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Soup's on



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Holyoke Community College instructor Julie Turgon helps Rosura Cardona and Krystal Phillips prepare the dinner at Holyoke Soup, the quarterly entrepreneurship and crowdfunding event, in its new home at the MGM HCC Culinary Institute on Race Street last week. More photos, page 10.

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Culinary Institute hosts soup dinner, grants, tour

SPARK Holyoke and the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce Centennial Foundation held their community-based crowdfunding event, Holyoke Soup, at the MGM Holyoke Community College Culinary Arts Institute for the first time last week.

After listening to presentations about business ideas, art, urban agriculture, social justice, to social entrepreneurs, education, technology and more, attendees voted for the presentation they liked

most, which then received a grant funded by the admission fee.

Dinner was prepared and served by students from the culinary programs of both Dean Technical High School and Holyoke Community College. HCC also led tours of the new facility at 164 Race St., Holyoke.

The event was held Thursday, Feb. 15, after being delayed because of a snowstorm the previous week.

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Attendees at the event included, from left, Marie Sheedy and Jay Candelario, presenters; Jona Ruiz and Tessa Murphy-Rombeletti, SPARK managers; Kathleen Anderson, president of the Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce; and Ayyub Abdul-Alim, a SPARK presenter.



Tricia Kiefer, Ellen Majka look at jewelry and glassware from Holyoke's Dan Battat as part of the Holyoke Soup crowdfunding event on Feb. 15.



In the Holyoke Community College Culinary Arts Institute bakery, from left, students Nyasha Smith and Bukola Olaitan, instructor Lauren Kendzierski, and Warren Leigh, chairman of culinary arts, inspect the presentation of baked goods.



Gabriel Karras brings out a salad ingredient in the culinary center.



Rosura Cardona has kitchen cleanup duty in the culinary center.



John Grossman displays hummus from his Holyoke shop.



Syron Wheeler prepares a pasta salad.

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