



VALLEY OFFERS ONE-YEAR GENERAL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CERTIFICATION



Jessica Tiffany, automotive student

Kalamazoo Valley is now offering a one-year certificate program in General Automotive Service (GAS). Full implementation of the new program starts in Fall 2019.

"This was driven by our local employers and advisory committee that are desperate for technicians at any skill level," said Kalamazoo Valley's Automotive Department Chair Doug Martin. "It has led to a few agreements of understanding with employers who want to see their technicians progress and become more skilled. Employers are looking at sending new hires or perspective employees through the one-year certificate so they do not have to do the training in-house. This will benefit the program, the student and the industry."

Martin explained that the certificate program is designed to provide a rapid path to entry

level technician skills. Students may enroll in the program independently or employers may choose to send their technicians for training.

The program teaches some of the foundational skills that area employers require of their technicians who are starting in the repair industry. If students are successful, they can earn state certifications in brakes, steering and suspension, electrical, and air conditioning. It will also provide the student with the ability to test for MACS (Mobile Air Conditioning Society) and Refrigerant Handling Certification (EPA 609).

The GAS certificate is designed to serve as the first two semesters of Kalamazoo Valley's AAS degree in undercar systems so it can be easily rolled into an associate degree path, if the student wants to further their education.

It can also be used as the first year of a 3+1 degree program set up between the auto department and Siena Heights that allows students to continue on to a B.S. in automotive technology with an emphasis on management skills.

"We have employers considering using this option for training service writers, clerical, management, and other positions," Martin said. "This industry is just changing so fast. We will strive to use the resources we have to do everything we can to keep up with employer demand."

For more information about the General Automotive Service certification program, contact Automotive Department Chair Doug Martin at dmartin@kvcc.edu or 269.488.4322.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS WITH A CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS

The Community and Continuing Education Department at Kalamazoo Valley Community College provides innovative and relevant lifelong learning opportunities to community members of all ages. Classes emphasize personal enrichment, professional development and community outreach and are not a part of a degree completion program. A small sampling of the classes follows:

FITNESS CENTER BASICS remains an option for community members who wish to exercise in the Wellness and Fitness Center at the Texas Township Campus. The \$75 course runs through May 4.

A NEW FIT KIDS CLASS is also offered this winter at the Wellness & Fitness Center runs from Jan. 24 - Feb. 28 on Thursdays from 11 - 11:45 a.m. Instructor Elizabeth Huff Willis incorporates kid-friendly music, obstacle courses, games, simple dance choreography, and yoga-stretching for ages 3-5. Cost \$40.

THE MASTER RAIN GARDENER TRAINING COURSE Wednesdays, 5:30 - 8 p.m., Feb. 20 - March 27 at the Food Innovation Center. The \$45 fee covers everything needed to create a living rain garden. A rain garden mimics nature by letting rain water soak into the ground. It's a garden bed planted in a shallow depression with plants especially adapted for dry and wet conditions.

BEEKEEPING 101 AND 102 offered at the Food Innovation Center, 224 E. Crosstown Parkway. Beekeeping 101 runs on Tuesdays from 6 - 8 p.m. Feb. 26 - April 2. This is the first course of the three part beekeeping series. Instructor Charlotte Hubbard will cover

introductory bee biology, equipment, apiary preparation, options for obtaining bees, and how to get them into their new home. The fee is \$140.

BEEKEEPING 102 also \$140, runs from April 30 - June 4 on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 8 p.m. This course is the second in the three part beekeeping series. Weather permitting, students will work in the Kalamazoo Valley apiary each week, evaluating hive strength and health and learning how to support growing colonies. Classroom review with instructor Charlotte Hubbard will cover swarming, splits, integrated pest management, and a further focus on biology through the season and keeping bees in Southwest Michigan.

CIDERS AND SYRUPS FOR WINTER WELLNESS taught by Herbalist Brenna Pixley, 6 - 8 p.m. on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. Participants will take home samples and recipes for products made in class that can be easily recreated at home. Pixley also teaches Herbal Household Products class on Feb. 21 from 6 - 8 p.m. for \$30 and Spring Foraging and Herb Walks on Thursdays, April 18 - May 23 from 6 - 8 p.m.

