Kalamazoo Valley Community College Kalamazoo, Michigan

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The Center for New Media at Kalamazoo Valley Community College is a state-of-the-art facility in the expanded, renovated and technically upgraded W.S. Dewey Building in downtown Kalamazoo. The street-level Arcus Gallery showcases student projects, promoting a creative and open learning environment.

"The facility design allows KVCC to show off the programs within this space," says Jason Novotny, Project Architect, Eckert Wordell.

"They were looking to create a dynamic space for their dynamic students," says Jill VanDyken, Interior Designer, Eckert Wordell.

VanDyken adds, "KVCC was looking for a company to provide furniture for all aspects of the building as a single source. Function and design were key in making the decision to go with KI. Mobility was also a required aspect."

"Furnishings were selected based on collaboration," says Novotny. "We created a space where instructors and faculty can informally meet with students."

Throughout the building various niches allow flexibility in instruction and collaboration. Everything is on wheels from KI's All Terrain tables and screens to comfortable Torsion on the Go chairs.

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Product List

AGI Grand Salon® Seating
AGI Rado™ Tables
AGI Relax™ Seating
All Terrain® Furniture
Balance® Overhead Storage
InTandem® Table System
Olympia® Seating
Silhouette® Chairs
Torsion on the Go® Chairs
True® Desking

Project Participants

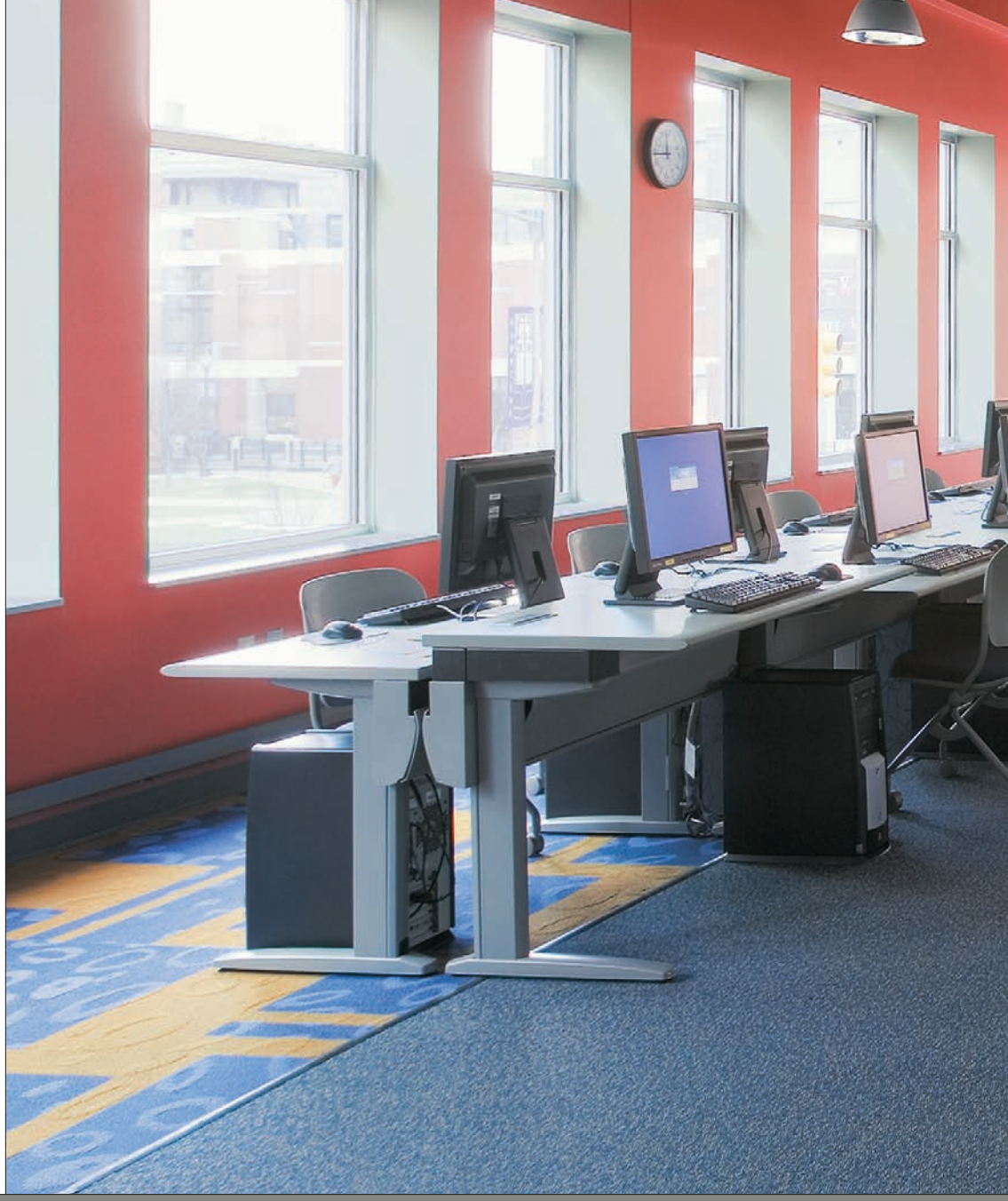
Client: Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Architecture: Eckert Wordell
Interior Design: Eckert Wordell
Dealer: Workspace Solutions

The Center for New Media has classrooms, computer labs, practice and production labs, multimedia galleries, faculty offices, conference rooms, a casual dining area and a special creativity incubation area. KI furnishings provide the required flexibility in much of the facility.

In the computer lab, the InTandem table system provides innovative power access, a compelling appearance and outstanding flexibility. “The computer labs are impressive,” says Jon Heasley, President, Workspace Solutions.

In the offices, freestanding True desking, easy-to-use Balance overhead storage and stylish Olympia seating create efficient workstations with panache.

“Staff offices are shared but are located not far from the student collaboration areas,” says Novotny. “There’s a sense of everybody belonging.”



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In addition to aesthetically designed furnishings that fit the center's needs, KI received high marks in service areas, too.

"KI stepped up to the plate in the shipping arena," says Heasley. "They really excelled in flexibility and hitting the product delivery dates. Customer service made it happen."

The end result is a distinctive facility that reflects the creativity that occurs within.

"The combination of the space design and the functionality of the furniture enhances the students' learning experiences and makes them proud to be KVCC students," says VanDyken. "Obviously we were going for a 'wow' factor and I think that we achieved it."

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