

ANNUAL REPORT

2024
2025

Kalamazoo**VALLEY**[™]
community college

OUR MISSION

Kalamazoo Valley Community College creates innovative and equitable opportunities that empower all to learn, grow and thrive.

OUR VISION

Over the next decade, Kalamazoo Valley Community College will be a leader in providing highly regarded relevant and affordable services.

OUR VALUES

CARING AND RESPECT

- Foster a safe, dynamic learning environment
- Demonstrate positive regard for self and others
- Give and receive praise graciously
- Honor civility, service, collegiality and social justice

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

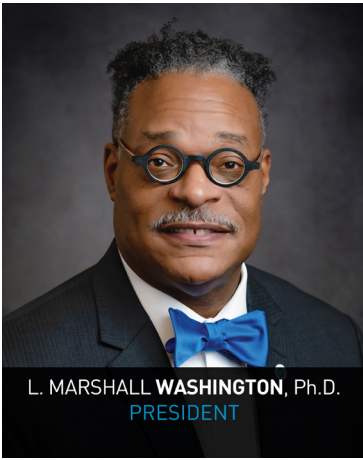
- Embrace change as an opportunity
- Pursue excellence and innovation
- Value learning and develop an environment of intellectual inquiry
- Share new ideas and expand the boundaries of knowledge

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



WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

At Kalamazoo Valley Community College, we continue to serve as a beacon of light for all, illuminating pathways to opportunity and growth throughout our region. This past year, we have strengthened our commitment to placing student success and student development at the center of all we do, ensuring that every individual has the holistic support needed to reach his or her educational and personal goals.

We take pride in being a college where learners from all backgrounds come to explore options for future career opportunities — whether that means preparing to enter high-demand fields, transferring to four-year institutions or discovering new passions that enrich their lives. By offering innovative programs and fostering an inclusive, caring environment, we empower students to thrive, not just academically, but as engaged citizens and contributors to our broader community.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to advancing our mission, nurturing meaningful partnerships and creating learning experiences that meet the evolving needs of the communities we proudly serve. Thank you for your continued support and for joining us in this important work.

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

STRATEGIC GOAL ONE:
Forecast & Prepare for Future Learners,
Holistically Supporting Their Education Goals.

INTEREST IN SCHOOL OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Kalamazoo Valley's new School of Cosmetology and Barbering officially opened to students in the Fall 2024 semester, with classes held in the renovated Redwood Building on the Texas Township Campus. The nearly 10,000 square-foot facility includes a salon and spa for cosmetology and a barbershop for barbering. Interest in the program exceeded expectations, with over 600 people expressing interest. The school launched full- and part-time cohorts of 40 cosmetology and 20 barbering students in October and February, with plans to expand to three cohorts per year. Additionally, 30 cosmetology and up to 15 barbering students from KRESA began taking classes at the new facility, and discounted services to the community began in late summer.



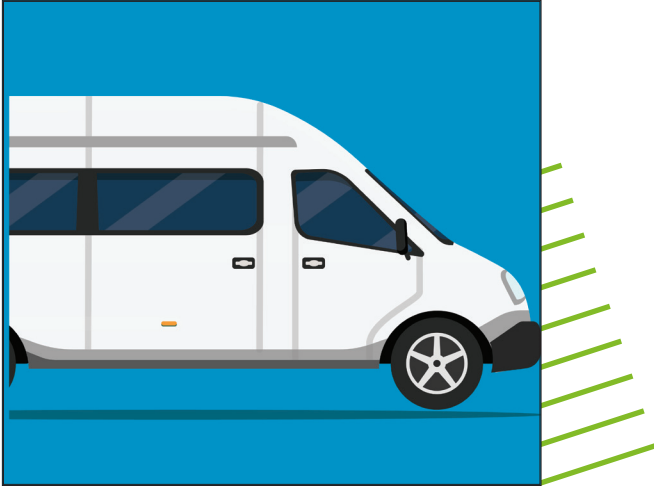
COLLEGE REVIVES CLIFTONSTRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

Student Development Services and Human Resources revived the CliftonStrengths assessment for both students and employees. The assessment helped participants identify their "Top 5" talents, guiding them to discover their strengths and maximize their potential. Four certified Strengths Coaches — two from Student Development Services and two from Human Resources — led the relaunch to emphasize the college's commitment to being a strengths-based institution. A new feature of the program included training 30 in-house "Strengths Champions" from across the college, who could administer and interpret assessments without leading workshops or trainings. This professional development opportunity, open to all full-time faculty and staff, required a time commitment of two to three hours per week and six hours of initial training.



