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# 24-hour theater festival honors late HCC professor

Holyoke Community College theater alumni, together with students from the HCC Theater Department, will gather once again this fall to put on an evening of one-act plays written in just 24 hours.

The HCC 24-hour theater festival, renamed the HCC Phillips Festival this year in memory of Leslie Phillips, the late HCC drama teacher who inspired the festival's creation, will be presented Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. in the Leslie Phillips Theater in HCC's Fine & Performing Arts building.

Like the previous two festivals, the third is a benefit show and all proceeds will go toward the Leslie Phillips Fund for Theater Arts and Education at Holyoke Community College.

This event was first organized in 2016 by HCC alumni working with HCC theater professor Pat Sandoval '84 as a tribute to Phillips, founder of the HCC drama program, who died in 1988.

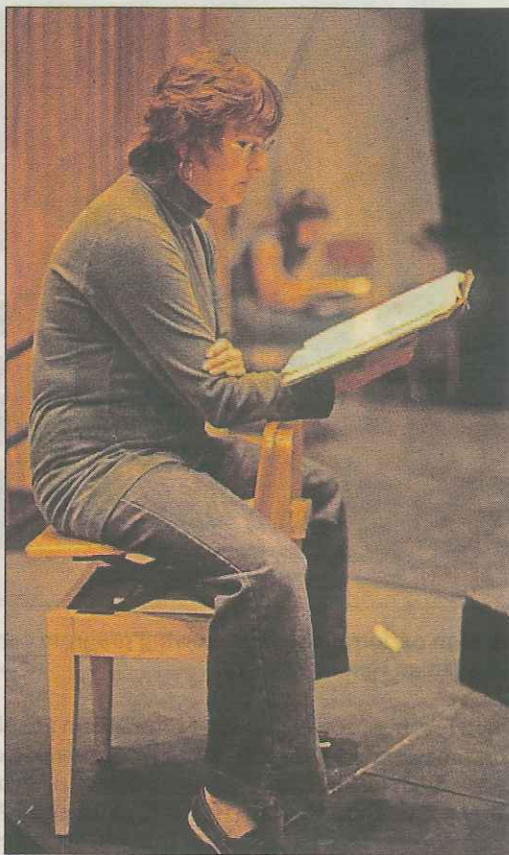
"Leslie Phillips was a dedicated faculty member and played a pivotal role in the creation of the HCC Theater Department," said Lisa Poehler '84, a Holyoke native, resident of Springfield, and one of the organizers of the event. "In her memory, we invite everyone to join in this celebration of the arts for the benefit of current and future HCC theater students."

HCC alumni along with current HCC students will meet on Sept. 28 to begin writing and rehearsing the one-act plays they will perform the following night.

Tickets for the show are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students, seniors, HCC faculty and staff.

To order tickets, please call 413-552-2485 or go online to [hcc.edu/alumnievents](http://hcc.edu/alumnievents)

Anyone who would like to participate in this



The late Leslie Phillips reviews a scene in the theater that now bears her name at Holyoke Community College.

year's festival can contact the HCC Alumni Players at [hccplayers@gmail.com](mailto:hccplayers@gmail.com) or on the HCC Alumni Players Facebook page online at [facebook.com/thehccalumniplayers](https://facebook.com/thehccalumniplayers).