Holyoke Community College will celebrate its 77th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 1, at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The ceremony begins at 10 a.m.

This year, HCC will confer associate degrees and certificates to more than 650 graduates from the class of 2024.

President George Timmons will preside over his first Commencement ceremony since his hiring last year and offer the main address to graduates.

A handful of students from this year's class will also be featured on the Commencement stage.

Engineering major Carineh Santana '24 of Holyoke and liberal arts major Xinyan Jiang '24 of Amherst will be the student orators. Student-trustee and business major Barney Garcia '24 of Northampton and elementary education major and student senator Carissa Batura '24 of Easthampton will present the class gift.

For those who cannot attend in person, HCC will stream the Commencement ceremony live over the Internet. The live stream will be available through a link on the main page of the college website, www.hcc.edu, where other details about this year's Commencement can also be found.

The ceremony will be American Sign Language interpreted.

The Commonwealth's oldest community college, Holyoke Community College opened its doors in 1946 as the first two-year college in Massachusetts. In the decades since, the college has paved the way for generations of learners from western Massachusetts and beyond, a beacon of hope and opportunity for people seeking better lives. Please visit us at hcc.edu.