

SUNDAY | MAY 1 | 2 PM | MILLER AUDITORIUM Omne Memorial





May 1, 2022 Greetings!

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+ group, visits to the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and Center for New Media Art Shows and other college lifelong 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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President

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Sunday May 1, 2022

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

REMARKS

Lucinda M. Stinson, Chairperson **Board of Trustees**

Tim Farrow, Faculty Speaker Political Science

Angela Solis-Sarat, Student Speaker AAS Science

FACULTY CERTIFICATION OF GRADUATES

Paige Eagan, Ph.D., Provost & Vice President for Student Services Kalamazoo Valley Community College

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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

ASSEMBLING OF GRADUATES

A poem offered by Denise Miller, Faculty

RECESSIONAL

Jamie Hunerjager – Sign Language Interpreter

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*Evan Matthew Warren

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Tristan Kloehn

Walter John Oliver **Brady Lee Puckett** *Andrew J Rinehart *Molly L Stanloski

Joseph McMillan Williams

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.

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: Frances Andrews, Jayni Angeli, Elizabeth Armstrong, Morgan Baker, Daisy Bennett, Daizi Berkheiser, Allen Robert-Buchanan Bernstein, Audrey Blodgett, Celeste Borders, Justin Boven, Kyle Bowen, Chloe Bryant, Paige Burgess, Ladd Carpenter, Sophia Christensen, Jennica Christianson, Emily Church, Drew Cooper, Amanda DeBlecourt, Kevin DeGroot, Arwin Depue, Brooklyn Dunfield, Shaylee Fausz, Breanna Fitzsimmons, Miguel Franco-Young, Joshua Gordon, Maria Gross, Madison Harlow, Kathryn Hibschman, Jacob Hokenmaier, Tomoko Holland, Margaret Huling, Emma Hyet, Shawn Jackson, Keesha Keane, Cassandra Keator, Andrew Kinder, Matthew Kobus, Madison Kueny, Hannah Kwekel, Nathaniel Kwekel, Katelyn Larson, Ala Lem, Whitney Lewis, Joon Lim, Sydney Loofboro, Carly Lynch, Jessica Kyung Maiytt, Chrystal Mielke, Brianna Mollitor, Destiny Motton, Marisa Oppedisano, Sophia Poel, Ava Poggione, Carrie Powell, Samuel Reynolds, Alisha Richardson, Courtney Ropp, Megan Rupert, Robin Schenk, Nicholas Scherer, Tiffany Schiele, Shannon Schlubatis, Karina Schumann, Kenna Sieber, Gwen Sirrine, Sebastian Smiley, Andrew Smith, Jacob Steeby, Alicia Sweeney, Rachel Thompson, Joshua Wespinter, Darnell Wheaton, Katelyn Wierenga, Shelby Wurtsbaugh.

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.

Graduates of the Honors Program are: Sophie Christensen, Cassandra Keator, Andrew Smith, Elizabeth Rumsey, Hunter Pitsch, Julie Powell, Carrie Powell, Marisa Oppedisano, Nathaniel Kwekel.

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: Olivia Ankney, Destiny Arnold, Makenna Ballentine, Clay Beal, Cristian Bernabe-Parra, Kyle Bowen, Sydney Brown, Rylan Buller, Xavier Bush, Macy Cannon, Ethan Carlson, Brian Crofoot, Isabel DeVisser, Joseph Deyoung, Ella Eddy, Colin Fletter, Delani Grauman, Sydney Hamelink, Elizabeth Havilar, Juan Hernandez, Evalynn Hurley, Hannah Kelecava, Laryn Kuchta, Savanna Lamb, Katelyn Larson, Caleb Learned, Carly Lynch, Dru Matheny, Madilyn McCormick, Zachary Mcgill, Brooke Mleczewski, Oliver Moss, Jolie Nelson, Mckenna Olivarez, Walter Oliver, Walter Oliver, Sydney Parr, Eduardo Patino, Elizabeth Pavlak, Ava Poggione, Magdelyn Rix, Lauren Roberts, Charles Rodgers, Courtney Ropp, Nicholas Scherer, Jazmine Sheets, Carter Simmons, Sebastian Smiley, Jaidin Smith, Seyanna Smith, Angela Solis-Sarat, Olivia Stanek, Kyla Swalwell, Morgan Taylor, Skyler Thompson, Grace Tremblay, Ashton Vassar, Luke Warren, Taryn Welling, Ely Wharton, Ellery Whitfield, Katelyn Wierenga.

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: Dominick Vonte Anderson, Arlon Martez Banks, Jaleel Malik Boyd, Dejanelle Carter, Jordan M Childress, Breanna Lee Franks, Keesha Melareng Keane, Andrew Laine Kinder, Sydney Michelle Loofboro, Ayriana N Obryant, David E Olson, Ashley Marie Paddock, Montrel Prude, Mitchell James Seiler, Jessica Elaine Thomas, Rachel Thompson, Anessa Sameer Tolbert.

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 the KVAAP Program are: Sierra Briley, Dejanelle Carter, Jacob Hokenmaier, Brayden Kwasniewski, Whitney Lewis, Ellerey Patchett, Samuel Reynolds, Skyler Ruelas.

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.



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