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A golfer blasts out of a green-side bunker at the Springfield Country Club during the 2018 HCC Foundation Golf Classic.

## Golf Classic to raise funds to support scholarships and equipment at HCC

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HOLYOKE –The HCC Foundation announced the opening of registration for their annual HCC Golf Classic fundraising event that will be held Monday, Sept. 9 at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield.

Now in its 32nd year, the Golf Classic was started by the nonprofit HCC Foundation, the fundraising group at Holyoke Community College (HCC), as a way to raise money to supplement funding they received from the state,

increase their donor base, and build community support.

“The HCC Foundation’s annual golf tournament is our signature fundraising event,” said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation at Holyoke Community College. Many HCC students face significant barriers to their success. “Golf tournaments are a typical way in which many nonprofits raise funds to support their mission and programs. The communi-

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ty's support of our tournament enables the Foundation to provide life-changing scholarship funds that enable students to earn the degree and obtain the skills that lead to better lives and stronger communities." Sbriscia said that since its inception the tournament has raised over \$600,000 in scholarship and program support that has benefited HCC students.

"Over the years, proceeds from the tournament have gone toward specific projects such as equipment for the Center for Health Education and the Culinary Arts Institute," said Chris Yurko, media relations manager at HCC. "The goals today are the same as they've always been, to raise money for student scholarships and classroom technology."

The 32nd Golf Classic will be an 18-hole course with a par of 72 for the course. Golfers will play in

teams of four; participants can come individually or they can create their own foursome team. The day will start at 11:30 a.m. with check-in and a buffet lunch before a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., with a scramble tournament format. The winning teams will be determined in two categories – low net and low gross scores – and there will also be additional prizes awarded for closest to the pin on the par 3 holes.

Following golf, participants can stay for cocktails on the porch of the clubhouse, followed by dinner and an opportunity to enter raffles and bid on a number of items, donated from dozens of local businesses, from wine baskets to restaurant gift certificates, golf outings and more. All proceeds raised from this year's event will be used to support student scholarships and general academic equipment purchases.

"We've been fortunate to continue our tournament now for over three decades and still be successful at providing HCC with financial resources that directly

benefit our students," Sbriscia said.

Individuals and teams are welcome to register in advance of the Golf Classic online at [hcc.edu/golf](http://hcc.edu/golf), and can check in at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament. Admission for the the golf tournament is \$185 per person and includes greens fees, lunch, golf cart, dinner, and refreshments on the course. People are also welcome to join the HCC Foundation for the reception and dinner at the Springfield Country Club at 4:30 p.m., even if they don't golf. Dinner is \$40 and registration is available at [hcc.edu/golf](http://hcc.edu/golf) or by calling 413-552-2182.



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Teammates discuss course strategy during the 2018 HCC Foundation Golf Classic.



The mascot for the Springfield Thunderbirds hockey team greets golfers as they head out to their holes for the start of the 2018 HCC Foundation Golf Classic.

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