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. “Community College Month is an opportunity to demonstrate not only that community colleges, like Kalamazoo Valley, should be the first choice of many college-bound students, but why community colleges are first-class institutions that are vital to our local and state economies.”

“The credentials earned by our students prepare them to fill in-demand careers in healthcare, skilled and professional trades, technology and new media or for transfer to four-year institutions. Community College Month is our opportunity to remind citizens about the huge impact the college makes on the vitality of Southwest Michigan,” Washington said.

Special alumni activities, promotional videos featuring students, faculty, staff, alumni and employers were created and employer outreach activities were a part of the celebration. An historical timeline, tracing the 54-year history of Kalamazoo Valley was designed and installed at the Texas Township Campus and the college received a state-wide proclamation acknowledging Kalamazoo Valley Community College’s impact on the region.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY CELEBRATES COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONTH

HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program at Kalamazoo Valley is a small community of highly motivated students who want the most from their college experience at Kalamazoo Valley. The curriculum is reading and writing intensive in a small classroom setting that aims to prepare graduates to transfer to top-tier colleges and universities. Twenty-eight students were selected to participate in the extremely competitive program for the 2021-2022 school year, with 12 giving research thesis presentations, graduating and transferring to schools such as Western Michigan University’s Lee Honors College and Michigan State University. To be eligible, students must have a high school GPA of 3.5 or higher, a 27 on the ACT, a 1290 on the SAT or a 3.5 GPA in college with 20 or more credits earned in college-transfer courses.



KALAMAZOO PROMISE SCHOLARS CHOOSE VALLEY

Kalamazoo Promise Services offers student support to Kalamazoo Promise eligible students. Through a series of appointments, students are assisted in successfully completing their academic goals at Kalamazoo Valley. More than 600 Kalamazoo Promise scholars attended the college during the 2021-2022 school year, taking more than 7,000 credit hours. Students received support from Kalamazoo Promise coaches through meetings and study sessions. They were also recognized at progress report luncheons and graduation celebrations.

MICHIGAN RECONNECT HELPS BRING ADULT LEARNERS TO COLLEGE

One thousand students attended Kalamazoo Valley during the 2021-2022 school year, thanks to the Michigan Reconnect scholarship. Michigan Reconnect, launched in February 2021, is a scholarship designed specifically for eligible adults 25 years old and older who want to pursue an associate degree at a Michigan community college or a skills certificate at a training school. Michigan Reconnect pays the remaining balance of in-district tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied. Students who attend out-of-district community colleges will receive a large tuition discount.

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EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE

More than 115 ambitious students completed the college's Early/Middle College program in 2022. The program allows students to earn up to an associate degree or certificate at little or no cost by completing a fifth year of high school. Students delay high school graduation for one year while they take college courses at Kalamazoo Valley. Tuition and fees are paid by the local school district up to the state allocated maximum. The group had a semester average GPA of 3.64 and exited with an overall GPA of 3.15. They were enrolled in more than 6,565 contact hours, saving families more than \$937,000. Students represented 19 different high schools from Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties.

Nearly 700 Early/Middle College students enrolled at Kalamazoo Valley this year.

COMMUNITY AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Community and Continuing Education Department provides non-credit learning opportunities for community members of all ages. The department includes Community Culinary and Nutrition, Continuing Education, Corporate Training and Workforce Development, Community Programming and Life Enrichment, Health Academies and Mi-LEAP programming.

In the past year, the Community Culinary and Nutrition team provided food supplies and culinary and nutrition education to 120 SNAP-Ed eligible families in Kalamazoo County through a partnership with Bronson Healthcare and the Michigan Fitness Foundation. In addition, the Michigan Learning and Education (Mi-LEAP) grant supported Computer Numerical Control (CNC) and Medical Coding and Billing training programs at the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD) to help displaced, unemployed or underemployed workers qualify for high paying jobs. Mi-LEAP programs have a 100% completion rate with starting wage averages of more than \$19 per hour.



