

Black history events include film, food

Holyoke Community College will conclude its Black History Month celebrations with a food festival and a free screening of a documentary about Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Congress.

The 2004 documentary "Shirley Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed," will be shown for free at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Leslie Phillips Theater on the second floor of HCC's Fine and Performing Arts Building, on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke. In addition to being the first black woman elected to Congress in 1968, Chisholm, D-N.Y., was the first black major party candidate to run for president of the United States. She was also HCC's commencement keynote speaker in 1984.

HCC will host a Black Heritage Food Fest 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the lobby outside the Leslie Phillips Theater on the second floor of the Fine and Performing Arts Building, featuring food prepared for the event by local chefs specializing in southern, Creole, Cajun and other ethnic cuisine. While the food is free for HCC students



Shirley Chisholm, the first black woman elected to Congress, speaks at Holyoke Community College Commencement in 1984.

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and employees, a suggested donation of \$5 will go toward the creation of a scholarship fund for an active member of the college's Black Student Alliance.