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Congratulations to *Lucy Perez* of East Longmeadow, a longtime area educator, who is the recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Service Award from Holyoke Community College. The award recognizes the achievements of individuals whose dedication and outstanding service to HCC have enhanced the value of the student experience and improved the quality of life for all on campus. Perez, an HCC graduate from

the class of 1987, has been a member of the HCC Board of Trustees since 2013 and also serves on the HCC Alumni Council and HCC Foundation board. She holds an associate degree in liberal arts from HCC, a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mount Holyoke College, and a master's degree in education and

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a certification in advanced graduate studies from the University of Massachusetts, where she concentrated in English language acquisition and literacy. Perez works in human resources at Mount Holyoke College as its talent acquisition manager.