SINGLE MOM'S SURVIVAL GUIDE \$120, runs on Mondays from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Jan. 28 - March 18 at Anna Whitten Hall. Instructor Remi Harrington will share information, build community and explain ways to navigate a system designed for two-parent households. Participants will take inventory of the social problems associated with single-parent households and explore how to get the best out of the community in order to model being our optimal best for our children.



Bee keeping

FIT KITCHEN BOOT CAMP participants will start the New Year with healthier eating habits. Chef Stephanie Hughes and dietitian Holly Klamer teach from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building. The instructors will examine varying diet claims and distill it all down to simple, sustainable and balanced solutions for healthy eating and living. Participants will also sample delicious healthy food and leave with recipes and guidance to manage weight healthfully and sustainably. Cost \$45.

SPRING BAKING CLASS with Kalamazoo Valley culinary instructor Chef Corey Barrett, 5:30 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 also at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building. In this hands-on session, Chef Barrett will explain how to create simple baked goods that feature the seasonal foods. Cost \$65

VIDEO GAME ART WORKSHOP at the Center for New Media with instructor Michael Beyene, Jan. 20 - March 3, on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. Participants will learn the basics of 3D modeling, texturing, animation, and how to integrate work into a game engine and 3D viewer. Learning to work with a team

is vital in this industry and participants will learn to work together to build beautiful asset packages for game environments. Knowledge of using a PC is important. Knowledge of using e-mail is a must. Knowledge of some Photoshop is helpful. Geared to ages 15 and up. Cost \$200.

There are also cooking classes for youth, Coffee and Conversation book clubs, a Families in Transition workshop designed to help children cope with divorce and dozens of other offerings.

At the Groves Campus, a number of corporate training courses are available. **LEADERSHIP: COACHING ON THE FRONT LINE** is a popular offering. The next session runs on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m., April 16 - May 14. The course, taught by Fred Brown, helps leaders improve in their evolving role and learn to build leadership skills through the use of: feedback, communication, coaching, improving and performance.

To review the complete list of Community and Continuing Education courses, visit www.kvcc.edu/community.

Havirmill Cafe is open Jan. 14 to April 19
Hours are 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Monday - Friday

The 418 Restaurant is open Jan. 29 - April 18
Tuesdays and Thursdays | Call 269.548.3200
Reservations accepted from 6 - 7 p.m.

418 restaurant and Havirmill Cafe are both located in the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building, 418 E. Walnut, in downtown Kalamazoo.



EXPLORE FUTURE CAREERS AT VALLEY SUMMER CAMPS



Summer Camp at the Bronson Healthy Living Campus

Do you have a creative middle schooler at home? Someone who likes to draw, write stories, or take photographs? Or perhaps someone who is curious about the world around them, fascinated by the stars, or is good at math? How about someone who likes to cook, grow their own vegetables or entertain family and friends?

If so, put their creativity and imagination to work at Kalamazoo Valley Community College's popular Early/Middle College Explore Your Future - Careers Summer Camps. Careers in graphic design, astronomy and culinary arts are just some of the fields that will be explored during the week-long camps that take campers to all four of the college's campuses. New activities this year include an introduction to video film production and a workshop on diversity and inclusion.

The camps, said Dr. Deborah Coates, dean of instruction, Early/Middle College, are designed to introduce area middle school students to different careers through skill-building activities and one-on-one interaction with faculty who are experts in their field.

"Keeping children engaged and learning over the summer months can be challenging," Coates said. "The Explore Your Future - Careers Summer Camps offer students the opportunity to learn about a variety of careers through fun activities on a college campus. The addition of the diversity workshop, led by the college's diversity and inclusion coordinator, will help campers learn how working with all types of people make us better."

Campers will be introduced to video production at the Center for New Media, create a "farm to fork" meal at the Food



Summer Camp at the Food Innovation Center

Innovation Center and Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health Building, use robotics at the college's Groves Center, go behind the scenes at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum and enjoy scavenger hunts at the Texas Township Campus.

