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December 17, 2023

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. 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+ group, visits to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Center for New Media Art Shows and other college enrichment opportunities.

Congratulations! We wish you much continued success!

Sincerely,

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D.

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President

Kalamazoo Valley Community College

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Sunday, December 17, 2023

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

"Fanfare and Flourishes" by James Curnow

WELCOME

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., President

NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star Spangled Banner" - arr. by Chris Garrett

REMARKS

Lucinda M. Stinson, Chairperson Board of Trustees

Philipp Jonas, Faculty Economics

Kayleigh Overhuel, AAS Nursing Student Speaker

FACULTY CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Paige Eagan, Ph.D., Provost & Vice President for Instruction and Student Services

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

L. Marshall Washington, Ph.D., President

ASSEMBLING OF GRADUATES

"Michigan Morn" by H. Owen Reed

RECESSIONAL

"The Bridge" from "Machinac Suite" by John W. Stout

Krista Nawrocki – Sign Language Interpreter

Kalamazoo Valley Community College Campus Band *James Roach, Director*

Guests without tickets may view the ceremony livestream via Public Media Network on PMN DISCOVER channel 187. It will also stream online at publicmedianet.org as well as its Roku, Apple TV and Firestick apps. The ceremony will be rebroadcast throughout the month and will be available on-demand on the PMN website beginning December 17.

AUGUST 2023 GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Mardiya Ahmed Angelis Chanell Anderson Austin Barnes Olivia Marrie Battani Elizabeth Margaret Benson Alexis Anne Bucher Karah Elizabeth Bulley Justin Robert Bunn *Gabriel Burlew

Jessie Lynn Burnell

*Brady Bussies

Zjanice Chanel Sharonne Carter Isabella Grace Cascioli

Kitara Jo Chase

*Angela Gypsy Marie Cheney Ashley E Chmura

*Andrea Marie Cosgrove *Austin Paul Crandall

Jeffrey Aaron Dally Asia Marie Dampier Michelle Davidson

Lauren Renee Delpiere

*Andrew Dyke

Sean Elmore Lucas Andrew Elrod

Hannah Lynn Enos *Zechariah Eshuis

Taylor Dawn Freemire *Renee Elaine Gauthier

*Korbin Louis Griffin

Aaliyah Nicole Hall

*Anthony Andrew Colum Halliday

*Parker Álbert Hamel Eric Denzel Hetrick

*Kya Angeleet Hiser

*Claire Elizabeth Houtman Elizabeth Katrina Hoving

*Joseph Harper Hruska Liam Michael Hubbard Shane Bruce Hubble

Colin David Johnson *Myles Johnson

Kyle Andrew Koenig Katherine Jean Leaders Bjorn Valery Maaseidvaag

Netta Amelie Margalit

*Ariadne June Markou

*Kaitlyn Nicole Meachum Timothy Alfred Medema

*Kaitlyn Grace Merasco

*Kaghen Andrew Miller Alexandra Jaquelyn Minor

Anasia Alan Monroe

*Linda Jo Moy

Michael Christopher Mulholland

*Wesley Glen Nichols Klay Logan Niltasuwan

*Andrea Kay Nummerdor Ciara Lynn Poque

*Jennifer Rebecca Prymula Leah Shelby Radcliffe

John Henry Redder Hannah Grace Rohall

*Sydney Amber Sayre *Alec James Schrader

*Anna Marie Schultz Trinity Monet Scott

Kaden D Seeger
Brayden Scott Selent

Arianna Nevaeh Shannon *Elizabeth Nicole Sheldon

Alaeyah Anjela Sibley Jeffrey Shawn Skinner

Brandon Richard Snyder Allie Mckenna Sturgill Reese Ariel Ternstra

Reese Ariel Terpstra Leah Hope Thomas

*Cameron Michael Thompson *Breanna Elizabeth Truelove

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*Breanna Katherine Wallace

*Tyler Russel Ward Lakaria Washington Nathan Watts

Shontay Dashanay Wright Courtney Rae Zinsmaster

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AUGUST 2023 GRADUATES

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Amanda L Bernstein Angelina Marie Bishop Charles R Black Kimberly Brisbane Lucas Brito Silva Jacob Lawrence Brown *Jennifer Marie Burnett Mohamed Fawzi Bzizi *Brittany Leann Chambers *Mercedes Alexandra Chrisman