KALAMAZOO VALLEY ACCELERATED ASSOCIATE PROGRAM (KVAAP) KEEPS STUDENTS ON TRACK

The Kalamazoo Valley Accelerated Associate Program (KVAAP) is an initiative that covers the cost of tuition, fees, books and required supplies for eligible participants. The program ensures that students stay on track to obtain their associate degree at an accelerated pace by attending college full time. In addition to financial assistance, KVAAP students benefit from advising, personalized support, career development and educational pathway assistance. A total of 258 students have participated in KVAAP since the program began in fall 2018, including 75 students who participated during the 2021-2022 school year. As of June 2022, 70 students have completed their associate degree.

ADVISORS & COUNSELORS HELP STUDENTS NAVIGATE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

A team of more than 15 advisors and counselors helped students continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic and achieve their educational goals. The team assisted with pathway advising, course selections and career exploration. More than 15,000 students were served in person, online and over the telephone.

In addition, the college's licensed professional counselors offered short-term personal counseling and referrals to external counseling agencies to hundreds of students seeking help with their personal well-being.



DEBT FORGIVENESS PROGRAM BRINGS STUDENTS BACK TO COLLEGE

More than 60 students who left the college with outstanding debt and no degree were welcomed back during the 2021-2022 school year through the Debt Forgiveness Program. Through the program, students who re-enroll and finish a degree or certificate can have up to \$1,000 of a past-due balance forgiven.

VALLEY CARES FUNDING CONTINUES

The pandemic continued to present the college and our students with unprecedented challenges. In consideration of this, the college created the Valley CARES Emergency Assistance Fund in 2020. The fund provides limited emergency financial support to students who have experienced unexpected expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the pandemic. During the 2021-2022 school year, more than \$10,202,900 in CARES funds were disbursed as Student Emergency Grants to more than 5,400 students.

NEED HELP WITH FINANCIAL AID?

Financial assistance is available to help with the costs of college. If you are a student at Kalamazoo Valley and experience financial hardship, our team may be able to help.

Please email, call us or make an appointment with our office to find out more.

Financial Aid Office
269.488.4340
finaid@kvcc.edu

To schedule an appointment go to kvcc.edu/finaid and select "Schedule an Appointment."





COLLEGE NAMED VETERAN-FRIENDLY SCHOOL

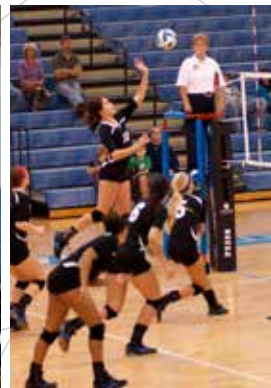
Kalamazoo Valley was named a Veteran-Friendly School, with gold-level status, by the Michigan Veterans Affairs agency in September 2021. The Michigan Veteran-Friendly Schools Program recognizes academic institutions committed to supporting the needs of veterans and military-connected students. These institutions are awarded gold, silver and bronze-level status based on their veteran-centric services and programs.

"Achieving gold-level status is a real testament to the college's efforts to not just be veteran-friendly for our more than 250 student veterans, but veteran-embracing," said Charles Heidelberg, veteran services coordinator. "We work tirelessly to create a smooth transition from soldier to student, supporting these men and women every step of the way."

STUDENT-ATHLETES GARNER ACADEMIC ACCOLADES

The Athletic Department and the Office for Student Life and Engagement teamed up during the 2021-2022 school year to support the college's 81 student-athletes with required weekly study tables. Players on all five of the college's intercollegiate athletic teams – volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and softball – participated.

Athletes and their coaches met one or two days per week for two hours of studying, with a goal of each player logging 20 hours of total study time a week. In addition, staff from student services worked with athletes on time management and introduced them to student strengths development and library services. As a result of these efforts, 47 percent of the college's student-athletes were recognized by the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) for their academic achievement, with 38 players earning a 3.0 GPA or higher. In addition, 17 players with a GPA 3.60 and higher were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-Academic Teams.



