

**HOLYOKE**

# Professor to lead HCC graduation

## 900 graduates to receive degrees, certificates

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Lisa Mahon of Easthampton, professor of English at Holyoke Community College and recipient of the 2019 Elaine Marieb Faculty Chair for Teaching Excellence, will lead the procession of graduates and give the keynote address to the class of 2019 at the 72nd Commencement of Holyoke Community College, Saturday at the MassMutual Center in Springfield at 10 a.m.

History major Armanis Fuente of Holyoke/Springfield and Tiffany Cavanaugh of West Springfield have been selected as student orators. Alumnus and U.S. Army private Jonathan Mendez will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "I Was Here." Psychology major and Student Senate treasurer Nattie Besner of East Longmeadow will present the class gift.

The college will confer a Distinguished Service Award to Lucy Perez of East Longmeadow, a member of the HCC Board of Trustees and one of the founders of the college's academic English

as a Second Language program.

Mahon teaches English and writing and is also coordinator of the college's Service Learning



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Program. The Marieb Award, endowed by the late HCC professor emeritus Elaine Marieb, recognizes a full-time member of the faculty for outstanding classroom teaching. Award recipients serve for one year and receive a small stipend for professional development, lead the procession at Commencement, and also give the keynote graduation speech

HCC will stream the Commencement ceremony live. The live stream will be available on the main page of the college website, [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu).

Associate degrees and certificates will be conferred to approximately 900 graduates. The event will be American Sign Language interpreted.

For more information visit, [hcc.edu](http://hcc.edu).