



2025 Family Weekend Schedule

Welcome Families!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7	
	Campus Dining Options
Hicks Student Center Breakfast: 7:30-10am Continental Breakfast: 10-11am Lunch: 11:00am-1:30pm Dinner: 5:00-7:30pm Welles After Dark: 8-11 pm	Welles Dining Hall Our premier dining location, Welles Dining Hall, serves all-you-care-to-eat meals to please any appetite, including our fresh and colorful salad bar, dynamic chef-attended action station, daily entrée features, vegan and vegetarian options, as well as our Inspired Eats inclusive dining station. Families may pay at the door via credit/debit card only.
Upjohn Library Open 8:00am-5:00pm	The Book Club This coffee shop offers grab and go sandwiches, salads, snacks, and drinks. Families may pay via credit/debit card only.
Hicks Student Center Open 11:00am-5:00pm	The Richardson Room Our retail café features a wide variety of delicious, made-to-order food options including signature sandwiches, flatbreads, smoothies, and yogurt bowls. There's an abundance of vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, too. Families may pay via credit/debit card only.
	Schedule of Events
9:00am-5:00pm Hicks Student Center, Main Entrance Atrium	Information Table A variety of information about the campus and the wider Kalamazoo community will be available. Pick up schedules, information sheets, things to do in Kalamazoo, maps, a local restaurant guide, and more.
9:00am-5:00pm Hicks Student Center, Lower Level	Kalamazoo College Spirit Shop Open Get your Kalamazoo College branded clothing and swag here!
11:00am-2:00pm Center for Career and Personal Development, 102 Dewing Hall	Career Studio Open House The Career Studio is a dynamic drop-in space where all K students can stop by without an appointment with "Life After K" questions. Stop by and see the Career Studio in action and discover how this important campus resource can help your student.
11:00-11:50am Stetson Chapel	Honors Day Convocation Kalamazoo College observes Honors Day in the fall term of each year, recognizing at convocation those students who have earned honors for the year and those who have won special prizes during the previous academic year. This event will be livestreamed for anyone unable to be present with us in person. Watch Honors Day Convocation via livestream.
2:00-4:00pm Upjohn Library, A.M. Todd Rare Book Room, Room 326	The A.M Todd Rare Book Room presents: The Golden Age of Illustration! This exhibit showcases the transition of art into the literary sphere in a stunning display of 20th century illustration, highlighting imagery from key artists such as Aubrey Beardsley, Arthur Rackham, and Kay Nielsen in classic books such as <i>The Faerie</i>

(on your left as you walk from the main staircase)	<i>Queene</i> by Edmund Spenser and Shakespeare's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> . Come and visit the A.M. Todd Rare Book Room to see the intricate visuals of these renowned illustrators!
1:00-4:00pm <i>Mandelle, Financial Aid Office 111</i>	Financial Aid Individual Consultation Have questions about your student's scholarships or need-based aid? Feel free to stop by the Financial Aid Office where Financial Aid staff will be available to answer questions. The Financial Aid Office is down one flight of stairs when entering Mandelle from the Quad side. It is on the main level when entering Mandelle from the Academy Street side.
2:00-4:00pm <i>Dewing Hall, ground floor (use the east door off of Red Square to enter the building), Center for Civic Engagement</i>	Center for Civic Engagement Open House Stop by the Mary Jane Underwood Stryker Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) and speak to staff and student Civic Engagement Scholars about the vast programs offered for students to engage with the local community. Each year, the CCE partners with over 47 different community organizations and many academic departments and classes to involve over 450 students. Learn from the students themselves how civic engagement helps students find a sense of purpose, gain the ability to "cross borders," assume program and project leadership roles, and explore pathways to meaningful careers.
4:30-6:00pm <i>Hoop House (located behind the Fitness & Wellness Center)</i>	Hoop House Community Garden Open Hours Stop by our Hoop House community garden to see what's growing, harvest vegetables, and meet Hoop House student interns. The Hoop House gardens are supported by the Environmental Stewardship Center and Center for Civic Engagement.
Evening Downtown Kalamazoo	Art Hop Downtown Kalamazoo Art Hop is a popular monthly event created as a way for local artists, organizations, and businesses to showcase their work and to bring the Kalamazoo community together surrounding a shared love of arts and culture. The event is free to attend and takes place downtown Kalamazoo. Visit the AC Arts Council of great Kalamazoo website to get the mobile Art Hop which features a map of all the Art Hop stops, photos and information about participating artists, and walking directions to help navigate Art Hop with ease.
6:00-8:00pm Park Trades Center, Suite 312 326 W Kalamazoo Avenue Enter through the Kalamazoo Ave main entrance. Students will help you find your way to the stairs or elevator to the third floor.	Kalamazoo College Art Hop Reception Students, families, staff, and friends, please join the Department of Art and Art History for an open studio gathering in the Kalamazoo College Community Studio at the Park Trades Center. This space is home to the senior art studio workspace, where students have just begun their SIP journeys.
6:30pm Red Square (on the corner of Academy and Thompson, between Dewing and Mandelle Halls)	German Lantern Walk The German Department is hosting a German Lantern Walk (Laternelaufen) for families in the community. This is a family-friendly event for all ages, but especially younger children will enjoy the music and the lanterns. It's a wonderful fall tradition. We would be happy to have you join us! Our students will be preparing lanterns for the kids to use, so they just need to show up. Join us for German songs and treats!
7:00-9:00pm The Quad	Pumpkin Smash! Join Student Activities to smash some pumpkins to vent out frustrations and stress. Learn about healthier choices to de-stress than getting smashed (intoxicated). Bring your old pumpkins to add to our pile! *We also want to help the earth! Old Jack O' Lanterns contribute to food waste and methane. We aim to compost the remains of the Jack O' Lanterns.

