



Pictured is Kellogg Community College's North Avenue campus in Battle Creek. PROVIDED BY JJ COMBS/COMBS DRONE SERVICES

Free program to prepare students for fall classes

Applications for Kellogg Kickstart open now

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New students at Kellogg Community College can apply for a free summer program, according to a community announcement.

The Kellogg Kickstart program is open to people who have not earned a C grade or better in college-level English or math and who have not taken First Year Seminar, or FYS 101. Participants

must have a high school diploma or GED, according to the announcement.

The program is scheduled to run from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 7 through Aug. 13. Classes will be held on campus at 450 North Ave. in Battle Creek.

The program is free for students. It is designed to help new students prepare for college classes.

Students who finish the program will complete KCC's required First Year Seminar course. They will also fulfill the school's required academic advising appointment, according to the announcement.

Students will receive a stipend in Vi-

sa gift cards and a free meal every day of class. Course materials, including textbooks, will also be provided at no cost.

Applications are open now through an online form at kellogg.edu.

For more information, contact KCC's Center for Student Success at 269-660-2296 or css@kellogg.edu.

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KCCU honors 13 students with \$1K scholarships

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Kellogg Community Credit Union has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to 13 graduating seniors, according to a community announcement.

The recipients were selected based on their academic achievements and community involvement. The scholarship can be used toward tuition at an accredited college, university or trade school.

The 2026 recipients are:

- **Addyson Holder**, Hackett Catholic Prep: Holder was involved in varsity tennis, debate club, reading club, earth club, campus ministry leadership team, student leadership team and the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Saint Mary's College and study obstetrics.

- **Alora Wright**, Gull Lake High School: Wright participated in Scouting America, Mini Whinnies 4-H, National Honor Society and the Gull Lake High School Performing Arts Company. She plans to attend Central Michigan University and study psychology.

- **Chloe Najar**, Portage Central High School: Najar played travel and varsity softball, was a member of the Multicultural Student Organization and student senate, and volunteered at the Animal Rescue Project. She plans to attend Michigan State University and study animal science.

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An excavated lot is seen at 8070 Wisner in Detroit on May 28. Soil tests ordered by the Detroit Office of the Inspector General found excessive contamination at the lot, where contractor Gayanga previously demolished a home.

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Estimated cleanup cost triples for Detroit demo as firm folds

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Before he left office in December, former Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said he expected the latest confirmed case of backfill soil contamination in the city's demolition program to cost less than \$8 million to remediate and that those responsible would pay for it.

Now that price tag appears to have tripled — and the companies involved may be harder to go after.

Removing and replacing backfill soil at up to 651 demolition sites the city suspects are contaminated could approach \$25 million, "and this is probably a low-end estimate," said Wayne

State University environmental engineering professor and soils expert Bill Shuster, citing 2025 backfill pricing in Michigan and measurements of recently excavated properties on Detroit's east side.

A former city of Detroit budget director told the Free Press he agrees with that projection, citing city data showing that 80% of the nearly 200 properties where testing has been completed so far are contaminated above state environmental limits.

Duggan previously said initial testing found a 30% contamination rate and that a \$15 million reserve fund set aside for problems with Detroit's demo

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