

Virtual Women's Leadership Luncheon series starts July 29

HOLYOKE — Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal and Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of Institutional Advancement, will kick off a reimagined monthly Women's Leadership Luncheon Series on Wed., July 29.

The 2020 Women's Leadership Luncheon Series, postponed from spring due to COVID-19, will now take place virtually over Zoom on the last Wednesdays of July, August, September and October from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The series is sponsored by HCC and Training and Workforce Options – TWO – a collaboration between Holyoke and Springfield Technical community colleges.

“Women leaders and up-and-comers will be joined by panels of like-mind-

ed women each month for small group discussions and open dialogue,” said Tracy Whitfield, TWO's director of Business Development. “Participants will have the opportunity to form a supportive network of women leaders, discuss topics of interest and enjoy a brown bag lunch, virtually. Professional development, networking and socialization over a delicious meal – does it get any better?”

Each lunch-time event will feature two presenters leading discussions on dif-



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ferent topics: July 29: “Leading Through Change” – Christina Royal (president, Holyoke Community College) and Amanda Sbriscia (vice president of Institutional Advancement, Holyoke Community College; executive director, HCC Foundation).

Aug. 26: “Empowering Women in the Workplace” – Denise Jordan (executive director, Springfield Housing Authority) and Julie Quink (managing

partner, Burkhart, Pizzanelli PC).

Sept. 30: “Comfortable in Your Own Skin, Finding Your Voice” – Tanisha Arena (executive director, Arise for Social Justice) and Pam Victor (owner, Happy Valley Comedy Theater).

Oct. 28: “Women Leaders in Non-Traditional Businesses” – Colleen Loveless (president and CEO, Revitalize Community Development Corporation) and Nicole Palange (vice president, V&F Auto).

The July 29 session is free. The remaining three sessions are \$20 each, or \$50 for the full series.

Registration is required. Space for each luncheon is limited to 25. To register, please go to: hcc.edu/womens-leadership.