Camp is open to boys and girls entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades (2019-2020 school year) and is limited to 24 campers per session. The camp is \$125 per week per camper (scholarships are available) and will be offered:

June 17 - 20	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
June 24 - 27	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
July 15 - 18	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
July 22 - 24	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
August 5 - 8	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
August 12 - 15	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Campers report Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 a.m. to Room 128ABC in Anna Whitten Hall on the Arcadia Commons Campus at 303 North Rose Street. On Thursday, campers should report to the college's Food Innovation Center at 224 East Crosstown Parkway. Drop-off begins at 8 a.m., with all activities starting at 8:30 a.m. Campers should be picked up at Anna Whitten Hall each day at 3 p.m. with the exception of Thursday when the pick-up location is at the Marilyn J. Schlack Culinary and Allied Health building at 418 E. Walnut. Transportation to the different camp locations, lunch and snacks are provided by the college.

Online registration opens March 2, with priority registration for returning campers. To register visit: www.kvcc.edu/community. For scholarship information or any other questions, contact Deborah Coates at 269.488.4509 or dcoates@kvcc.edu.

NEW CAMPS FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Kalamazoo Valley is offering two new camps for area high schoolers. Students entering ninth and tenth grade can explore careers in Crime Scene Investigation and Claymation.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION! July 29 - August 1 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (activities begin at 8:30 a.m.)

Solve the who done it! There was a heist and everything is gone! But wait! There is evidence left behind. Become the detective to discover who took the loot by lifting finger prints from the crime scene, analyzing hair samples, casting footprints, measuring skid marks, and much more. The camp is led by professionals in the areas of forensic science and public safety, both with more than 60 combined years of experience. Students will get a glimpse of a day in the life of a police officer. Location: Arcadia Commons Campus, Anna Whitten Hall, Room 128 (Students

will be transported by bus to the Texas Township Campus on Wednesday). Cost: \$100 includes t-shirt and snacks.

CLAYMATION CAMP July 29 - July 31 | 12:30 - 4 p.m.

Learn how classic stop-motion Claymation animated movies like Nightmare Before Christmas, Chicken Run and the Wallace and Gromit movies are created then work with stop motion photography and clay to make your own mini-movie. Campers will work in small teams to create characters, write the story and photograph their work to bring their movie segment to life! Location: Arcadia Commons Campus, Center for New Media, Room 075 Cost: \$100 includes t-shirt and snacks.

For more information or to register visit: www.kvcc.edu/community.

REGISTER FOR SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

It's time to start thinking about summer!

For more than 25 years, Kalamazoo Valley Community College has offered summer sports camps for area athletes. This summer, a number of truly unique Cougar Camps – for boys and girls basketball, volleyball and softball – will again be offered at the college's Texas Township Campus for athletes of all ages.

"All Cougar Camps are designed to develop individual skills while emphasizing the importance of teamwork, self-discipline and

sportsmanship," said Russ Panico, athletic director and student relations coordinator at Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

The overall aim is to provide the kind of camp experience that will enable all student athletes to feel the joy that comes from sharing with and relating to others in a positive way.

All camps are led by Kalamazoo Valley coaches and student athletes who work with campers to develop fundamental correctness, and emphasize the value of practice and reaching their potential.



VOLLEYBALL CAMP

June 24 - 27 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Girls entering grades 6 - 8
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Girls entering grades 9 - 12
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Equipment needed: Gym shoes, socks, shorts, knee pads, jersey or t-shirt, and labeled water bottle or thermos. Camp fee: \$110 until May 28. \$135 for registrations received after May 28. Registration closes June 17.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM LEAGUE

June 27, July 11, 18, and 25

6 - 8 p.m. 2 matches/night

For area high school varsity teams

Ten team maximum. All teams must adhere to MHSAA rules regarding coaching players in the off season. Team fee: \$200/team. Registration opens Feb. 1 and closes June 24. For more information call 269.488.4799 or email jbuikema@kvcc.edu.

GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

July 8 - 11 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Girls entering grades 6 - 12

Equipment needed: Gym shoes, socks, shorts, jersey or t-shirt, and labeled water bottle or thermos. All campers should bring a sack lunch or money to eat in the school cafeteria. Camp fee: \$135 until June 3. \$160 for registrations received after June 3. Registration closes July 1.

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Session 1: July 15 - 18

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Session 2: July 22 - 25

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For boys entering grades 6 - 12

Equipment needed: Gym shoes, socks, shorts, jersey or t-shirt, and labeled water bottle or thermos. All campers should bring a sack lunch or money to eat in the school cafeteria.

Session 1: Camp fee: \$135 until June 10. \$160 for registrations received after June 10. Registration closes July 8.

Session 2: Camp fee: \$135 until June 17. \$160 for registrations received after June 17. Registration closes July 15.

GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP

July 29 - August 1 | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For girls entering grades 4 - 7
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Girls entering grades 8 - 12
1 - 4 p.m.

Equipment needed: All campers should arrive dressed to play each day with a softball glove, bat, helmet, cleats and labeled water bottle or thermos. Camp fee: \$110 per camper through June 25. \$135 for registrations after June 25. Registration closes July 22.

Registration opens February 1. For specific information about each camp and to register visit: www.kvcccougars.com.

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FREE ONLINE IP EDUCATION AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Do you have an innovative new product, idea or invention you'd like to develop but are unsure of the next steps? Kalamazoo Valley can help.

The college recently announced an academic partnership with the Michelson Institute for Intellectual Property (MIIP) designed to democratize access to intellectual property education. Kalamazoo Valley is the only community college in the country to offer such education to the public at no cost.

As part of the collaboration, MIIP will provide the college with complete access to a portfolio of free intellectual property education course materials which includes books, videos, slides, and other assets on the topics of patents, copyrights, trademarks, and more.

"We're excited for the opportunity to work with MIIP in enhancing the intellectual property education at Kalamazoo Valley Community College," said Kalamazoo Valley's Director of Corporate Training Kate Miller. "Through this partnership, we hope to better fulfill the intellectual needs of our students and empower all members of our community in

catalyzing innovation."

Instructors and students are able to leverage these resources in augmenting their intellectual property education coursework, establishing the foundation necessary for entrepreneurship and innovation to blossom.

Members of the Kalamazoo Valley community can join nearly 10,000 registrants of the fully digital Intellectual Property: Inventors, Entrepreneurs, Creators curriculum hosted online at Udemy.com. With 3.5 hours of on-demand learning video created by IP experts, and interactive features including 38 downloadable resources, registrants can learn how to protect and capitalize on the intellectual property that drives today's knowledge-based economy.

"With nearly half of college graduates starting their post-secondary education at a community college, institutions like Kalamazoo Valley are critical to fostering tomorrow's entrepreneurs," said Dr. Gary K. Michelson, inventor and founder of Michelson 20MM. "We're proud to support the work of Kalamazoo Valley with IP-centered resources that will be

used to train future startup founders and business leaders."

To access the free non-credit instructional materials available to Kalamazoo Valley students, faculty and staff visit: www.michelsonip.com/teachip/#registration.

To access the free non-credit public offering through Udemy visit: www.kvcc.edu/programs/corporate_training/.

The Michelson Institute for Intellectual Property, an initiative of the Michelson 20MM Foundation, addresses critical gaps in intellectual property education to empower the next generation of inventors by providing high-quality instructional content. Its library of free educational resources includes an interactive textbook, undergraduate IP curriculum, animated videos, and a self-paced online course.

Michelson 20MM was founded thanks to the generous support of renowned spinal surgeon Dr. Gary K. Michelson and his wife, Alya Michelson. To learn more, visit www.Michelson20mm.org.

COLLEGE TRUSTEES PROVIDE VALUABLE LEADERSHIP



Julia C. Buck

Julia Buck and Dawn DeLuca were chosen to replace long-time Kalamazoo Valley Community College trustees T. Kenneth Young and A. Christian Schauer who chose not to seek re-election in the November 2018 mid-term election.

