

# STCC program receives accreditation for simulation in healthcare

SPRINGFIELD – The Society for Simulation in Healthcare awarded Springfield Technical Community College’s SIMS Medical Center with full accreditation in teaching and education, a prestigious recognition that underscores the program’s commitment to excellence in healthcare education and training.

SSH accreditation, the gold standard in health care simulation, serves as a benchmark for excellence in patient simulation. Accredited programs are committed to providing superior patient outcomes.

The SIMS Medical Center, located on the STCC campus in Building 20, was developed to provide a state-of-the-art, immersive educational environment where students and health care personnel obtain new skills and refine existing skills.

Uniquely positioned as the only technical community college in Massachusetts, STCC offers a variety of health care programs and courses. Some of the programs are sonography, dental hygiene, dental assisting, surgical technology, medical lab-

oratory technician and physical therapist assistant. Cannot be found elsewhere in the region.

Patient simulations allow students to experience a variety of health care scenarios as they pursue their course of study. Students in the college’s signature health science program also have the opportunity to experience simulations in a variety of fields in their first semester as they explore career opportunities. The program recently added new simulators representing patients with different cultural backgrounds to expand diversity in the lab.

Christopher Scott, the Dean of the School of Health and Patient Simulation at STCC, said “the accreditation is a testament to the dedication and excellence of our faculty, staff and students.”

It’s the first time the program has earned full accreditation. The SIMS Medical Center will be accredited until December 2029. The SSH team visited the facility for an onsite review before granting accreditation.

Scott applauded the work and leadership of staff and faculty who helped to secure the recognition. They included Renae Gorman, department chair and professor in the Physical Therapist Assistant program, Lisa Fugiel, assistant dean of the School of SHPS and Director of Nursing, and Daniel O’Neill, simulation coordinator.

“It’s an honor to be recognized for our outstanding patient simulation program,” Scott said. “Accreditation from the SSH reflects our commitment to providing top-tier education and training to the future healthcare professionals who will serve our community with skill and compassion.”

Highlighting strengths of the SIMS Medical Center, the SSH stated the dedicated staff draw from their background in education, technology and innovation to provide quality simulation experiences.

The SIMS Medical Center includes a number of care units with patient simulators that allow students, faculty and providers to conduct medical procedures in

real settings. The simulators are life-size, computer-controlled teaching tools that mimic human anatomy and physiology and provide a hands-on, immersive and realistic learning experience. Staff, who are located in an unseen control room, provide a voice for the simulator to interact with students.

The center also features an Innovations Lab with 3D design and printing, virtual reality technology and video experiences.

Prospective students can apply now for the fall semester, which starts Sept. 3. Massachusetts residents who have yet to earn a bachelor’s degree can enroll at STCC this fall for free thanks to a new state initiative known as MassEducate. Residents 25 and older without an associate or bachelor’s degree can enroll in MassReconnect, which offers free community college.

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit [stcc.edu/apply](http://stcc.edu/apply) or call Admissions at (413) 755-3333.

## Public Notices

### City of Holyoke Legal Notice

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 5:15 pm.** You can join via Zoom.com; ID 885 2208 8943; CALL IN: \*67 646 558 8656 or in person at Holyoke Media 1 Court Plaza, regarding the application for a **Application for a Transfer of an Off-Premises Beer & Wine License for F&M Hideway, Inc. DBA Schermerhorn’s at 224B Westfield Road**, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant:  
F&M Hideway, Inc.  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano,  
Chairman  
08/23, 08/30/2024

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Applicant:  
F&M Hideway, Inc.  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano,  
Chairman  
08/23, 08/30/2024

### LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF HOLYOKE GAS & ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT 2024 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION TRANSFORMERS

Sealed bids for the above-named contract will be received by Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept. until **2:30 p.m. September 10, 2024**, at the Office of the Manager, 99 Suffolk St., Holyoke, MA 01040, at which time proposals will be publicly opened and read.

Additional information may be obtained from:  
Chi Wong  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
99 Suffolk St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
cwong@hged.com  
(413) 335-0148

The right is hereby reserved to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal that in the opinion of the Manager may be for the best interest of the City of Holyoke.

Please mark sealed envelopes “**Bid for 2024 Electric Distribution Transformers**” and address them to:  
**James M. Lavelle, Manager**  
Holyoke Gas & Electric Dept.  
99 Suffolk St.  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
08/23/2024

**Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103**

### (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD24C0269CA In the matter of: Elishia B. Powell

**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by **Elishia B. Powell of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:  
**Elishia Powell**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/19/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 21, 2024

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
08/23/2024

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Applicant:

Sixty-Six Corporation  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano,  
Chairman  
08/23, 08/30/2024

**Commonwealth of  
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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24P1714EA**  
Estate of:  
**Liefia P Laptas**  
Date of Death: **03/06/2024**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by **Witman Properties, Inc. as Court of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/12/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by**

**an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 15, 2024

**Rosemary A Saccomani**,  
Register of Probate  
08/23/2024

**Commonwealth of  
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The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD24C0250CA**  
In the matter of:  
**Eric Robert Solzak**  
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME**  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been

filed by **Eric Robert Solzak of Holyoke, MA** requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

**Syndi Miller Solzak**  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: **Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/06/2024.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 09, 2024

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Register of Probate  
08/23/2024

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Applicant:  
Christian Airoidi  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano,  
Chairman  
08/16, 08/23/2024

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fresh water. Remove containers that may hold water in places that are hard to see such as under bushes, porches, decks, or stairs.

Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outdoors so that water can drain out.

Clean clogged roof gutters; remove leaves and debris that may prevent drainage of rainwater.

Turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use.

Change the water in birdbaths every few days; aerate ornamental ponds or stock them with fish.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

More information about different types of mosquitoes that can spread the virus can be found on the MDPH website at [mass.gov/dph/mosquito-borne-disease](http://mass.gov/dph/mosquito-borne-disease).

## The Holyoke Sun OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries.

One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$225, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: [obits@turley.com](mailto:obits@turley.com).

*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

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