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Congressman to attend HCC panel discussions

Neal, Markey will speak during afternoon session

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U.S. Sen. Ed Markey and Rep. Richard E. Neal and their 2020 re-election challengers, Shannon Liss-Riordan and Holyoke Mayor Alex B. Morse, respectively, will participate in a daylong series of panel discussions and speeches at Holyoke Community College tomorrow.

"College Democrats
Western Mass Kickoff 2019,"
hosted by the HCC College
Democrats, runs from 11 a.m.
to 4 p.m. in the PeoplesBank
Conference Room on the
third floor of HCC's Kittredge
Center for Business and



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Workforce Development. It located on the HCC campus at 303 Homestead Ave.

"We're honored to

be hosting the College Democrats of Western Mass 2019 Kickoff this Saturday," said Mark Cote, chapter president of the HCC Democrats Club. "We're a newly formed chapter of College Democrats and the only active chapter in Hampden County. We're also one of the few public chapters, but we hope to help change that and to provide the same opportunities to our students that most private college students already have to get involved in local, state and national government."

Dozens of student repre-



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sentatives from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith

College and Clark University are expected to attend the event, which is sponsored by Markey and Neal.

Markey and Neal will speak during the afternoon session. There will also be panels by state legislators and Western Massachusetts mayors.

The event is free and open to all, but space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

Here is the schedule for College Democrats Western Mass Kickoff 2019:

11 a.m.: Introductions, brainstorming, letter-writing (CDMA officers) 11:45 a.m.: Remarks by Shannon Liss-Riordan, challenger to Markey

12:15 p.m.: Lunch 1 p.m.: Pioneer Valley Legislators Panel: State Rep. Aaron Vega, D-Holyoke; state Rep. Lindsay Sabadosa, D-Northampton; state Rep. John Velis, D-Westfield; and state Rep. Mindy Domb, D-Amherst.

2 p.m.: Neal remarks 2:30 p.m.: Markey remarks 3 p.m.: Pioneer Valley Mayors Panel: Mayor Alex Morse (Holyoke); Mayor David Narkewicz (Northampton); Mayor Nicole LaChapelle (Easthampton).

1:45 p.m.: Caucus signups

3:45 p.m.: Closing remarks (CDMA officers)

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