Buck and DeLuca were sworn into office during the Jan. 8 trustee meeting at the college's Texas Township Campus.

DeLuca is a Health Career Pathways coordinator for the WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine. She holds a bachelor's degree in music education from Florida State University and a master's degree from Western Michigan University. She worked as a teacher for Battle Creek Public Schools for 12 years and serves as vice president of the board at the Kalamazoo Literacy Council.

Buck is a business banking consultant with a bachelor's degree in Spanish, with an emphasis on environmental science, from Western Michigan University. She worked as a community outreach coordinator for WMU Students for a



Dawn M. DeLuca

Sustainable Earth in 2014 and was a volunteer for the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce between 2000 and 2015.

They join Susan Miller, who kept her seat on the board during the recent election. Other trustees are Jeffrey W. Patton, Lucinda M. Stinson, Patrick A. Farmer and Mary T. Gustas.

"We look forward to welcoming the new trustees," Patton said. "New ideas and leadership are vital to the continued success of the college."



A. Christian Schauer

Retiring trustee Young served for 37 years, joining the board in July 1981. He worked in various leadership roles including chairperson and on the Budget and Audit/Governance committee and as board liaison to the KVCC Foundation and the Michigan Community College Association.

Schauer is retiring after 18 years of service beginning in January 2000. He worked as chairperson and on the Budget and Audit/Governance committee and as board liaison to the KVCC Foundation and The Groves Campus advisory committee.

Commenting about the retirements, Patton said, "We are grateful for the commitment of these fine trustees. Their steady leadership has helped impact the lives of thousands of students. They have served as outstanding role models for us all."

Both Young and Schauer were granted Emeritus Status during the November Board of Trustees meeting.



T. Kenneth Young

CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR ALUMNI+ ART SHOW



2018 Honorable Mention, Linda Manguiat-Herzog, "Hustle and Bustle"

It isn't too early to start thinking about entering Kalamazoo Valley's Eighth Annual Alumni+ Art Show. The show opens on Friday, April 5 at 5:30 p.m. and submissions are accepted until March 4.

This juried art show enables Kalamazoo Valley alumni to showcase their works. There is no artist entry fee. Each year this show is held at Kalamazoo Valley's Center for New Media in conjunction with Art Hop.

Works submitted will be considered for awards which will be presented to artists on the night of the show. Show judges are area professionals who come from a variety of disciplines and whose expertise enables them to deliver expert, but impartial, determinations. Previous judges have been impressed by the variety and quality of work.

An alumni artist can enter the show if they:

- 1) have successfully completed at least one class at Kalamazoo Valley, and
- 2) are not currently enrolled in any class at the time of the show (Winter 2019); and
- 3) are not a Kalamazoo Valley employee.

Participants need not to have been an art student. Previous show entrants have come from a variety of backgrounds including law enforcement, accounting and medical coding. Alumni artists do not have to reside locally to enter or win. Past shows have accepted entries from Kalamazoo Valley alumni residing in Rhode Island, Arizona and Wyoming.

Consider being a part of the 2019 Alumni+ Art Show. Visit www.kvcc.edu/alumni/artshow/ for more information.

Art can be submitted to Cindy Parks at the Center for New Media reception desk. The submission deadline is Monday, March 4. For more information contact Ashley Jones, ajones@kvcc.edu or 269.373.7881.

VALLEY PARTNERS WITH UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT FOR FOOD HUB MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE



Rich Bates, working at the ValleyHUB

Staff from Kalamazoo Valley's ValleyHUB food hub are partnering with instructors from the University of Vermont (UVM) to offer the Food Hub Management Professional Certificate program. Launched by (UVM) five years ago, the program is an innovative blend of hands-on, community-based, online and in-person learning

designed to prepare students for managing food hubs. Designed for emergent and established food hub managers, the program provides the tools and training needed to advance in food systems careers.

The 2019 program in Michigan is being offered through a partnership between Kalamazoo Valley Community College, the Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems and the University of Vermont. The residential portion of the program will take place in Kalamazoo with tours of other food hubs in lower Michigan and hands-on training in the ValleyHUB food hub at the Kalamazoo Valley Food Innovation Center on the Bronson Healthy Living Campus in downtown Kalamazoo. Residential session dates for 2019 are set for March 4 - 8 and Nov. 4 - 8.

