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HCC welcomes public to culinary arts lunches

For the first time, Holyoke Community College will open its Wednesday culinary arts program luncheon series to the general public.

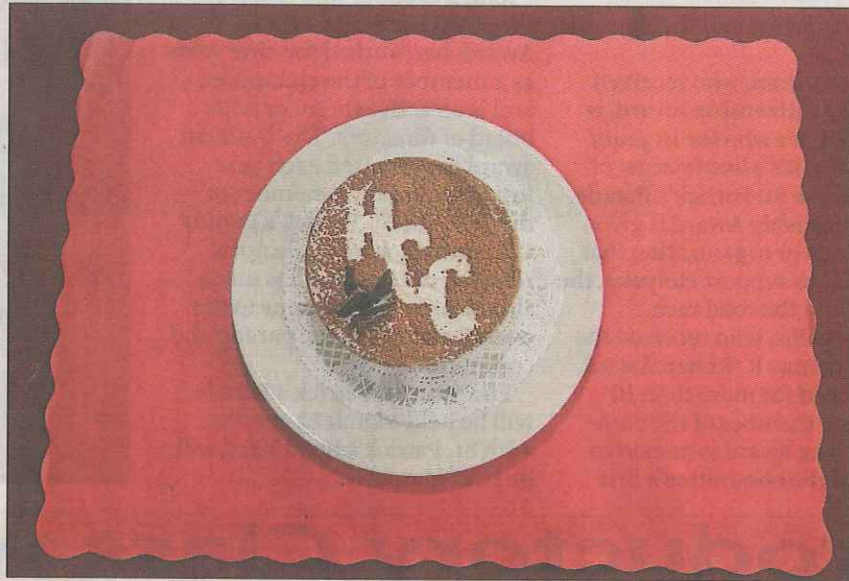
For years, the spring semester lunches, prepared by HCC culinary arts students and instructors a part of their A La Carte Cooking and Food Service Course, have been open only to HCC faculty, staff, students and invited guests. Now, members of the public are being invited to dine at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute to indulge in a series of delicious Wednesday lunches featuring a different culinary theme each week.

The three-course meals are offered free of charge with a suggested donation of \$10 to the President's Student Emergency Fund, which is managed by the HCC Foundation. The fund is used for students experiencing food or housing insecurity in need of immediate assistance.

"As guests at our culinary lunch series, members of the community can take part in our students' academic success by providing them with real-world experiences that lead to meaningful careers," said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the HCC Foun-



An HCC culinary arts student prepares lunch in one of the kitchens at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute. HCC will open lunches to the public in a new series.



Chocolate mousse prepared by HCC culinary arts students for lunch at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute. The program will offer lunch to the public on Feb. 26, March 11 and 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, and May 6 and 14.

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ation. "But beyond that, many of our students face real barriers, such as food insecurity and homelessness. Guests can help them overcome these barriers by simply visiting the Culinary Arts Institute for a freshly prepared, delicious meal and making a donation."

Lunches will be open to the public on the follow-

ing dates: Feb. 26 (Spanish Tapas); March 11 and March 25 (Italian); April 1 and April 8 (French Bistro), April 15 and April 22 (Brunch); May 6 and May 14 (American Diner).

Guests have a choice of four seating times: 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., noon and 12:15 p.m.

The HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute is at 164 Race St.

Full menus for each lunch are available online at hcc.edu/culinary-lunch-series

Because seating is limited, reservations are required and granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. To reserve a seat or seats, contact HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute coordinator Stacy Graves at 413-552-2838 or sgraves@hcc.edu.