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HCC celebrates
culinary institute

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito will headline Thursday's grand opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Holyoke Community College-MGM Culinary Arts Institute. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the institute at 164 Race St. on the corner of Appleton. Other special guests and speakers will include state education secretary James Peyser, Mayor Alex Morse, college president Christina Royal, MGM Springfield president Michael Mathis, college trustee chairman Robert Gilbert and Paul Boudreau, chairman of the HCC Foundation.

Also, Michael Serrano, of Springfield, will talk about his experience as a student in the culinary arts program. Serrano will receive his certificate in culinary arts in June and continue working toward his associate degree in food serve management in the fall.

Celebration guests will have the opportunity to tour the \$6.43 million, 20,000-square-foot center and sample creations prepared by HCC Culinary Arts students. Following remarks, Royal will lead the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony just before noon.

"Now that we've become acquainted with this extraordinary new space, we are thrilled to welcome the greater community, alumni and friends for an event where top-notch training, employer partnerships, and passionate students and faculty are on full display," said Amanda Sbriscia, the college's vice president of institutional advancement. "We are grateful that many of our key partners, as well as state and local officials, will join us to mark this occasion. The HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute is an example of what can be achieved through collaboration and a shared commitment to meeting the needs of students and our region."



Holyoke Community College will celebrate the grand opening of the new Holyoke Community College-MGM Culinary Arts Institute at 164 Race St. with free food and a ribbon-cutting on Thursday. At right, Anthony Edwards, a student at the Holyoke Community College-MGM Culinary Arts Institute, prepares Castilian garlic soup for a special Spanish-themed luncheon on March 28.

While the event is free and open to the public, an RSVP is requested to ensure there will be enough food. Reply either online at hcc.edu/cai, by email at foundation@hcc.edu or by phone at 413-552-2182.