The program aims to strengthen and accelerate management skills of operational leaders of food hubs and other community-based food system organizations. The multi-disciplined subject matter is taught by food hub managers and subject matter experts in each discipline. The course is taught online with two, week-long residential sessions held in Michigan.

The syllabus includes: Business Formation, Food Hub Fundamentals, Business Planning, Marketing, Sales, Finance, HR and Staffing, Risk Management, Food Safety, Product Development and Knowledge, Supply Chain Management, Storage and Warehouse Management, Distribution, Processing, Technology and Value Chain Facilitation.

Students will develop essential knowledge and skills in areas that include: Legal Structure and Sources of Capital; Business Planning and Assessment; Sales Forecasting, Analysis and Marketing; Finance and Risk Management; Food Safety - On Farm, Facility, and FSMA; Supply and Value Chain Integration; New Product Development and Processing; Management of Facilities, Distribution, and Technology; and Human Resources and Stakeholder Management.

The course is ideal for individuals exploring the feasibility of starting or expanding a food hub, emerging leaders in organizations advancing the feasibility of regional food systems, food hub practitioners focused on 'the next 10 years' and professionals seeking to develop

their career in the local and regional food market.

Space is limited to 25 participants. The fee for the four-month fundamentals program is \$3,795 and includes the March residential session and the four-month online course. The fee for the eight-month comprehensive program is \$5,945 and includes both residential sessions, the four-month online course, and an action project. Scholarships are available and can be requested through the program application.

Breakfast, lunch and some dinners are included in the tuition fee. Transportation to Kalamazoo and lodging are the responsibility of the participant.

Applications will be reviewed by the program instructors on a rolling basis until Feb. 1 or until the program is filled. Students who are accepted into the program will receive a registration link to confirm their seat and pay a deposit. To apply, go to the University of Vermont website at <https://learn.uvm.edu/program/food-hub-management/>.

ARTISTS' FORUM PRESENTS CHUCK PROPHET AND THE MISSION EXPRESS

Kalamazoo Valley's Artists' Forum presents Chuck Prophet and the Mission Express, Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in Dale B. Lake Auditorium at the Texas Township Campus.

Prophet describes his new album 'Bobby Fuller Died For Your Sins' as a "California Noir," an album inspired partly by the mysterious death of rocker Bobby Fuller in LA in 1966. "California has always represented the Golden Dream, and it's the tension between romance and reality that lurks underneath the surface in all Noir films and paperbacks, and that connects these songs," Prophet said.

The album features 13 original works that explore doomed love, loneliness and fast paced violence, including songs about Fuller, the death of David Bowie, and the killing of a San Francisco security guard named Alex Nieto that drew international headlines. Prophet is backed by The Mission Express, a band featuring his wife Stephanie Finch (vocals, keyboards, guitar), Kevin White (bass), Vicente Rodriguez (drums, vocals) and James DePrato (guitar).

Lead single "Bad Year For Rock and Roll" is a timely homage to rock greats lost in 2016: "The Thin White Duke took a

final bow / there's one more star in the heavens now / I'm all dressed up in a mohair suit / watching Peter Sellers thinking of you." Another song, "Jesus Was A Social Drinker" starts as a punchy mid tempo rocker with clanking cowbell before unfurling into an explosive, psychedelic coda.

"Alex Nieto" is what Prophet refers to as his first protest song. It's "an homage to a good man who should still be alive," he said.

Through partial funding provided by The Gilmore Foundation, The Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation and Kalamazoo Valley Community College, the Artists' Forum has established a performance series that reflects the Kalamazoo community and broadens the perspective of the performing arts. Tickets are available beginning Feb. 5 at www.kvcc.edu/artistsforum, at the Texas Township Campus bookstore,



Chuck Prophet

269.488.4030 or bookstore.kvcc.edu, or by contacting event organizer Dave Posther at 269.488.4476 or dposther@kvcc.edu.

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