

**Mayor Announces Recipient of MGHPCC Scholarship**

Annual Award Tops $85K

Holyoke, Massachusetts, June 9, 2023 – Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia today announced the winner of a $5,000 college scholarship from the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC). The scholarship recipient is Jaycalee Santos, who will be attending UMass Amherst in the fall. Now in its 10th year, the MGHPCC’s merit-based scholarship program has awarded more than $85,000 in grants to date.

“Community partners like the MGHPCC are integral to the strength and growth of the city,” said **Mayor Joshua A. Garcia**. “We are deeply grateful for the MGHPCC’s commitment to Holyoke, especially in support of educational initiatives, like the scholarship program, that can fundamentally influence the trajectory of a young person’s life.”

“Supporting education and workforce development are at the core of our mission and that of our member institutions,” said **MGHPCC Executive Director John Goodhue**. “We are proud to partner with the mayor, the superintendent, community members and state and federal government to support and create pathways for Holyoke students.”

“Jaycalee is a dedicated student who has already demonstrated the talent, skills and mindset to propel her college career,” said **Superintendent Anthony W. Soto**. “We proudly congratulate Jaycalee on her graduation, scholarship and acceptance into UMass Amherst. She deserves this recognition, and we wish her all the best.”

The MGHPCC scholarship program is open to any Holyoke Public School student enrolling at one of the five founding members of the MGHPCC: Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University, MIT or UMass. It is open to students in any major and not limited to students of computer science or other scientific disciplines. Recipients are chosen on the basis of an 800-word essay answering the question, “What do you see as the three biggest challenges currently facing Holyoke, and what would you do to address them?”

In addition to sponsoring the scholarship program, the MGHPCC works with the mayor’s office, Holyoke Public Schools, Holyoke Community College, Springfield Technical Community College and local community service organizations to host internships, robotics competitions, teacher workshops, after-school classes, programming courses, career awareness days and summer camps.

[**About the City of Holyoke**](https://www.holyoke.org/)

Holyoke is an exciting community with committed citizens, a rich history, a dynamic business sector, and a wide variety of opportunities. Holyoke developed in the 19th Century as the nation’s first planned industrial community, at one time boasting the greatest paper production in the world. The City’s attractive complement of urban scale and natural serenity includes numerous mill sites as well as a collection of parks, historic sites and recreation destinations.

[**About the Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center**](http://www.mghpcc.org/)

The Massachusetts Green High Performance Computing Center (MGHPCC) provides state-of-the-art infrastructure for computationally intensive research that is indispensable in the increasingly sensor and data-rich environments of modern science and engineering. Computers at the MGHPCC run millions of virtual experiments every month, supporting thousands of researchers in Massachusetts and around the world. The MGHPCC was developed through an unprecedented collaboration among the most research-intensive universities in Massachusetts (Boston University, Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Northeastern University and the University of Massachusetts); the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and private industry (Cisco and Dell EMC). The member universities fund the ongoing operation of the data center, which is open for use by any research organization.

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