
Culinary student-made lunches now available to public, twice a month

For the first time, beginning next week, Holyoke Community College will open its Wednesday culinary arts program luncheon series to the public.

For years, the spring semester lunches, prepared by HCC culinary arts students and instructors a part of their A La Carte Cooking and Food Service Course, have been open only to HCC faculty, staff, students and invited guests. Now, members of the public are being invited to dine at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute, 164 Race St., Holyoke, to indulge in a series of Wednesday lunches featuring a different culinary theme each week.

The three-course meals are offered free of charge, with a suggested dona-

tion of \$10 to the President's Student Emergency Fund, which is managed by the HCC Foundation.

The fund is used for students experiencing food or housing insecurity in need of immediate assistance.

"As guests at our culinary lunch series, members of the community can take part in our students' academic success by providing them with real-world experiences that lead to meaningful careers," said Amanda Sbriscia, vice president of Institutional Advancement and



A chocolate mousse prepared by culinary arts students shows Holyoke Community College pride at the HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute. Submitted photo

executive director of the HCC Foundation. "But beyond that, many of our students face real barriers, such as food insecurity and homelessness. Guests can help them overcome these barriers by simply visiting the Culinary Arts Institute for a freshly prepared, delicious meal and making a donation."

Lunches will be open to the public on the following dates: Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 (Spanish tapas); March 11 and March 25 (Italian); April 1 and April 8 (French bistro); April 15 and April 22 (brunch); May 6 and May 14 (American diner). Full menus for each lunch are available at hcc.edu/culinary-lunch-series.

Guests have a choice of four seating times: 11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., noon, and 12:15 p.m. Because seating is limited, reservations are required and will be granted on a first-come basis. To reserve a seat or seats, contact HCC MGM Culinary Arts Institute coordinator Stacy Graves at 413-552-2838 or sgraves@hcc.edu.