*Ineah Monet Coleman Joy L Connors Renee Klara Fareeduddin *Cody Michael Fargo *Brenda Kay Frick *Hunter J Grinnell *Eliseo Robert Guerra *Jenah Lynne Hadley **Ethan Andrew Haskins** *Susan Elizabeth Hubbell **Tanner Robert Jacobs** *Aspen Leigh Johnson Christopher Michael Laponsie *Brianna Lodai Aysiah Renea Macias **Grace Martinez** *Anna Mary Matecun Nathan John Miller *David Alan Owens *Christian Reisig

*Priya Sajive **Grant Everette Sleeman** Aaliyah Mackenzie Smith Kailah Smith *Jason Adrian Thomas John Francisco Warren *Julee Wheadon **Ebbonie Williams**

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Arthur Nondi Akun Marissa Barry

*Dwayne Kim Blankenship *Skyler Jade Blue

William Alan Boddy William David DeBoer *Anthony Fagaly *Bayleigh Anne Kamm *Scott David Kangas *Luz Elena Macedo-Martinez *Molly Lynne Morris *Gene Placido

Christian Alexander Rooyakkers *Brayden Rytlewski Nyla J Stanley *Nolan David Troff

CERTIFICATE

Nancy Adhiambo Agunda-Hunter Khadejah Ali Al Muhaisin *Amanda Lynn Avery *Jennifer Marie Boodt Adam Brown

*Mercedes Alexandra Chrisman

Ouma Kaltoum Diallo *Jan Phillip Tolentino Gapayao Jared M Gerhardt *Jennefer Hernandez Glover Onojede Iyoha Margaret Tumusiime Kiwanuka

Rebecca Gabrielle LeFevre Grace Martinez Norah Gloria Nantume Kathrvn Faith Ortlieb *Kirk David Schaaf Cassandra Marie Schmidt

Darla Therese Schmitt *Tara Elizabeth Schober *Karey Mclea Van Gelder

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

*Matthew Robert Bennett Elizabeth Margaret Benson Andrew Kenneth Gerard

Jared M Gerhardt *Matthew John Kemp *Brandon Robart

*Sydney Amber Sayre

STUDENTS GRADUATING WITH HONORS

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

THE HONORS PROGRAM

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Graduate of the Honors Program is Ariadne Markou.

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.

Graduates of Early/Middle College are: Brady Bussies, Mercedes Chrisman, Joy Connors, Netta Margalit, Hannah Rohall, Kaden Seeger, Arianna Shannon, Nyla Stanley, Leah Thomas.

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 are: Olivia Battani, Zjanice Carter, Ethan Haskins, Tanner Jacobs, Ariadne Markou, Anasia Monroe, Klay Niltasuwan, Trinity Scott, Jeffrey Skinner, Kailah Smith, Lakaria Washington, Shontay Wright.

KALAMAZOO VALLEY ACCELERATED ASSOCIATE PROGRAM (KVAAP)

This initiative covers the cost of tuition, fees and books for participants and is meant to help ensure that students can attend school full time and can complete their associate degrees.

Graduates of KVAAP are: Jennifer Burnett, Zjanice Carter, Lucas Brito-Silva, Aysiah Macias, Wesley Nichols, Gene Placido, Aaliyah Smith, Sydney Sayre.

