HCC celebrates nursing graduates

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College celebrated the graduation of 36 students from its Associate in Science in Nursing degree program on Thursday, May 23.

The students were recognized during a pinning ceremony in HCC’s Leslie Phillips Theater, during which they were formally inducted into the healthcare field as soon-to-be registered nursing professionals. During a traditional pinning ceremony, new nursing graduates light candles, receive their nursing pin from a registered nurse, and recite the Nightingale Pledge.

The graduates, many of whom are already working, will sit for their exams before becoming licensed as registered nurses.

Holyoke Community College, Associate of Science in Nursing program graduates for 2024 from Chicopee are Kayla Mitchell and Annmarie Swaby.