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Along with the Hispanic American Council of Kalamazoo (El Concilio), the Office of Diversity and Inclusion co-sponsored the Latino Artists Exhibit in August at the Center for New Media. In February, it also co-sponsored the Black Artists Exhibit with the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the Metropolitan Kalamazoo National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The college's Office of Diversity and Inclusion continues to collaborate with student groups, faculty and the community to provide support, resources and leadership as we strive for inclusive excellence.



Artist Picardo with his Latino art show entry



VALLEY ON THE ROAD

Kalamazoo Valley Community College celebrated the class of 2022. The college's Enrollment Management team hit the road in the Cougar Cruiser to visit area high schools in May and June. Armed with Kalamazoo Valley swag, they met with local seniors to celebrate their accomplishments.

ALUMNI+ PROGRAM

The Alumni+ Program continued to sponsor its annual Alumni+ Art Exhibit, a juried show that attracts entrants from many disciplines hailing from locales across the country. Other program achievements included sponsoring Alumni Nights at Taps on Tuesday at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. Each year the Alumni+ Program names a Distinguished Alumni Award winner recognizing a former student who has used his or her education for personal achievement and community advancement.



SUPPORTING KALAMAZOO PRIDE

Kalamazoo Pride brought together an estimated 8,000+ people of all ages, genders, sexual orientations and racial identities from Southwest Michigan and beyond to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride. The two-day festival held in June 2022 at Kalamazoo's Arcadia Creek Festival Place featured show-stopping performances, music, exhibitors, food, dancing and more. The college supported the event as a "Rainbow" sponsor while the Office for Enrollment Management staffed a table and shared information about the college with attendees.



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT VISIT IN JUNE

Representatives from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), formerly the Department of Agriculture, visited Kalamazoo Valley’s Food Innovation Center and Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building in June to learn about the creative ways the college is working to make healthy foods accessible.

MDARD Director Gary McDowell said field trips to local communities were more frequent prior to the pandemic. “We’re here learning and asking questions,” he said. “Great ideas are coming from people across the state who have the same goals and we’re really impressed. We want to be a part of it, too.”

ValleyHUB, the largest network of buying and selling opportunities for local food in Southwest Michigan, connects local growers with buyers like restaurants and institutional kitchens in schools and hospitals.

THE LEARNING KITCHEN

During the summer of 2022, Kalamazoo Valley offered The Learning Kitchen, a free virtual cooking program for community youth. The Learning Kitchen teaches students how to cook nutritious, low-cost meals, create healthy nutrition habits and how to have fun while cooking. The program was virtual via Zoom and taught by a dietitian and facilitated by a chef. This program included weekly free groceries, funded by the Bronson Health Foundation, for each registered student to cook along during class.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

In partnership with Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency’s MyCITY Youth Opportunities Unlimited Program (Y.O.U.), the Food Innovation Center hosted youth aged 16-21 for a seven-week paid internship. The youth supported a variety of programming and operations at Valley’s urban farm and served the greater Kalamazoo in community gardens. The Y.O.U. youth prepared a new “Three Sisters” garden bed that features corn, climbing beans and a variety of squash. They added thick layers of wood chips around raised garden beds in the Children’s Garden to help preserve the wood frames and cleaned planting pots and trays when the weather was too warm to safely work outside.

SUSTAINABLE BREWING PROGRAM WINS 2021 AWARDS

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's sustainable brewing program continues to bring home prestigious brewing awards. At the U.S. Open College Beer Championship, in September 2021, student beers earned one gold and two silver medals placing fourth overall. Kalamazoo Valley won a gold medal for student-brewed Pineapple Peppercorn Berliner Weiss and double mash imperial stout, My Old Friend. At the Great American Beer Festival Competition, an internationally acclaimed competition featuring the best breweries and craft beer industry greats, also held in September, the program earned a bronze medal for the beer Sour Flower, one of 117 entries in the Contemporary Gose category.