DECEMBER 2023 CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Shatonio Anderson Lucas William Artis Dana Louise Ballentine *Laurel Bates Leah Jane Baushke *Aaron Beagle

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Angel Makayla Budden *Elyse Marie Bumgarner Emma Darlene Burdett *Rhonda Burgess

*Samantha Briana Burrows *Linda Jo Buskirk-Miller

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Austin Chiu Alyssa Clark *David Louis Clark Hunter Thomas Cole Remona Emily Coleman Cordelia Marie Coville Miles Lee Cramer Colton Riley Creed

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*Teagan Ann Curry Stacia Marie DeYoung *Andrew Denaway

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Terry Lewis Fields *Luke Robertson Filcek **Gregory Shane Franks** *Paula Fritchman

Joel Edward Fuce Jaelyne Mya Galvan Pavel Garcia-Ruiz *Jennifer Garrison

*Gideon Tolulope Gbogi Tristen James Gunnett *Leigh Ellen Hall

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Jacquelyn Gail Hobson Darci Renee Irving

Anthony James Conrad Johnson

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*Nickolis Philip Kimberly

*Ashley Klein

Kelsey Marie LaGrow Luke Samuel Lambert

*Michelle Loughmiller

*Duncan Eldon Arthur Macewen

*Lacey Lynnette McGrail *Trent Allen McNeil

Thomas Elliot McElhone

Ricira Mcgee Aline Siclary Mejia

*Hannah Marie Mellinger

*Ashlyn Nicole Merritts

*Christopher Michael Miholick

*Alexis Cierra Miller *Anna Christine Miller

Hayley Shea Mitchell Melverdia Lee Moody

John Curtis Morrison *Jack Carter Nahikian

*Alison Overbeck R Shaun Palmer

*Norah Mae Palomaki

*Alyssa Park

*Kevin Michael Park

Caitlin Parks

Terreque Marie Peete *Caleb Steven Pletcher

Karina Ramos

Jazmin Alejandra Ravotas Jared Michael Riesgraf

*Michelle Ritchie

Ariana Lynn Robertson Victor Christian Rowe

Nicole Leigh Russell Robert Ryan

Jacob Schmittling **Shannon Scott**

Yeaniva Seisay

Aaron Kristofer Self *Megan Kathryn Shaink

Eli M Sharpe

*William Maxwell Simpson

*Kathryn Leda Standley Emani Madison Tunstall

Adrianna Unger

Anna Janae Van De Weert Gabriel Mark Vandyke

*Jacob Vanhorne

Azariah Ulysses Washington

Caleb Gabriel Welsh Esther Marie Wendt David Wayne White

Kimberly Rene Whittaker *Tyann Winnie

*Ashley Wittenberg **Bethany Rose Yates** Ammy Jissell Zuniga

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*Kayla Elizabeth Adams Regina Ajak

*Savannah Lynn Ames Harriet Owirduwaa Amponsah

*Bethany Lyn Anthony

Amaijha Bailey *Kalani Ballinger

Elizabeth Allylee Barwegen *Maureen Margaret Basse

Paul Bauer

*Dustiney Louise Black

*Anika Booker

Amanda Britten *Madison Marie Brown

*Jaden Sara Bumpous

Luke Gregory Cassidy Kaitlynn Champion

Marvin Childress

*Taylor Lynn Clugston *Brandon Michael Alton Cook

Robert Wilson Courter **Charles Cooper Creameans**

*Kevin Timothy Curtis Anna Marie Cutsinger Katelynn Elizabeth Davey

*Glyndyn Beryl Davis *Kenneth David Deboer

*Raya Lee Devary Yasmin Eckel

*Ryan Egeler *Patrick James Elston

*Heather Jean Fenn

Tiffany Lynn Fortson Russell Fox **Dominic Franco**

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*Paul Michael George *Ramsi Anne Ginzel

Samuel Hassen Gonzales *Alexander Michael Gordon

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Corina Dawn Holland Jamie D Holly

Jill Nicole Hughes *Ashley Lynise Hunkins

*Britnee Ann Hunt

*Zachary Micheal Justice *Jacqueline Elizabeth Kelly

Jamie Marie Kibby Noah Scott Kibler

*Tracey Kilgore Edouard Lwamba Kyungu

Kendra Lee Laird *Markus Lamphear Jordan Lentz *Lynda Lowe

Jessica Marie Madill *Jenna Michele Mailhot Samantha Renew Marshall *Carly Kathryn-Deur Maynard

