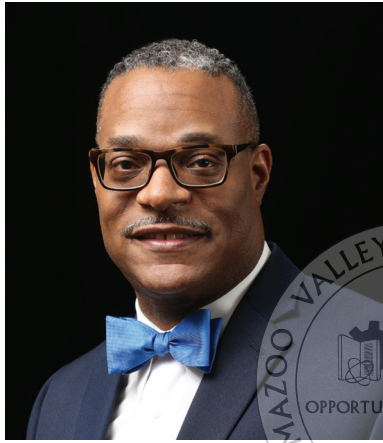




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Congratulations Students,

The successful completion of a college credential is an amazing accomplishment. Your remarkable persistence in overcoming the challenges placed in your way throughout your college career is inspiring. Nothing derailed your determination! We are proud of you.

You now join a distinguished group of Kalamazoo Valley Community College alumni, ready for the next exciting chapter of your life. If your accomplishments are any indication, you are well poised for continued success.

Your association with the college does not need to end now. Stay in touch, through involvement with the Alumni Plus group, visits to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Center for New Media art shows and other college life-long learning opportunities. Please continue to be an advocate for the college and recommend Kalamazoo Valley to your family members and friends.

Congratulations, we wish you much continued success!

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.  
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Sunday, December 19, 2021

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## 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 11,000 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 Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, 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 more than 60 associate degree programs and more than 50 certificate programs. 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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Participation is open to all supporters of the college, although it is meant to appeal most to graduates and those who have successfully completed even one class at Kalamazoo Valley.

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