

HOLYOKE

Golf benefit to honor 'Doc' Baker

Holyoke Community College's 30th anniversary golf benefit will be dedicated to the memory of Francis "Doc" Baker, a lifelong Holyoke resident, veteran, podiatrist and decades-long friend to the college, who died in July.

The Holyoke Community College Foundation's 2017 Golf Classic will be held on Sept. 11 at Springfield County Club in West Springfield.

This year, the foundation will allocate all proceeds from the tournament toward classroom equipment and student services at the college's MGM Culinary Arts Institute in the Holyoke Innovation District on the corner of Appleton and Race streets. Once it opens this fall, the facility will be the premiere culinary and hospitality training facility in the Northeast.

Baker served on the college's Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1992 and as a board member of the HCC Foundation from 1987 until his death on July 23. He also served on the annual golf tournament committee and as a past chair.

An Army veteran, he was a graduate of Holyoke High School, Westfield State College and the Illinois College of Chiropody and Foot Surgery. He maintained a private practice on Suffolk Street for more than 50 years.

The golf program begins with a buffet lunch, followed



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by a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. The \$185 fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner, and refreshments on the course.

After an afternoon of golf, participants can enjoy cocktails on the clubhouse porch, dinner, and a silent auction,

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where they will have the opportunity to enter raffles and bid on dozens of items including vacation packages, game tickets, and restaurant gift certificates.

Players can either arrange their own foursome or sign up as singles.

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