COLLEGE PILOTED NEW CAMPUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

Students and staff who needed transportation between campuses were able to use the FREE Kalamazoo Valley Shuttle. The shuttle operated from 6:50 a.m. to 7 p.m. and traveled between the Arcadia Commons Campus (ACC), the Bronson Healthy Living Campus (BHLC) and the Texas Township Campus (TTC). Pick-up and drop-off locations included the southeast corner of Rose Street and Water Street for ACC, the Walnut Street parking lot in front of the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building for the BHLC and the Flagpole Entrance for TTC.



VALLEY MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER REACHES 1,000-POINT MILESTONE AND TEAM WINS NATIONAL GAME

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's men's basketball had a history-making season. The team won its conference, were named state champs and finished No. 4 at the national tournament.

While the team did not take home the national title, it won the first round of play and a quarterfinal game, and in doing so made Kalamazoo Valley Community College history. This was the first time that the Cougars have ever won a game at the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men's Basketball Championship since the college's founding in 1966.

The team was seeded seventh in the national tournament. It made it all the way to the semifinals, but fell to No. 3 seed, Kirkwood Community College of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 88-73, on Friday, March 21, 2025. The Cougars left with the honor of being one of the Final Four.

"Hats off to the Kalamazoo Valley men's basketball players on a history-making season," Athletic Director Russ Panico said. "They've worked hard for it."

The Cougars had achievement after achievement this

ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS AND COURSEWARE AVAILABLE FOR CLASSES

Kalamazoo Valley students were automatically provided with electronic versions of textbooks and other course materials through Ready Day One. The cost of these materials was added to their tuition bill, and e-books were typically at least 50% cheaper than print versions. These digital materials were only available in classes where instructors selected the option, which many did. Within 24 hours of registering for an eligible class, students could access the materials through the Kalamazoo Valley Bookstore link in their Canvas account.



season: The players collectively had an average GPA of 3.23 for the Fall 2024 semester. Valley's Head Men's Basketball Coach Jim Horn was named Coach of the Year for the Western Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) for 2024-2025.

Then, sophomore guard Joey Liedel was chosen Western Conference Player of the Year, sophomore MaKyle Doss was selected Western Conference Defensive Player of the Year and sophomore Ramere Draper was named to the National All-Tournament Team. Another point of pride was Liedel reaching the rare career college milestone of 1,000 points during a home game on Jan. 4.



STRATEGIC GOAL TWO:
Embed Diversity, Equity and
Inclusivity in All Processes Across the College.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFE SPACE WORKSHOP

Kalamazoo Valley employees were invited to register for a one-hour workshop on fostering psychological safety and self-awareness, held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 on the Texas Township Campus. The session provided practical tools to help participants express their authentic selves and thrive both professionally and personally. Attendees explored social identities and learned respectful interaction guidelines. Tea, coffee and pastries were served during the event. This workshop was the second installment in the “DiversiTea!” series, hosted by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Kalamazoo Valley welcomed 24 new international students for the Fall 2024 semester, bringing the total number of F-1 international students to 102 for the 2024–2025 academic year. These students enriched the campus community by contributing diverse cultural backgrounds and perspectives. The “international” designation applied specifically to F-1 non-immigrant students temporarily residing in the U.S. to pursue a degree or training program. These students were required to maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, including at least nine credits in traditional in-person or blended formats, with only one online course permitted. As they navigated stricter enrollment and employment regulations, the college remained committed to supporting their success.