MILEAP OFFERS FREE JOB TRAINING

Beginning in spring of 2022, a statewide grant allowed a partnership of regional community colleges and workforce development organizations to offer free education, job training and related support services to area residents suffering from the economic impact of COVID-19. A consortium, including Kalamazoo Valley, Kellogg Community College, Michigan Works! Southwest, the Northside Association for Community Development (NACD), Urban Alliance and The Kalamazoo Promise, received a total of \$1,163,662 via a competitive Michigan Learning and Education Advancement Program (MiLEAP) grant. Funds are being used to offer neighborhood-based computer numerical control (CNC) training, certified nursing assistant (CNA) training and medical coding and billing. Trainees can receive career coaching and the opportunity to earn professional skills through competency-based training.

COLLABORATION BRINGS CANNABIS TRAINING TO COLLEGE

The college continued to expand its academic offerings for students interested in future-focused industries. In January 2022, the school announced the addition of three cannabis certificates designed to provide job-skills training for students interested in a cannabis-related career. According to Business Wire, cannabis is the fastest growing industry in America. To address the critical need for workers in the industry, Kalamazoo Valley partnered with Green Flower, a leader in cannabis education, to offer these in-demand programs. In its first six months, more than 70 people enrolled in the program.





Nurse anesthetist and alum Tarisai Makoni

NON-TRADITIONAL ROLES IN SKILLED TRADES AND HEALTH CAREERS EVENT

In March 2022, Kalamazoo Valley hosted “Non-Traditional Roles in Skilled Trades and Health Careers,” a virtual keynote address and panel discussion. The goal was to learn how area educators and employers can support and encourage men and women to pursue careers in non-traditional roles. Tracy Labadie, Kalamazoo Valley’s associate vice president for collaboration, compliance and analytics, noted that the plumbing, HVAC and electric industries have an urgent need for skilled workers which creates opportunities for women to enter and advance in these fields. “Increasing the overall number of women working in the trades will also help to fill the imminent gap in the labor force that will be created with record levels of upcoming retirements of skilled tradespeople,” Labadie said.

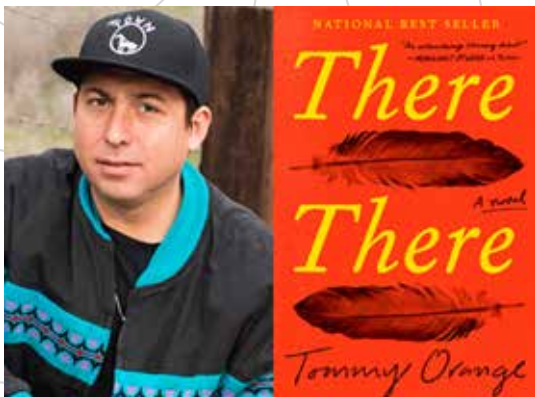
FIRE SCIENCE ACADEMY ENHANCES CURRICULUM

The college’s Fire Science Academy meets the state-mandated requirements for preparing cadets to become professional Michigan firefighters and take the state certification exam.

Launched in the fall of 2008 and led by retired Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety Detective Karen Rivard since 2020, nearly 100 people have graduated from the program since its inception. She added the highly sought after Live Burn Evolution to the curriculum in fall of 2022, a training that goes above and beyond the minimum Michigan Fire Fighter Training training standards. Rivard, who has nearly 30 years in public service, hopes to continue to build diversity in the field, including attracting more women and people of color to firefighting. The class of 2022 included 10 cadets, eight males and two females. Eight of the cadets are now gainfully employed while two are continuing their education while looking for employment.



