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Recent HCC alumni invited to free fall celebration

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is inviting graduates from the last decade to attend a free evening of fun and food at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute.

HCC's first-ever "Fall Back Together: Graduates of the Last Decade," or "GOLD," event will be held on Monday, Oct. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. All HCC graduates from 2015 through 2025 are invited.

The culinary arts institute is located at 164 Race St. on the corner of

Appleton Street.

In addition to complimentary gourmet appetizers and desserts prepared by students and faculty in HCC's culinary arts program, "GOLD" event attendees will be able to build their own HCC swag bags, play corn hole and bingo, tour the HCC culinary arts food truck and culinary arts kitchens, meet President George Timmons, reconnect with their favorite HCC professors, win raffle prizes, network with other alumni, get a free

professional headshot, and learn about the new HCC alumni podcast (The Green Thread), volunteer opportunities and other alumni events.

"This is the first time at Holyoke Community College that we've done this type of event for graduates of the last decade," said Julie Phillips, HCC director of development. "It's an opportunity for recent graduates to meet members of our Alumni Council, get a LinkedIn headshot, and just have fun together."

The menu for the evening includes an artisan cheese and harvest charcuterie board, slow roasted Puerto Rican-style pork on plantain chips, mini cups of New England clam chowder, Vietnamese chicken meatballs with maple-chili glaze, Thai corn fritters with chili-lime sauce, tomato confit crostini with whipped ricotta, mini Jamaican beef patties, mini Boston cream pies, cider doughnuts, and sweet corn Ice cream with corn-flake crumble and blueberry

sauce, plus an assortment of beer, wine, and mocktails.

"We're hoping our GOLD graduates will come hungry, leave inspired, and build connections that will last a lifetime," said Natalia Castagno, assistant director of alumni relations. "And it's all free."

Space, however, is limited, so pre-registration is requested. To register, please go to hcc.edu/gold

For more information, please contact Alumni Relations at alumni@hcc.edu or 413-552-2576.