College, bank leaders to discuss partnerships

UMass-Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy and Holyoke Community College president Christina Royal will join Christine Phillips, PeoplesBank's first vice president of human resources, on a panel to discuss “Employers and Higher Education: Working Together to Develop a Stronger Workforce” from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. and the panel begins at 9 a.m.

Dawn Creighton, chief workforce development officer for Greenfield Community College, will moderate the panel.

Panelists will discuss how colleges and universities are collaborating with the business community to build programs that meet the needs of employers. From Holyoke Community College's unique engineering program in Ware, to PeoplesBank's award-winning apprenticeship and training program, participants will hear how employers and institutions of higher education are working together to build a stronger workforce.

Reservations are $25 and include continental breakfast. Registrations are being taken at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com or by emailing events@springfieldregionalchamber.com.

The Springfield Regional Chamber is a business association representing more than 700 businesses of all sizes, industries and professions.