Raelyn de Groff, fire science student



AUTHOR TOMMY ORANGE VISITS CAMPUS

Author Tommy Orange is the author of the New York Times-bestselling novel “There There,” a multigenerational story about the lives of urban Native Americans. “There There” was one of The New York Times Book Review’s 10 Best Books of the Year, won the Center for Fiction’s First Novel Prize and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. He read from his works and talked about the writing process with students, staff and members of the community who attended his Visiting Writers talks. Orange appeared as a part of the college’s Visiting Writers Series.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. It is operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and governed by its Board of Trustees, which means every time you visit the museum in person or access its virtual programs, you are also visiting the college!

The museum has always been tax-funded since its start in 1881 as a collection of curiosities in the public library basement. Until 1984, the museum remained a department of the Kalamazoo Public Library. From 1984 to 1991, the museum received its operating support from the Kalamazoo Public Schools. In 1991, the museum became part of Kalamazoo Valley Community College and gained the support of the community through a charter millage. It is located on the college’s Arcadia Commons Campus along with Anna Whitten Hall and the Center for New Media.

In cooperation with the college, museum staff works to develop cultural, historical and scientific literacy through innovative exhibits, special exhibitions, planetarium programs, educational programs and family events.



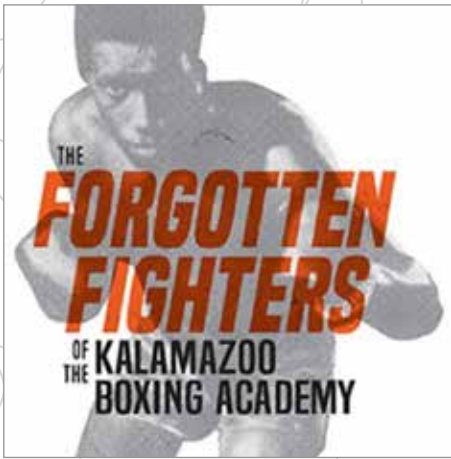
NEW WEBSITE, AUDIO TOURS DEBUT

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum continues to stay abreast of the latest technology in its ongoing media campaign to build awareness about programming and strategies to enrich the guest experience. In December 2021, it debuted a dynamic new website whose enhanced functionality has led to more online content. In addition, the museum now proudly offers closed-captioning on all videos, audio tours via QR codes, tactile-touch experiences in the “Mystery of the Mummy” exhibit, headphones and other comfort aides provide guests with barrier-free access. For more, visit www.kalamazoomuseum.org.

‘WONDER MEDIA’ TACKLES TOUGH MEDIA ISSUES

Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University partnered on a major exhibit that opened April 2022 to spark critical thinking about news and media literacy. With 14 hands-on activity stations housed on the Kalamazoo Valley Museum’s first and second floors, “Wonder Media: Ask the Questions!” is believed to be the first exhibit of its kind of this scale and depth in the nation. A public reception was held in May 2022 to thank everyone who helped make the exhibit happen, most especially its creator, WMU Communication Professor Sue Ellen Christian. The exhibit closes December 2023.





'FORGOTTEN FIGHTERS' HONORS HISTORIC GYM

"The Forgotten Fighters of the Kalamazoo Boxing Academy" exhibit and documentary of the same name explore the personal stories of the historic academy's boxers and trainers. The exhibit, which began February 2022, uses artifacts and videotaped footage to share its impact on the community. Details about the gym and the communal living space at the house are uncovered, along with stories about the fighting techniques and philosophies of the trainers who made the gym unique and successful, including attracting big names in boxing during its heyday. The exhibit ended September 2022.

MURPHY DARDEN ARTWORK HANGS AT TEXAS TOWNSHIP CAMPUS

"Filling the Gaps: The Art of Murphy Darden," a modified version of the original exhibit at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, was installed at the Texas Township Campus in August 2021. It includes recreations of Darden's artwork and use of QR codes to link mobile devices to additional video and other content about the exhibit. The exhibit is located across from the Wellness Center in the corridor that houses the Pay Station. This is part of the "ambient learning" initiative to install museum exhibits at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's various campuses.



