

HCC kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month events

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College (HCC) will kick off its annual celebration of national Hispanic Heritage Month Wednesday, Sept. 11, with the first of five weeks' worth of free Spanish language films, continuing through Tuesday, Oct. 15 with lectures, arts activities, cultural displays and other Latinx-oriented events.

Nationally, Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. HCC will get an early start with the opening of its 2019 Spanish Film Festival Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in HCC's Leslie Phillips Theater with a free showing of *El Despertar de Camila* ("Camila's

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Myriam Quinones, coordinator of HCC's Multicultural Academic Services program, holds up a vejigante mask made by the late Holyoke community organizer and activist Carlos Vega. As part of its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, HCC will be offering a display of posters from the Carlos Vega College of Latino History in Holyoke, on loan from Wistariahurst Museum, as well as drop-in vejigante mask-making workshops.