Ryan Lee Mayne-Wall *Kaylee McBain

*Heather McLogan Kristin Lee Mccready

Alexis Mckeown *Jamie Lynn Mead

LaShawnda Elizabeth Melton

Jason Lee Mendham Lorin Nicole Moore Biancca Angeleigh Morris

Drew Thomas Munn *David Bruce Musall

Alexander Nemeth

*Mackenzie Jenal Nickrent *Glenn Donald Noffsinger

*Jenna Katherine Norman Cassidy P O'Brien

*Isabelle Marie Oeurn *Abigail Lue Oldham

*Chloe Orton

*Kayleigh Renee Overhuel Carli Shae Owens

Kayla Lynne Paff Zaria T Payton Margaret A Perkins Julia Pinkster

Laura L Owens

Marion Poley **Britany Powell**

*Tamara Prather

Emilee Danielle Ramirez *Erin Michelle Richardson **Cody Charles Roberts** *Lestine F Rolle

*Michael Kenneth Rooney Dedric Rumph *Justin Eric Safbom-Fessler

*Jacob Thomas Sechrist

*Ashish Shah Alexus Lee Shorb

*Trevor Jeffrey Sickles Lauren Suzanne Sikkenga

Jason Robert Sparks *Sarah Grace Strawhun

Savannah Terpstra *Eva Katryn Tobolic

*Melissa Travis

*Jillian Elisabeth Trudelle Zachary Taylor Ullrey *Donald Vanderkooi

Scott Joseph Vanraden *Derek Lee Vanwerden

Colby Thomas Way Marnise Webb

*Adam Richard West Emma Rose Whitehead James Gordon Wiley **Britany Williams**

Haniyah Yvonne Williams *Caidan Xiong

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William Russell Barrett Alice Victoria Cutler Nicolas Michael Dial Nathaniel William Dury Miguel Angel Franco-Young Aiden Samuel Hursey *Ryan Thomas Kirkbride *Indis Charles Linebaugh Hannah Kathryn Lull Makayla Lynne Moerman *Brian Hernando Packard *Martin Rench Tyler Seimetz Yael Soto *Christian Thomas Sturgeon *Benjamin David Tiemeyer

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Esmirna Adelia Amaya Justin Randall Buckingham *Jaden Sara Bumpous *Kalie Ann Burchett-Pawlawski Mama Coulibaly *Glyndyn Beryl Davis *Bryan Denman Yasmin Eckel Latasha Diann Elkins Elissa Furlow Samuel Hassen Gonzales *Tobin Nicholas Hernandez Marcelina Hernandez Lopez *Ashari Cathryn Jones Brielyn Marie Lisowski Caleb Montgomery Markle *David Bruce Musall Zaria T Payton *Vivian May Roberts Rachael Sytsma Monique Paris Taylor Nicholas Alan Todd Haley Elaine Wagner *Caleb Joseph Wegeler Kassaundra Lynne Willis Akosua Yeboah

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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 Kalamazoo Valley 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: Kalani Ballinger, Aaron Beagle, Justin Buckingham, Linda Buskirk-Miller, Taylor Clugston, Brandon Cook, Jeffery Crouch, Raya Devary, Miguel Franco-Young, Paula Fritchman, Jennifer Garrison, Britnee Hunt, Jacqueline Kelly, Jenna Mailhot, Kaylee McBain, Jamie Mead, Biancca Morris, John Morrison, Jack Nahikian, Abigail Oldham, Alison Overbeck, Kayleigh Overhuel, Brian Packard, Norah Palomaki, Alyssa Park, Caitlin Parks, Patrick Quigley, Emilee Ramirez, Lestine Rolle, Michael Rooney, Justin Safbom-Fessler, Jacob Schmittling, Alexus Shorb, Christian Sturgeon, Melissa Travis, Donald Vanderkooi, Gabriel Vandyke, Jacob Vanhorne, Derek Vanwerden, Caleb Wegeler, Adam West, Ashley Wittenberg, Caidan Xiong, Akosua Yeboah.

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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 on 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.



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