STATE-OF-THE-ART PLANETARIUM SHOWCASED

In November 2021, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum hosted the annual Great Lakes Planetarium Association's conference with 100-plus participants from across the country and a few international participants. Planetarium shows continue to be one of the favorite experiences for guests at the museum. The planetarium also participated in the annual Statewide Astronomy Night in the spring of 2022.

EMPLOYEE MEET-UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN, WELLNESS

After a hiatus brought on by the pandemic, the Employee Engagement and Wellness Committee began offering activities again in early 2022. Employees were invited to participate in a weekly walking and meditation group, a jogging club and euchre tournaments. The committee was created for the purpose of nurturing employee engagement and wellness with the understanding that these two features are interconnected and vital to a healthy workforce who is prepared to serve our students, one another and the community.



FOOD INNOVATION CENTER HELPS BEAUTIFY CAMPUS - INSIDE AND OUT

Dragon fruit cactus, spider plant and coleus were among the many plants employees were able to pick up in March from the greenhouse at the college's Food Innovation Center (FIC). Close to 70 employees took advantage of the giveaway and adopted a new indoor plant for their home or office. Additional plants grown at the FIC were planted in late spring by employees outside of all four college campuses.

HONORING KALAMAZOO VALLEY RETIREES

More than 20 recent retirees returned to Kalamazoo Valley in April to be recognized by the college community at the first retirement party since the start of the pandemic. Employees who retired between 2020 and 2022 received recognition from President Washington. The event was held in the Main Gym at the Texas Township Campus.



Retiree Nancy Vendeville and President L. Marshall Washington



STUDENT SERVICES FAIR

Faculty and staff in student services participated in the first Serving Learners! Services Fair during the faculty Summit in May 2022. The Services Fair gave faculty members the opportunity to connect with individuals who work in student services so they can fully serve students. More than 30 student service areas participated, including the Learning Center, Advising & Counseling and Life Resources.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

The college hosted Take Your Child to Work Day activities in April 2022. The job-shadowing day is intended to give children a glimpse into the working world through the guidance of their parents. More than 35 children, ranging in age from two to 14, participated.



(L) President L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D. and Michael Schlack at the Arbor Day ceremony. (R) Zanita Miller sings a tribute song.

ARBOR DAY CEREMONY HONORS MEMORY OF EMPLOYEES

An Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony was held on April 29 to honor the memory of faculty and staff members who have passed away in the last year, including Dr. Marilyn Schlack, former college president, as well as Carol Kingsley, Tom Noyes, Celeste Stoneburner and Jim Taylor. The Arbor Day holiday is meant to encourage the planting of trees to benefit and beautify the environment. Kalamazoo Valley has participated by holding a memorial tree planting on Arbor Day since 2010. The ceremony included music, a reading and special words of tribute.

KVCC FOUNDATION DONORS AND STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

ABOUT THE KVCC FOUNDATION

Established in 1980, the Foundation accepts both unrestricted contributions and those designated for specific purposes, such as student scholarships, the purchase of necessary equipment to improve instruction and construction of new facilities.

The Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation serves as an independent 501(c)(3) charitable organization for support of and benefit for the college, its students, faculty, staff and affiliated entities such as the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.

FACULTY AND STAFF RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

On March 27, 2019, more than \$23,000 was raised for student scholarships during the college's Day of Giving. More than 165 members of the college community made pledges which we were complemented by a \$5,000 Foundation Director gift. Staff and faculty, who work daily with students, know firsthand about the difference that a scholarship can make in the life of a student. Plans are underway for a similar event in 2023.