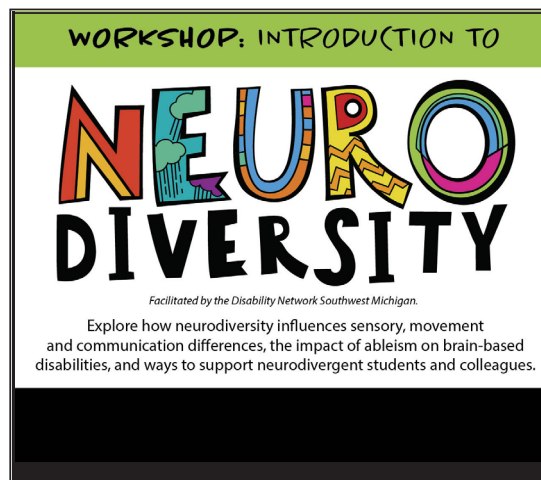
A NEW MINI EXHIBIT 'COLLECTING BLACK HISTORY: MURPHY DARDEN'S LEGACY'

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum invited the community to explore a first of its kind mini exhibit showcasing artifacts, images and historic documents collected by the late Kalamazoo historian, Murphy Darden, who was passionate about preserving often-overlooked parts of history. The exhibit, which began Sept. 5, and ended March 2, 2025, also included selections of Darden's artwork. Three events also took place during this period including a panel discussion with community leaders and friends of Murphy Darden, a reception to celebrate his life and collection and a documentary film screening produced by Public Media Network.



NEURODIVERSITY WORKSHOPS HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

The "Introduction to Neurodiversity" workshops engaged participants in two-hour sessions exploring the diversity of human brains and minds. Facilitated by the Disability Network Southwest Michigan, the workshops addressed topics such as sensory, movement and communication differences, the effects of ableism and strategies for supporting neurodivergent individuals. Light refreshments were provided and interactive activities encouraged meaningful dialogue. The sessions reflected the college's ongoing commitment to diversity and inclusion.



THE HONORABLE HARVEST LECTURE SERIES FEATURED AUTHOR TALKS, COMMUNITY DISCUSSION EXPLORING 'BRAIDING SWEETGRASS' BOOK

As part of Kalamazoo Valley's Visiting Writers series, author Robin Wall Kimmerer's work "Braiding Sweetgrass" was featured for its exploration of the Indigenous principles of the Honorable Harvest, which emphasizes reciprocity and giving back for what we receive. A free lecture series ran on Tuesdays, from Sept. 17 through Nov. 19, 2024, at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building, focusing on how to apply these values in everyday life and within communities. Kimmerer also delivered two free lectures at the Texas Township Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 6, titled "Braiding Sweetgrass" and "Restoration and Reciprocity," followed by a book signing. In addition, a free community book discussion took place at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum on Tuesday, Nov. 12, co-sponsored by the museum and the Kalamazoo Public Library.



MUSEUM OFFERS FREE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

Admission to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum remained free to the public, offering accessible educational and cultural experiences for all ages. Operated by Kalamazoo Valley Community College and governed by the college's Board of Trustees, the museum continued its mission to promote cultural, historical, scientific and technological literacy. Visitors enjoyed a variety of dynamic, hands-on exhibits alongside planetarium shows, musical performances, lectures and films designed for children, adults and families alike. Located at 230 N. Rose St. in downtown Kalamazoo, the museum maintained regular hours from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Planetarium shows were offered on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for a nominal fee of \$3.



BLACK HISTORY 101 MOBILE MUSEUM: MUSIC OF THE MOVEMENT

Students, employees and community members had the opportunity to experience the powerful influence of Black music on American culture and social movements through rare artifacts and interactive exhibits. The event highlighted the role of iconic Black artists in shaping popular culture and inspiring social change, while also honoring the resilience and contributions of Black individuals in the face of racial discrimination. A keynote lecture by Dr. Khalid El-Hakim took place on Oct. 15, 2024.



HISPANIC/LATINX CELEBRATION DREW GREAT TURNOUT

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, a steady stream of students, staff and faculty gathered during lunchtime on the Texas Township Campus to celebrate Hispanic/LatinX Heritage Month. The event featured live music, food and games that honored the vibrant cultures, rich histories and contributions of Hispanic/LatinX communities. Local guitarist, singer and songwriter Rene Meave provided music for the celebration; he is a recognized musical talent who was also featured at the 2024 Fretboard Festival sponsored by the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Meave has earned recognition from both the American Song Festival and the Broadcast Music, Inc. Song Festival.



COLLEGE HOSTS WOMEN OF INFLUENCE

MI-ACE Women's Network, Kalamazoo Chapter, presented: "Women of Influence" Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024, at the college's Texas Township Campus. The event featured a panel discussion with influential women in academia from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College. The panelists included Candy McCorkle, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Western Michigan University; Karen T. Isble, Vice President for College Advancement, Kalamazoo College; and Paige Eagan, Provost and Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

MI-ACE is committed to improving the general climate and professional environment for women by identifying, developing, encouraging, advancing, linking and supporting (IDEALS) women in higher education careers throughout the state.



GLOBAL GRATITUDE DINNER: AN INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Kalamazoo Valley hosted a vibrant celebration of its international community Nov. 19, 2024, at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered to enjoy a shared meal and cultural performances, with international students presenting traditional vocal and instrumental music. Catering was provided by Cairo's Kitchen, offering vegetarian and halal options. The event was free and open to the public, with optional donations supporting Kalamazoo Valley's Global Student Union.



BEYOND THE DREAM EVENT ADVANCED FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY

Kalamazoo Valley Community College hosted a free Martin Luther King, Jr. Day discussion luncheon on Jan. 30, 2025, honoring six community members recognized for their contributions to freedom, justice and democracy. Honorees included Byron R. Foster, Gwendolyn L. Moore, Dave Morgan, Marcy L. Peake, Mark A. Totten and Jihan Ain Young. Lunch was provided for attendees of the event.



A LIFE OF SERVICE: ANNA WHITTEN TRIBUTE LUNCHEON

Kalamazoo civil rights leader Anna Whitten was honored during Women's History Month at the very building named after her — Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Anna Whitten Hall in downtown Kalamazoo.

On March 12, 2025, the college hosted "A Life of Service: Anna Whitten Tribute Luncheon." Whitten was the college's longest-serving board member. She played a pivotal role in advancing the college's mission, advocating for students above all else and ensuring that accessible education remained a cornerstone of the community. Following the event, there was a dedication of the new interactive display in the Anna Whitten Hall lobby that chronicles Whitten's life story and accomplishments.



'MR. SOUL!' MOVIE & DISCUSSION

On June 17, 2025, Kalamazoo Valley hosted a screening of the acclaimed documentary "Mr. SOUL!," which explored the first nationally broadcasted all-Black variety show on public television. The event was part of the Juneteenth Black Film Festival and included a panel discussion featuring local Black creatives, curated by Soul Artistry LLC. The screening and discussion were free for all and took place at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum.



INAUGURAL STUDENT SUCCESS BREAKFAST WAS A SUCCESS

The inaugural Student Success Breakfast was held on June 19, 2025, and welcomed all students from across the college community. The event provided an opportunity for students to share their experiences, connect with faculty and staff and explore valuable campus resources. Designed with student success at its core, the breakfast highlighted the importance of student voices and fostered meaningful connections within the campus community. Plans are underway for a follow-up event in early October, to be hosted at both the Texas Township Campus and Anna Whitten Hall in downtown Kalamazoo.



STRATEGIC GOAL THREE: Leverage Broad Expertise and Intentional Partnerships to Best Serve the College Community

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FARM?

In July 2024, the farm team at the Food Innovation Center (FIC) constructed a mid-size composting system inside one of the hoop houses to support horticulture program labs and community classes. Composting, a controlled process using microorganisms to break down organic matter, was used to convert food and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil. Since June 2024, the compost pile processed over 5,000 pounds of pre-consumer food waste from the food hub, including apple cores, carrot peels, potato skins, celery leaves and pepper seeds. The pile reached temperatures over 140 degrees due to microbial activity and will soon be ready for use in the FIC gardens to support this year's crops.



NEW ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Four new electric vehicle charging stations were installed at Kalamazoo Valley's Texas Township Campus. Located in the southeast corner of the main parking lot, the stations are free to use on a first-come, first-served basis. These new additions joined the four existing stations on the south side of the building near the Advanced Technology Center wing entrance, bringing the campus total to eight charging stations.



POETRY CELEBRATED ASYLUM LAKE

On Sept. 21, 2024, the Kalamazoo Valley Museum hosted a reading presented by Friends of Poetry, featuring selections from the book of poems, "Asylum Lake: A Tribute." The poems, written by local writers, honored the natural beauty and historical significance of Asylum Lake Preserve in Kalamazoo. Attendees were also invited to explore the museum's exhibit, "Kalamazoo State Hospital: 165 Years of Psychiatric Care," which offered additional context about the preserve site. Admission to both the reading and the exhibit was free, providing a meaningful and accessible cultural experience for the community.



KALSEC FOOD FOR THOUGHT CULINARY COMPETITION

Kalamazoo Valley Community College hosted the Kalsec Food for Thought Culinary Competition on Oct. 24, 2024, at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building. This lively event showcased the talents of student chefs from the college's culinary school, each paired with a Kalsec research chef or food scientist to compete in creating innovative appetizer dishes. Attendees enjoyed an evening filled with creativity, flavor and community as they sampled dishes and connected with fellow food enthusiasts. Admission was free, making it an accessible and memorable celebration of culinary excellence.



AUTHOR ROBIN WALL KIMMERER LECTURES DREW HUNDREDS

More than 800 attendees gathered at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Texas Township Campus on Nov. 6, 2024, for two lectures by New York Times bestselling author Robin Wall Kimmerer in the Dale B. Lake Auditorium. Between the sessions, Kimmerer and invited guests enjoyed a specially prepared lunch featuring Native American dishes by Chef Sam Anglin of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Kimmerer — an environmental biology professor and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation — encouraged the audience to adopt a reciprocal relationship with the land, a core theme of her book "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants."



MUSEUM'S FIRST-EVER REFUGEE FILM FESTIVAL HELD OCT. 11-13

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum, in partnership with the Kalamazoo Refugee Resource Collaborative, hosted the inaugural Refugee Film Festival from Oct. 11-13, 2024. Held daily from noon to 4 p.m., the festival featured three films highlighting the experiences of individuals forced to flee their homes. Each screening was followed by a panel discussion led by refugees and stateless individuals, offering personal insights and fostering deeper understanding. Admission to both the festival and the museum was free, making this powerful storytelling event accessible to the entire community.



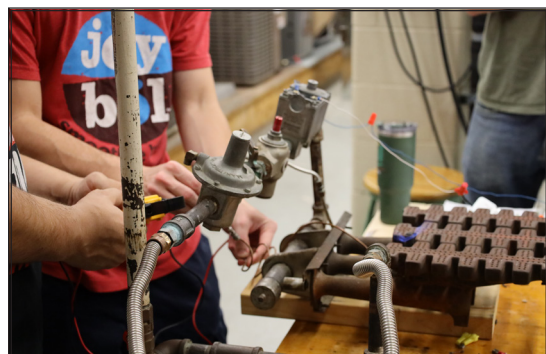
NEW 'MYSTERY AND BENEVOLENCE' EXHIBIT ILLUMINATED SECRET SOCIETIES

The Kalamazoo Valley Museum presented a free exhibit titled "Mystery and Benevolence: Masonic and Odd Fellows Folk Art." This captivating traveling exhibition featured 80 carvings, sculptures, textiles and regalia that revealed the histories, symbolism and values of the Freemasons and the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows. Visitors had the opportunity to explore the hidden world of these secretive fraternal orders and their lasting influence on American popular culture. The exhibit offered a unique look behind the veil of mystery surrounding these historic societies.



TECHNICAL TRADES EXPO

On Nov. 7, 2024, Kalamazoo Valley Community College hosted an event at the Advanced Technology Center on the Texas Township Campus to showcase training opportunities in the technical trades. Participants had the chance to tour the technical trades labs, observe hands-on skills demonstrations and interact with employers, instructors and students. They were also able to observe live classes and gather information about financial aid, internships and apprenticeship opportunities. The event aimed to help attendees prepare for rewarding careers in the technical trades field.



HIGH SCHOOL ART & DESIGN COMPETITION AT ART HOP

The third annual Kalamazoo Valley Community College Art and Design Competition Exhibit welcomed submissions from junior and senior high school students across the greater Kalamazoo area. The exhibit officially opened on Dec. 6, 2024 during the communitywide Art Hop event at the Center for New Media. Showcasing young artistic talent, the exhibit remains on display throughout December and January each year in the Arcus and Center for New Media gallery spaces. This initiative continues to support and celebrate emerging artists while fostering connections between the college and the local arts community.



FRIDAY
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The third annual Kalamazoo Valley Community College Art and Design Competition Exhibit is open to all junior and senior high school students throughout the greater Kalamazoo area. The exhibit will open at the Center for New Media on December 6 during Art Hop.

The exhibit will be on display every year during the months of December and January in the Arcus and Center for New Media gallery spaces and open on the evening of Art Hop.

ENTER NOW! See details and entry forms at www.kvcc.edu/artexhibits

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NEW OPTIONS FOR APPRENTICES

During the 2024-2025 school year, the college launched an apprenticeship program with Greenleaf Hospitality in the hospitality and culinary fields, and with Bronson Healthcare to support Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) training.



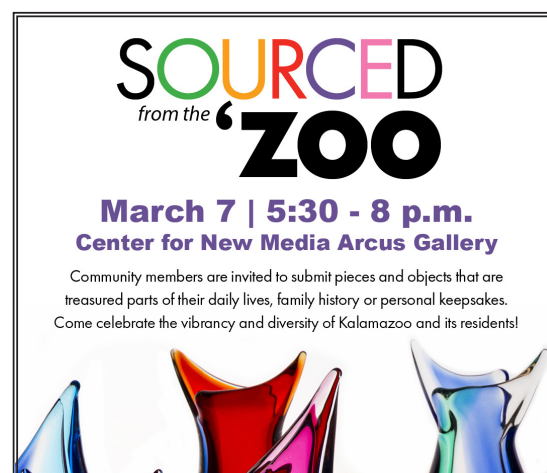
EXHIBIT SHOWCASED SPECIAL-EFFECTS FILMMAKER RAY HARRYHAUSEN

Special-effects legend Ray Harryhausen, known for inspiring generations of filmmakers with iconic films like "King Kong," "The 7th Voyage of Sinbad," "Clash of the Titans" and "Jason and the Argonauts," was the focus of a free traveling exhibit at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Titled "Ray Harryhausen: Miniature Models of the Silver Screen," the exhibit featured detailed models and artifacts from his groundbreaking work in visual effects. It was on display Feb. 1 through April 25, 2025, and offered visitors a chance to explore the artistry and innovation behind some of cinema's most memorable fantasy scenes.



KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PARTNERS PRESENTED: 'SOURCED FROM THE 'ZOO'

Kalamazoo Valley Community College's Arcus Gallery partnered with several local institutions to present an exciting communitywide exhibit titled "Sourced from the 'Zoo.'" The main exhibition was displayed at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA) from Saturday, March 8, 2025, through Sunday, June 1, 2025. Collaborating organizations included the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Center for New Media, Black Arts and Cultural Center, Glass Art Kalamazoo, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo and the Kalamazoo Valley Museum. Submissions from the community were displayed at the venues of collaborating organizations. The exhibit was supported by additional programming and events through partners across the city, including the Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers.



SOURCED
from the **'ZOO'**

March 7 | 5:30 - 8 p.m.
Center for New Media Arcus Gallery

Community members are invited to submit pieces and objects that are treasured parts of their daily lives, family history or personal keepsakes. Come celebrate the vibrancy and diversity of Kalamazoo and its residents!

20TH ANNUAL FRETBOARD FESTIVAL

The annual Fretboard Festival returned March 21-22, 2025, to celebrate Kalamazoo's rich musical history and love for guitars and stringed instruments. This free event featured live performances, workshops and more, held at both the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Kalamazoo Valley's Anna Whitten Hall in downtown Kalamazoo. The festival kicked off Friday evening with performances by Michigan mandolinist Brian Oberlin and musical partners. The Kalamazoo Valley Museum proudly organized the festival, now in its 20th year.



FOODWAYS SYMPOSIUM CELEBRATED WATERWAYS

The 2025 Kalamazoo Valley Foodways Symposium took place April 4-5, 2025, as a free, annual celebration of the region's agricultural history and heritage cuisine, with the year's theme focused on the vital role of water. The event began Friday evening at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum with a water ceremony, followed by a free seed distribution, a keynote address on the cultural and ecological significance of Manoomin (wild rice), the state of Michigan's designated grain and a tasting of Manoomin-based appetizers. On Saturday, April 5, the symposium continued at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building where attendees participated in hands-on cooking demos of venison and wild rice casserole, Manoomin Three Sisters salad and other kid-friendly meals using local vegetables. Additional activities were held, including a Potawatomi wetland plant walk, a panel discussion with Native American elders on the topic of "What does the water ask of us," a presentation on the Kalamazoo River, songs, youth programs, building tours, community organization showcases and more.



COLLEGE HOSTED VARIETY OF SUMMER CAMP, YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Hundreds of area youth took advantage of Kalamazoo Valley Community College's wide variety of youth summer camps. From athletics to hand-on learning, there was plenty at Kalamazoo Valley to keep busy all summer long. In addition, free programming was offered at the Douglass Community Association for 5th-8th graders. Free basketball clinics were held in August 2025, for boys and girls, led by Kalamazoo Valley men's and women's basketball coaches and players.



STEAM AHEAD

On Aug. 23, 2025, families gathered at the Children's Nature Playscape across from Bronson Park in downtown Kalamazoo for "STEAM Ahead," an interactive learning event designed for children ages 2-10. Participants explored topics such as maps, pollinators, plants, erosion and water flow and even painted with bubbles. This free event was made possible through a collaborative effort among the MiSTEM Network, Michigan Geological Survey, Kalamazoo RESA, Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Children's Nature Playscape, offering hands-on educational experiences in a fun youth-friendly setting.





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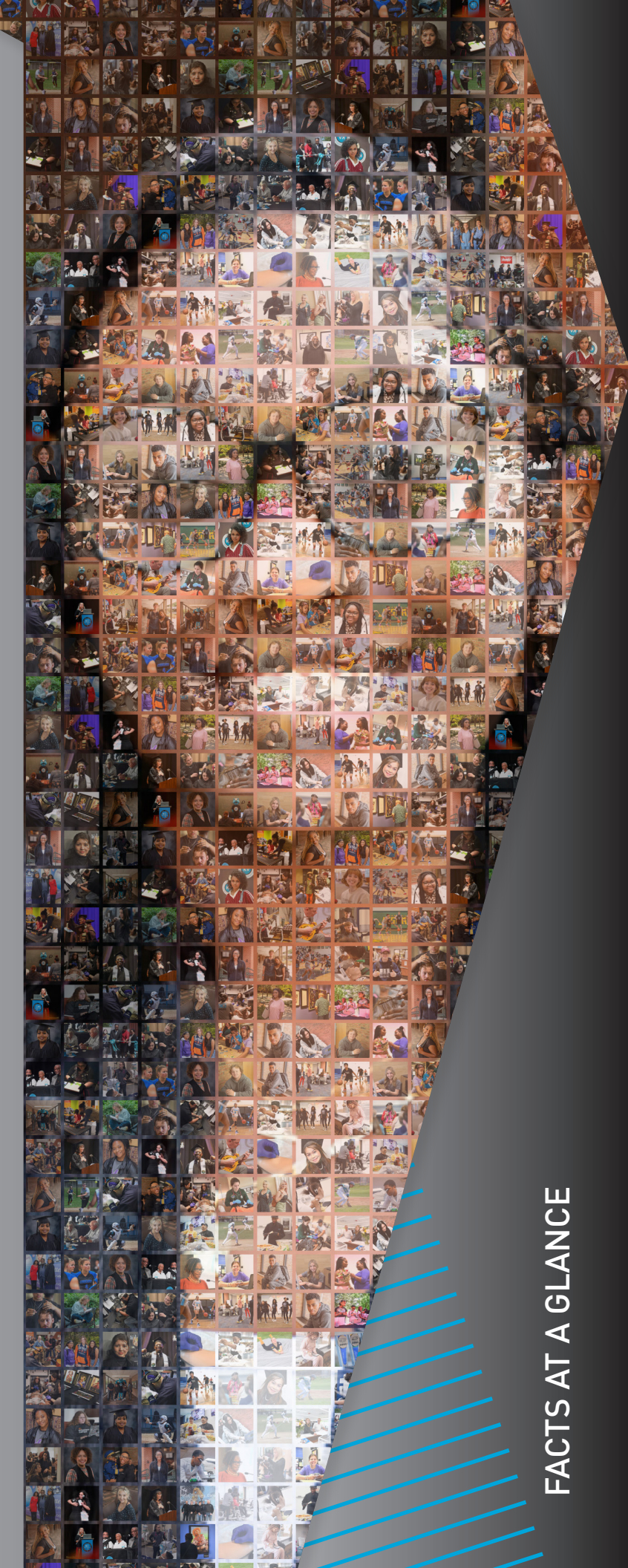
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CREDIT PROGRAMS 2023-24

12-MONTH ENROLLMENT 9,135

FULL TIME 22%

PART TIME 78%

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

ASSOCIATE DEGREES 825

CERTIFICATES 91

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT 107

3-YEAR GRADUATION & TRANSFER RATE 44%

6-YEAR GRADUATION & TRANSFER RATE 47%

Awarded Annually

ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES

KALAMAZOO VALLEY (in District) \$4,114

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE AVERAGE \$4,816

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE AVERAGE \$11,610

National Public In-State Average

REVENUE OF \$93.8 MILLION

LOCAL FUNDS 33%

TUITION AND FEES 21%

STATE FUNDS 26%

FEDERAL FUNDS 12%

OTHER 8%

Net of Capital

STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

AVERAGE AGE 25

<25 66%

25 OR OLDER 34%

WOMEN 55%

MEN 45%

WHITE 64%

BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN 13%

HISPANIC/LATINO 9%

2 OR MORE RACES 5%

ALL OTHER/UNKNOWN 9%

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID 48%

RECEIVING FEDERAL GRANTS 26%

RECEIVING STATE GRANTS 19%

RECEIVING FEDERAL LOANS 14%

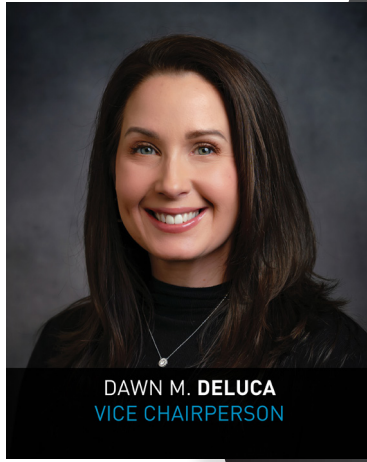
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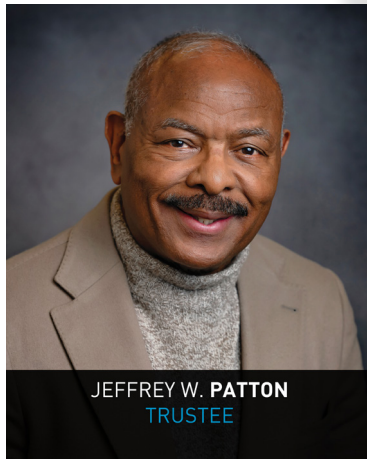
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