

PEOPLE IN BUSINESS

Holyoke Community College welcomed **Adrienne Y. Smith**, of Sturbridge, as interim dean of its division of science, technology, engineering and math.

Smith brings 13 years of community college experience to the college, most recently as the dean of the School of Engineering, Tech-



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nologies and Mathematics at Springfield Technical Community College. Prior to that, she served as associate professor and coordinator of electronics

technology at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester.

Her professional accomplishments span many areas of academic program development and enhancement, enrollment management and retention, diversity responsiveness, and regional and community partnership coordination.

Smith holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and master's degree in science, engineering and math from Western New England University, where she was the first African-American woman to graduate with a degree in engineering, and she earned a doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with competencies in community college leadership, educational policies and administration.

A graduate of Springfield Technical High School, Smith started her professional life as an electrical engineer (and the first female engineer) at the Digital Equipment Corporation in Springfield.

She lives in Sturbridge with her husband, Curtis. They have one adult daughter and two grandchildren.