FACULTY LED EFFORTS FOR STUDENT EMERGENCY NEEDS

During the initial days of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic in April 2020, the KVCC Foundation launched a faculty-driven student emergency services fund drive raising more than \$7,600. This effort, combined with other student assistance funds and federal funds associated with the CARES ACT, expanded the college's ability to respond to the emerging needs of students which included transportation, child care, housing and food insecurity.

WHY GIFTS ARE NEEDED

With your help, Kalamazoo Valley is able to provide the highest level of educational opportunities for students in the greater southwest Michigan area. Generous donors, through gifts to the KVCC Foundation, help to make a college education possible for more than 500 students annually.

TO MAKE A GIFT OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Kalamazoo Valley Community College Foundation Executive Director Linda Depta at 269.488.4821, ldepta@kvcc.edu or visit www.kvcc.edu/foundation.



"When I look back at what helped me become who I am, I realize that my college professors were formative because they gave me positive feedback. They helped me make the transition to civilian life. In some small way, I hope I'm helping students, too."

Patrick Allkins
**JANET G. ALLKINS MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIP DONOR**



"Our experience in attending a community college after high school opened doors for us. We firmly believe that a community college experience enables students to pursue their interest in education. It can also help them obtain a skill that will fit their future success. We are happy to support Kalamazoo Valley Community College in accomplishing these goals."

Bob and Rhea Corrión | **SCHOLARSHIP DONORS**



"An education is something that can never be taken away, and knowledge is empowering if utilized."

Nancee and Steve Hofmeister
NOVA STAR SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

"The scholarship helps me in tangible ways – it defrays the cost of tuition and books. Most of all, though, it tells me that people care about my success and want to be a part of it. I won't ever forget this. It means the world to me."

Ishmael Klien
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
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"I established the scholarship for students who aren't necessarily bookworms, but for those who have a desire to work with their hands."

Joann Lynch
LYNCH SCHOLARSHIP

"It doesn't have to be a lot of money, but it could make a big impact and show a student that somebody believes in them and somebody cares about them."

Ron Young | Kalamazoo Valley Retired Faculty
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CREDIT PROGRAMS

Enrollment	10,128
Full Time.....	24%
Part Time.....	76%

3-Yr. Graduation & Transfer Rate.....	38%
6-Yr. Graduation & Transfer Rate.....	50%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Average Age	24
24 or Younger.....	69%
25-39	24%
Women.....	56%
Men.....	44%
White.....	68%
Black or African American	11%
Hispanic/Latino	8%
2 or More Races.....	6%
All Other/Unknown	7%

NON-CREDIT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Enrollment	366
Career Academy Graduation Rate.....	96%
Career Academy Job Placement	99%

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

49% of Students Receive Financial Aid
24% Receive Federal Grants
14% Receive Federal Loans

Total Aid Dollars Exceed \$21.8 Million

Pell Grants	\$7,308,569
Campus-Based Aid.....	\$446,759
KVCC Foundation	\$500,000

TUITION AND FEES (students enrolled for credit)

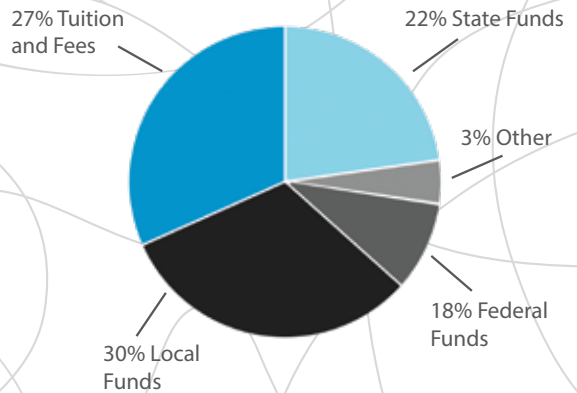
Kalamazoo Valley (in district)	\$3,852
Michigan Community College Avg....	\$4,516
4-Year College Avg.	\$10,560

(Nat. public in state avg.)

