

CHICOPEE

College for a Day

Easthampton resident Keith Hazel, a 39-year-old high school dropout, will be the keynote speaker at "College for a Day," a Holyoke Community College event that brings hundreds of adult learners to campus each year to get a brief taste of college life.

The event runs tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke.

Students and teachers from dozens of adult basic education and ESOL programs in Hampshire and Hampden counties are expected to attend College for a Day to sample classes taught by HCC faculty and staff.

**KEITH HAZEL**

Before that, beginning at 9 a.m. in the Leslie Phillips Theater, Hazel will talk about his life and educational journey, from high school dropout to HCC liberal arts major. Hazel earned his high school equivalency in 2016 through The Literacy Project in Northampton and completed HCC's Transition to College and Careers program in 2017 before enrolling as a degree-seeking student last fall.

College for a Day is organized by HCC's Adult Basic Education and Transition to College and Careers programs, the HCC Admissions office, and the Holyoke-based Community Education Project. Since 1999, nearly 2,000 adult learners have participated in College for a Day.