

HOLYOKE

Graduates of HCC forerunner invited to 1st reunion

Celebration planned June 5 for Holyoke Junior College alumni

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Alums who graduated between 1947 and 1964 from Holyoke Junior College are invited to attend a first-ever reunion event later this year.

The event will take place on June 5 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Holyoke Community College MGM Culinary Arts Institute on Race Street. Reunion attendees will tour the culinary arts facility and have dinner prepared by HCC culinary arts students and faculty.

On the reunion planning committee are alumni Maurice Ferriter, Class of 1952,

Frances Kane, Class of 1956, Carl Iger, Class of 1956, Pat Bresnahan, Class of 1957, Peg Wendlandt, Class of 1958, Jim Izatt, Class of 1959, and Richie Sobon, Class of 1964.

At a recent meeting, Kane and Angela Wright, a graduate of Holyoke Junior College from the Class of 1954, took a stroll down memory lane.

"You don't often have a chance to catch up with classmates from your school. I don't know how many of us are left. I'd be thrilled to see them and just chat," Wright said.

"Holyoke Junior College was very good to me. I was young. Coming out of high school, I didn't know where I was going to go. I went to Holyoke Junior College, which set me on my pace," Kane said.



Holyoke Junior College alumni Frances Kane, Class of 1956, and Angela Wright, Class of 1954, pose outside the Holyoke Community College MGM Culinary Arts Institute in Holyoke after a recent reunion planning meeting. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Kane returned to the college in the early 1970s to serve on the Board of Trustees and, later, on the HCC Foundation board.

"I've made a lot of friends, and I'd like to see who's left from my class," Kane said.

"This is a time for our oldest alumni to meet our new leader, President George Timmons, catch up with classmates, and reminisce about the good old days," said Julie Phillips, HCC director of development.

Holyoke Graduate School

was established in 1946 and changed its name to Holyoke Junior College in 1947. After it joined the state's community college system in 1964, the name changed to Holyoke Community College.

HCC was on Sergeant and Pine street in the former Holyoke High School building.

For more information about the event or to secure your spot for the reunion, contact John Sieracki at jsieracki@hcc.edu or 413-687-0322.