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES (awarded annually)

Associate Degrees	812
Certificates	45
Certificates of Achievement	21

REVENUE OF \$86.5 MILLION (net of capital)



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Texas Township Campus

- Dental Hygiene Clinic
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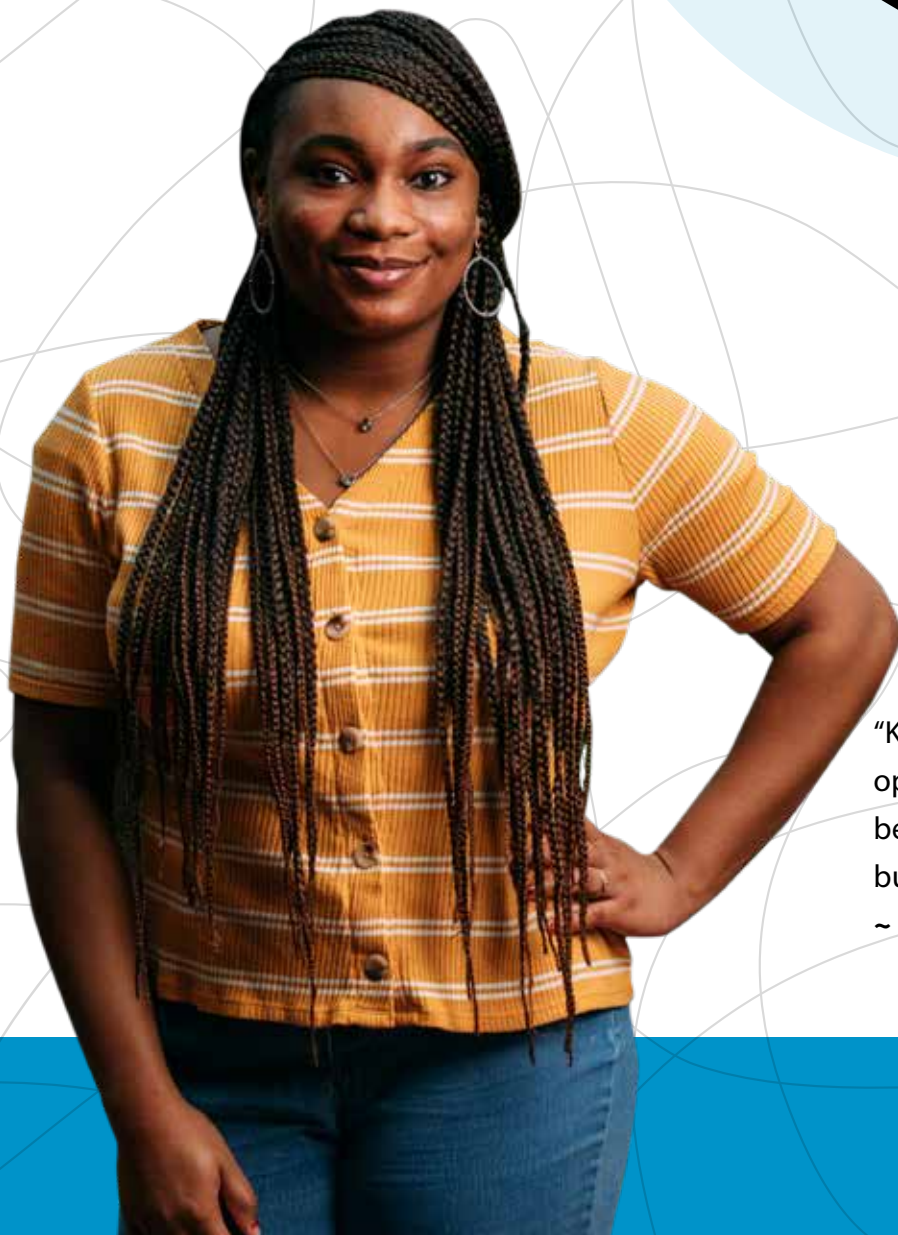
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