

HOLYOKE

24 Hour Play Festival to benefit HCC theater

Holyoke Community College theater alumni will gather once again to write and rehearse four original plays they will perform just 24 hours later.

The HCC Players, as they call themselves, together with the HCC Theater Department, will present the second annual 24 Hour Play Festival on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Leslie Phillips Theater, 303 Homestead Ave.

HCC alumni, along with current students, will meet on Friday to begin writing and rehearsing the one-act plays they will then perform.

Like the first, the second festival is a benefit and all proceeds will go toward the Leslie Phillips Fund for theater arts and education at Holyoke Community College.

Last year's event was organized by HCC alumni and HCC theater professor Pat Sandoval. The festival is also

a tribute to Leslie Phillips, founder of the HCC drama program, who died in 1988.

"The first festival was a great success, and we knew from the start that we wanted to make it an annual event," said Lisa Poehler '84, a Holyoke native, resident of Springfield, and one of the organizers of the event. "Leslie was a friend, role model and mentor to countless HCC students and we will continue to honor her by raising money to support the theater program she began."

Tickets to the festival are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students, seniors, and HCC faculty and staff. To order tickets, call 413-552-2485 or go online to hcc.edu/alumni-events

If you would be interested in participating in this year's festival, contact the Alumni Players at 24HF@comcast.net.



A scene is played out during the first HCC 24 Hour Play Festival last year. This year's kicks off Saturday at 7:30 p.m.