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**A MESSAGE
FROM
CAMPUS PRESIDENT
JENNIFER E. ORLIKOFF**

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the newsletter from our Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

In this newsletter, you will find an array of topics including updates on events occurring on campus, spotlights on students, community connections, and more.

It is my pleasure and commitment to encourage a lively, engaging campus setting for all of our students, faculty, and staff. As we continue to foster a positive, united, and welcoming campus community, please join us in celebrating Black History Month by participating in the wide variety of activities noted in this newsletter.

REMINDERS!

- Weekly Meetings every Monday @ 4PM in The Gathering Place AC 308

ALL ARE WELCOME!



COMMUNITY CONNECTION

GERRI LEE MASON

1964-2019



MY SISTER, MY BEST FRIEND!
SHANNON MEEK

Many have come to know Gerri through her years in non-profit dating back to the 1990's in the Bay Area of California; some know her through her advocacy for those with special needs while others know her because of her faith and belief in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Most recently she was the Executive Director of the Mineral County Family Resource Network (MCFRN), the driving force and heart of Mineral County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) as well as a warrior for all in need. In 2003 when she was hired to work with the MCFRN, the organization was operating in the red, paying rent for their office space and in desperate need of new direction.

Today, because of her hard work, passion and dedication, the MCFRN owns the property, in which they previously rented office space, has annual revenue, aids thousands of Mineral County residents a year, and is the partner to several community programs like Energy Express, STEM Festival, Warm the Children and so many more. Under Gerri's direction the MCFRN also brought national programs like CASA to Mineral County to advocate for abused and neglected children in which she was the Director for that program, unpaid for many years. Gerri saw a need, developed a plan, recruited the right partners and met said need. She lived to help others and spent her entire life showing what love in action really looked like and leaves behind a legacy that will allow others to benefit for generations.

NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT



SHIRLEY CHISHOLM

1924-2005

"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines, whimpering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."

Shirley Chisholm is an American politician, educator, and author. In 1968, she became the first black woman elected to the United States Congress. Chisholm represented New York's 12th congressional district, a district centered on Bedford–Stuyvesant, for seven terms from 1969 to 1983. In 1972, she became the first black candidate for a major-party nomination for President of the United States, and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party's nomination.

RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH



Michelle House -

On-campus therapist
mahouse@mail.wvu.edu
304-788-6976
Reynolds Hall 104A

24 hour hotline -

- Text WVU to 741741 or by calling 304-788-9677
- 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- For impaired/deaf callers 1-800-799-4TTY (4889)

 West Virginia University
POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE



The Writing Center

Get help on your papers and essays.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Staring at a blank page? Need help with your writing assignments? Want another pair of eyes to look over your paper? **Come to the Writing Center!** We can help with writing in any subject, at any stage of the writing process.

HOURS

Monday 12 PM – 3 PM
Tuesday 1 PM – 4 PM
Wednesday 2 PM – 4 PM
Thursday 1 PM – 3 PM

LOCATION

Mary F. Shipper Library 1st floor

CONTACT

Caitlin Hudgins, Director of the Writing Center
304-788-6984 (Office)
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pscwritingcenter@mail.wvu.edu



ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Mary F. Shipper Library

- Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Academic Success Center

- Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

For tutoring or questions
JRJones@mail.wvu.edu

OTHER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!

POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE



This club's purpose is to create a safe and comforting environment for all members of the LGBTQIA+ community and straight allies. We are currently looking for members to join our club.

Meetings are every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Academy Hall, Room 308

If interested, please contact President Lucas Lemonds at Ljl0008@mix.wvu.edu

TRIVIA

WHO WROTE THE BESTSELLING MEMOIR “I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS”?

- A. CORETTA SCOTT KING
- B. ALICE WALKER
- C. MAYA ANGELOU
- D. MICHELLE OBAMA

WHEN DID THE CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGIN?

- A. 1963
- B. 1923
- C. 1926
- D. 1957

WHICH PRESIDENT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

- A. PRESIDENT GERALD FORD
- B. PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER
- C. PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON
- D. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN