



December 15

2019
EIGHTY FOURTH

COMMENCEMENT



Dear Distinguished Guests,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 84th commencement program at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, college administration, faculty and staff, I am proud to offer sincere congratulations to our graduates and their families.

For more than 52 years, the college has been instrumental in helping students achieve their educational goals. The region continues to benefit from the tenacity, skills and abilities of our graduates. We salute you and the thousands of Kalamazoo Valley alumni who make west Michigan a great place.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College stands steadfast in its support of students, past, present and future. We confidently look forward to the future.

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.
President

December 2019 Graduation PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

"Flourish for Wind Band" by R. Vaughan Williams
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band
Mark Greer, *Conductor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band
Mark Greer, *Conductor*

WELCOME

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., *President*
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REMARKS

Lucinda M. Stinson, *Vice Chairperson*
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Foundations Development

Misty Maina, *Student Representative*
AA Liberal Arts

MUSIC

"The Black Horse Troop" by John Philip Sousa
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band
Mark Greer, *Conductor*

ASSEMBLING OF GRADUATES

Excerpts from "A Copland Tribute" adapted by Clare Grundman
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band
Mark Greer, *Conductor*

FACULTY CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Peter Linden, Ph.D., *Provost and Vice President for Instruction
and Student Services*
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., *President*
Kalamazoo Valley Community College

RECESSIONAL

"Our Own Red, White, and Blue" by Henry Fillmore
Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band
Mark Greer, *Conductor*

Krista Nawrocki - Sign Language Interpreter

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*Ashley Renee Anderson
Chelsey Lynn Arnett
*Brandon Charles Baddley
Austin Lee Beach
Ophelia Beckem
Cameron Lewis Befus
Len'Nisha Lanae Bell
Dericka Shavon Bellamy
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Lindsey Paige Blink
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*Isaac Steven Dudash
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Paige Chyanne Ehrmann
Matthew Anthony-Lee El
Wade Robert Engel
*Dakota James Erdos
*Emily Suzanna Fall
*Collin Ryan Fenn
Samantha Lynn Fitzpatrick
Holly N Ford
Myca Frazier
*Renee Elizabeth Gallagher

Elvira Garcia
Amanda Anne Garrett
James Omobolaji Gbolaji
*Hannah Marie Gehrke
*Jonathon William Gettle
*Ryon Hunter Glass
*Jorge Abraham Gonzalez
Stephanie Danielle Goodenough
*Breanna Lee Greer
Camryn Jade Hamlin
Markus Jacoby Harris
Shay James Hart
Megan Leigh Havenaar
Bryan Joseph Heller
Emily Irene Holloway
*Emily Elizabeth Holysz
Ariana Jasmine Hopkins
Briana Nakia Howell
*Amanda Lynne Hunsberger
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Kelly Lynn Jasensky
Heidi Marie Johnson
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Sydnee Morgan Jones
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Antonia del Carmen Kennedy
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Zachary S Kirvan
*Ryan Emil Kohlhoff
Laura Elizabeth Kuda
*Emma Lee Lange
Abigail Grace Ledford
Nathan Allen Lee
*Michael Eugen Leitner
*Mackenzie Marie Leonard
*Janai Dawn Lewis
Ashley Ranae Lint
Daijamer Tashae Longmire
Brenda Vanessa Lopez
Amanda M Lovell
*Bailey F Lowis
*Misty Rae Maina
Naomi Maldonado
Jamie Nicole Maneke
Lindsey Marie Marshall
*Casey Martin
Sydney Martin
Julian Antonio-Xavier Martinez-Grigg
Erin Chanel McCampbell
Rickey Lee McDaniel
Stuart Coleman Melvin
Jolanta Umecke Merriweather
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*Gaven Terrell Minshall
*Sydney Shae Misak
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*Kelly Kathleen Moore

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Bao Vu-Gia Nguyen
*Phuc Bao Tran Nguyen
Megan Jean Nicks
*Kaylee Nicole Norris
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*Lauren Michelle Simsick
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*Trina Lynn Stephenson
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*Caleb Nielsen
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*Parker Lawrence Lehman
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Sunshine Joy Marais
*Dakota Suzanne McCracken

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Taylor Elizabeth Boze
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*Austin Steven Brubaker
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*Kelly Leanne Clouse
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Jakob A Dooddy
Emma Grace Dorman
*Caitlyn Elizabeth Drumm
Linda S Edwards
*Andrea Renae Elliott

Erin Ashley Epskamp-Reid
*Diana Marie Erickson
Renae Evette Evans
*Paul David Ferguson
*Matthew James Fleck
Noelia Ester Garcia
*Kimberly Marie Garvie
Gursimran Singh Gill
Heather Jo Goins
*Jessica Eleanor Goldsmith
Ashley Lauren Googe
*Xen Isolde Gryphon
Elaina Katherine Haase
Anthony Michael Haney
*Taylor Nicole Harrington
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Katie Ann-Marie Hayward
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Joshua Edward Hendrichsen
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*Anai Hernandez
Alexander Eugene Hicks
*Devon Deroy Hicks
Emily Higdon
Sarah Hinrichs
Nicholas John Hippensteel
Abbey May Hoard
Emily Ann Hoffman
*Haley Elizabeth Holly
*Olivia Rosalyn Holmes
Vertis Lee Holmes
Devon Brad Horn
Allison Kathleen Mary Houts
Elise Madison Hovenkamp
*Katrina Marie Hoyt
Jordan T Jacobs
Colin Matthew Lee Johnson
Erika Irene Johnson
Justin Phillip Johnson
Kellice Shawtell Johnson
Nicole Danielle Jones
Cole Kaiser
*Anna Louise Karpinski
Andrew L Kelley
Corey John Kirkbride
Kennedy Kovacevich

Nicole E Krull
Maria Lambert
Jacob Matthew Langley
Casie A Larose
Rebecca Marie Lash
*Kristine Michell Lemish
Noah James Loftus
Molly Kay Lowe
*Nick Christian Lyngstad
Sarah Lorraine Mack
*Jessica Kyung Maiytt
Allison Marie Manning
Cody John Manshaem
Abbie Elizabeth Marlette
*Nathaniel L Maronek
Sandra Pauline Martens
Lorrie Sue McAllister
*Naomi Kathleen McCracken
Jacob Allen McKenney-Papesh
*Lawrence Robert McPhillips
Kiera Alexis McCullough
*William James Medsker
Blaine Merren
Jack Henry Michalak
Chelsie Joy Miller
Kaylie Miller
*Jacob W Myers
*Rachel Amanda Lee Myers Luke
Jory Cooper Nagel
Ryan M Nash
Natalie Ruth Nave
Amanda Catherine Naylor
Thobekile Ndhlovu
*Graham Randall Newman
*Macy Annette Nielsen
Sydney Elaine Nikitas
Cody Lee O'Brien
Benjamin Joseph Olivarez
Diego Ortega
Miranda Joy Pearson
*Jodi Lou Pennings
Monica Gissell Perez
Daisy Marie Perry
Zoe Emily Peterman
Brian Douglas Phillips
*Ryan Phillips

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Tanner William Plochocki
Myka Danyelle Poffenberger
Shelby Caroline Ponicki
Melissa Andrea Prado
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Kenneth Tyrell Redfield
Tiana A Reynolds
Cody Thomas Rickstad
Brent Lawrence Rogers
Vanessa Rosas
Adam Micheal Ross
Lauryn Nichole Rousseau
*Austin James Ryder
Kelly Marie Sabo
*Katherine Elizabeth Schinske
*Emma E Shafer
Collin David Shamus
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Chadwick James Shinabargar
Katherine Stephanie Shirey

*David Ray Shultz
*Saadia Siddiqui
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Katherine Rene Smith
Laquetta Lawrence Smith
Haleigh D Sokolowski
*Fiona Song
*Kendra Marie Stanbro
Eric Matthew Stelzer
*Benjamin Andrew Stieber
Nicholas Edmund Stoughton
*Benjamin Russell Stowe
Sarah Marie Streeter
Jenna Nicole Stump
*Christian Thomas Sturgeon
*Alana Marie Sundermann
*Anastacia Nicole Talley
Andrea Monta Tarver
Maxwell Daniel Taylor
Kelli Marie Thornton
Joseph Erik Toso

*Crescent Townes
*Sawyer James Tucker
Sarah Grace Uhl
*Scott Jacob VanderWeide
*Bethany Brooke Vanderberg
*Kacey Paige Vanderbos
Analyse Joy Vandermay
Carsie Allen Walker
Justin David Wallace
*Alexis June Warren
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*Colleen Whitman
*Kristy L Wilkinson
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*Kalie Ann Burchett
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Christopher Gregory Ciolek
Jonathan Michael Cluster
*Nerisha D Craig
Sophia Danielle Cunningham
*Brandon Keith DeHaan
Cassandra Elizabeth Deamud
Ellen Louise Ennest
LeOnna Evans
Kevin Mitchell Federkins
Sara Elizabeth Fern
Jayme Breana-Bernzott Fink
*Justine Kaye Furlan

Jose Pedro Galaviz
Maywan Lee-Shane Garrett
*Markyra Terri Graham
Amber Ann Guy
*Anthony James Haase
*Trea May Hageman
Brent Andrew Higgins
James Deemond Hollis
Christine Marie Hooker
Brock Connor Howland
*Tyler Ryan Jackson
Marissa Renee Kinsley
Amber Sue Lawson
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Dana D Moran
Bonita Nicole Murphy
Dontayvien Robert Perisee

Ronald Clyde Poulter
Joseph Michael Rogers
Nicole Marie Schmidt
Meredith Schulz
Alberto Selby-Lopez
Sally Ann Silveira
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Mary Elizabeth Springer
Heather Marie Stoneburner
Matthew Tomsic
John P Vincent
Tempis Alicia Webb
Taryn A Weltzer
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*Sawyer Hodgkins

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*Cody Alexander Kalkman
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STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

The students with asterisks (*) before their names and those wearing the distinctive white cords are graduating with honors. Honors graduates have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better for all academic work attempted.

PHI THETA KAPPA

Academic excellence is the hallmark of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Membership is extended by invitation only. To be considered for membership, a KVCC student must be enrolled and have completed 12 credit hours; have achieved a 3.5 grade point average; have established a record of academic excellence as judged by the faculty; be of good moral character and possess recognized qualities of citizenship.

Graduates of Phi Theta Kappa are: Mario Aburto, Isabela Alves Soares Souza, Elaine Amaya-Martin, Tamara Anderson, Toni Anderson, Shelby Bessler, William Boddy, Samantha Brouwer, Austin Brubaker, Caleb Burnett, William Cain, Abby Calala, Chelsea Campbell, Gladys Castro, Christopher Chambers, Abigail Chapman, Galib Choudhury, Wade Clawson, Evan Collins, Audrey Cripps, Sophia Cunningham, Jesse DeAnda, Ei Dew, Courtenay Dirks, Caitlyn Drumm, Diana Erickson, Emily Fall, Mariah Fee, Alyssa Foster, Allison Freeman, Justine Furlan, Nathan Gerhard, Jessica Goldsmith, Breanna Greer, Taylor Harrington, Emily Hoffman, James Hollis, Olivia Holmes, Kayla Holt, Katrina Hoyt, Callum Hume, Amanda Hunsberger, Jessica Jackson, Nicole Jones, Miya Jordan, Anna Karpinski, Antonia Kennedy, Zachary Kirvan, Ryan Kohlhoff, Stephen Kueppers, Jack Lampen, Emma Lange, Matthew Langlois, Nathan Lee, Mackenzie Leonard, Destiny Lewis, Hawa Mahama, Misty Maina, Jamie Maneke, Lorrie McAllister, Naomi McCracken, Dakota McCracken, Kiera McCullough, Ron McGee-Sinclair, Leena Mergen, Gaven Minshall, Sydney Misak, Emily Mitchell, Kelsey Munch, Graham Newman, Phuc Bao Tran Nguyen, Jessica Overholt, Maggie Overton, Nicholas Parker, Jodi Pennings, Zoe Peterman, Brian Phillips, Elizabeth Ready, Alexandra Riesgraf, Christa Robb, Ian Robinson, Joseph Rogers, Samantha Rogers, Austin Ryder, Dakota Shapiro, David Shultz, Kyndra Sliuzas, Jeremy Smith, Mary Springer, Michelle Starbuck, Trina Stephenson, Benjamin Stowe, Jenna Stump, Christian Sturgeon, Dean TenBrink, Nathaniel Tipton, Crescent Townes, Sawyer Tucker, Matthew Van Sickle, Brooklyn Walker, Alexis Warren, Lauren Wertz, Theodore Winblad and Thomas Wolak.

THE HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program was started in 1986 with the realization that a growing number of students of high academic standing were attending the College. The Honors Program recognizes students, selected on a portfolio of grade point average, test scores, essays, community service, character, leadership and recommendations. The Honors Program emphasizes studies that deepen and broaden student knowledge in and across disciplines.

THE FOCUS PROGRAM

The Focus Program is a collaborative effort between Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Western Michigan University designed to increase the number of Kalamazoo Valley students who successfully complete an associate degree and transfer to WMU to complete a baccalaureate degree.

Graduates of the Focus Program are: Aaron Bronson, Courtenay Dirks, Stephanie Goodenough, Anna Karpinski, Janai Lewis, Lorrie McAllister, Rachel Penning, Myka Poffenberger, Vanessa Rosas, Danial Smith, Ryan Smith, Fiona Song and Emily Zimmer.

EARLY/MIDDLE COLLEGE

The Early/Middle College program allows students to earn an associate degree or certificate for 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 maximum allowed.

KALAMAZOO PROMISE SERVICES

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. Students can schedule recurring appointments to stay updated on their academic progress which can help ensure successful goal completion.

Graduates of the Kalamazoo Promise Services are: Umar Al-Gharib, Chelsey Arnett, Demetrius Bradford, Evan Collins, Melissa Commissaris, Jesse DeAnda, Todd Dozeman, Myca Frazier, Maria Garcia, Kezia Garrett, Markus Harris, Jadon Hawkins, Erika Johnson, Mariama Jones, Destiny Lewis, Brenda Lopez, Kiera McCullough, Stuart Melvin, Ally Michael, Laquetta Moore, Dana Moran, Stephen Smoker, Maria Morales, Bonita Murphy, Graham Newman, Daisy Perry, Brett Warner and Taylor Webb.

CAMPUS BAND

The music for this afternoon's commencement ceremony is provided by the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band.

Building emergencies will be indicated by the flashing of exit lights and sounding of chimes within the seating area. In an emergency, walk, do not run, to the nearest exit.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The wearing of academic regalia is an ancient and impressive custom. The use of the cap and gown comes from costumes used in the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Cambridge and Oxford in England. The English love of tradition and pageantry created the distinctive academic dresses which have been maintained in English universities for centuries and which have been used in the United States since colonial times.

The caps are known as “mortar boards,” and some believe the name was derived from the master workman’s mortar board. The tassel, which was added in the 18th century, is worn over the left front quadrant of the cap.

The major distinguishing characteristics of the gowns are the sleeves, styled in the following fashion: associate and bachelors, long pointed; master, oblong; doctor, bell-shaped. The doctor’s gown has a velvet collar and three bars on the sleeves.

Masters and doctors wear hoods which vary in size and shape and indicate the several degrees. Hoods are lined with the official colors of the university from which the degree is granted while the color of the velvet edging denotes the field of learning.

The distinctive gold cords worn by some graduates represent participation in the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Honors Program. Students wearing gold tassels and stoles are members of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Alpha Rho Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society; medallions represent officers.

The distinctive white cords are worn by students who are graduating with honors.

The red, white and blue veteran cords designate those individuals who have served, or who are currently serving, in one of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces: Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard, including the Armed Forces Guard and Reserve Members.

The use of academic regalia is a custom which lends both color and dignity to the graduation ceremony.



COLLEGE SEAL

The symbols as a part of the Kalamazoo Valley Community College seal represent the college as a shining tower of light illuminating the path forward through the pursuit of technical and academic education. The year 1966 represents the establishment of the college by area voters

on August 1, 1966. The tower represents the 85-foot-tall light tower erected in 1970. The seal symbolizes the critical role the college plays in replacing the darkness of fear and ignorance with the light of truth, learning and understanding.

ABOUT

KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kalamazoo Valley Community College was established in 1966 by the overwhelming approval of voters in nine local school districts. It is a comprehensive, fully accredited, public, two-year college with enrollment of nearly 9,000 students.

Currently, the college has four campuses: Texas Township, Arcadia Commons, Groves and Bronson Healthy Living.

Designed by Alden B. Dow, a student of Frank Lloyd Wright, the Texas Township Campus is located near the I-94 and U.S. 131 interchange on 185 acres of rolling woodland west of Kalamazoo. Expanded several times over the last 50 years, the 430,000-square-foot complex features modern classrooms, comprehensive library and computer labs, two gymnasiums, ball fields, tennis courts, a running track, two auditoriums, food services, free parking in expansive lots and fully equipped labs for science, industrial and manufacturing technologies.

Located in downtown Kalamazoo, the Arcadia Commons Campus includes Anna Whitten Hall (built in 1994), the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and the Center for New Media. The campus serves as a hub for a community, business and education partnership that

renovated and revitalized a significant portion of the historic downtown area.

Creating an educated workforce skilled to meet the demands of a changing economy is the focus at the Groves Center on Kalamazoo Valley Community College's third campus. Originally opened in 2001 as one of 18 M-TEC facilities across the state, the campus was financed by a \$5 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, plus \$6 million in matching funds provided by area companies and foundations.

The Groves also offers customized workforce development training for area employers. The college works closely with area businesses to ensure that services align with the employment needs of the region. Business and community leaders turn to the college for state-of-the-art education and training.

In cooperation with Bronson Healthcare and Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Kalamazoo Valley developed the Bronson Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo in 2014. It is located on 13.3 acres of land donated by Bronson Healthcare where Kalamazoo Valley has expanded its curriculum to

include brewing and training in culinary arts, sustainable food production and safety.

Many student services and programs are available on all of the college's campuses including a thriving Honors Program, comprehensive learning, tutoring and testing centers that offer one-on-one assistance and the International Studies Program that includes more than 130 courses emphasizing the global aspects of everything from accounting to wellness.

In collaboration with K-12 partners and the KalamazooRESA, the college provides Early College programming for hundreds of area students. With its four-year university partners, students can complete a bachelor's degree in the college's University Center.

Kalamazoo Valley offers certificate programs in more than 20 areas of study and associate degrees in 25 others. In addition to associate degree and certificate programs in business, health care, human and public service, technical occupations and industry, the college also provides a quality experience for students preparing to transfer to four-year institutions following graduation.

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