7:30pm Nelda K. Balch Festival Playhouse (located behind Light Fine Arts) Reserve tickets on the Festival Playhouse website Questions? Please contact Kirsten.sluyter@kzoo.edu (269) 337-7130	Theatre Production- <i>Love's Labour's Lost</i> (shortened) Shakespeare reimagined in the kaleidoscopic swirl of the 1970s, this show is a groovy, glitter-drenched romp through the far-out follies of love and intellect. In this adaptation, the King of Navarre and his pals—bell-bottomed and bantering—vow to renounce pleasure and devote themselves to cosmic enlightenment and study. But their plans are hilariously upended when a quartet of fierce and feminist ladies arrive, igniting a tug-of-war between head and heart. Amid disco beats, lava lamps, and love sonnets scribbled on vinyl sleeves, Shakespeare's sharp wit meets flower power in a counter-cultural comedy of mistaken identities, poetic showdowns, and the grooviest declarations of love this side of Woodstock. The Theatre Department is offering 75% off in honor of Family Weekend! Use the code FAMILY2025 on the online checkout and save 75% on tickets (adult prices go from \$25 to \$6.25, seniors from \$20 to \$5, and kids from \$5 to \$1.25). Additionally, you may email or call to place an order and say you're visiting for Family Weekend to receive the discount. This event is free for all Kalamazoo College students, faculty, staff, and alumni.
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8:00am-9:00pm Light Fine Arts Galleries	"Works in Progress: Artwork by Fall 2025 Studio Classes" Stop by the Light Fine Arts galleries to check out current student art projects.
9:00-9:50am Hicks Student Center, Banquet Room (coffee, tea, and doughnut holes available)	Guide to Study Abroad/Away for Families What do parents of first- and second-year students need to know about study abroad and domestic study away? Learn about the vast array of K's programs in the United States and around the globe! Sponsored by the Center for International Programs (CIP).
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10:00-10:50am Hicks Student Center, Banquet Room (coffee, tea, and doughnut holes available)	Career Development at K: Partnerships and Practice Learn about the College's commitment to integrating career exploration and development throughout a student's four years at K, including how parents and others can get involved. Sponsored by the Center for Career and Professional Involvement (CCPD).
12:00-2:00pm Upjohn Library, A.M. Todd Rare Book Room, Room 326 (on your left as you walk from the main staircase)	The A.M Todd Rare Book Room presents: The Golden Age of Illustration! This exhibit showcases the transition of art into the literary sphere in a stunning display of 20th century illustration, highlighting imagery from key artists such as Aubrey Beardsley, Arthur Rackham, and Kay Nielsen in classic books such as <i>The Faerie Queene</i> by Edmund Spenser and Shakespeare's <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>. Come and visit the A.M. Todd Rare Book Room to see the intricate visuals of these renowned illustrators!

Open Dawn to Dusk Lillian Anderson Arboretum 7787 West Main Street Kalamazoo, 49006	Take a Hike at the Lilian Anderson Arboretum Located approximately 5 miles (14-minute drive) west of campus off West Main (M-43). The Lillian Anderson Arboretum is a private natural area with 5 miles of trails open to the public. The Arboretum is part of Kalamazoo College's campus, and is comprised of 140 acres of marsh, meadow, pine plantation and second-growth deciduous forest. Open every day from dawn to dusk. Go to Arboretum@kzoo.edu for more information such as trail maps and policies.
Afternoon and Evening	Explore Kalamazoo with your Student Pick up a list of shopping, walking, and dining suggestions at the Information Table.
3:00-5:00pm Hicks Center Intercultural Center, located in the Barrett Leadership Suite	Hot Chocolate and Chat Please stop by the Intercultural Center and make your own custom, delicious mug of hot chocolate with lots of toppings! Intercultural Center staff will be there to welcome families, chat, and share ideas and strides in supporting students from various backgrounds and places.
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9:00-11:30 p.m. Dewing 103	Zoo Flicks: Rent Join the Office of Student Activities for a shadow casting of Rent. It's not just a movie, it's a show! Watch as students perform (lip sync) the soundtrack right in front of the screen.
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Various times and locations	Worship Services The city of Kalamazoo provides a rich variety of places of worship for a variety of faith traditions. A list is available at the Information Table. Service times vary with the season, so we recommend calling your preferred institution for the service schedule.
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4:00pm Light Fine Arts Dalton Theatre	The Academy Street Winds present "The Roaring '20's" Under the direction of Greg Bassett, The Academy Street Winds presents a concert of music from 100 years ago - the Jazz Age of the 1920's. It was a time of fascinating history... and Fascinating Rhythm! The music, headlined by Kurt Weill's Suite from Three-Penny Opera, expresses the excitement and turmoil of those years in the US and Europe: from the nationalism after the first world war and the success of the suffrage movement here in the US, to the turmoil in Spain and Germany. A concert of marches, songs, dances, and hymns capturing a decade! This event is free.