W.O.W Spring 2014 Schedule

Develop Your Career Portfolio
Learn how to create your portfolio.
Bladen Hall, Room 133
Monday, April 21
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Monday, April 28
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Annual Women’s Summit
During our Annual Women’s Summit meaningful interactions between women are fostered and workshops are offered ranging from money, health, relationships, and more. This is a mandatory event for all W.O.W participants.
Largo Student Center, Conference Room 2
Thursday, May 1
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5–6:30 p.m.

Fitness Fun
It’s time for finals, but why stress? Join us for Fitness Fun, embrace personal wellness, de-stress and gain confidence through movement.
Largo Student Center, Conference Room 2
Thursday, May 1
11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 5–6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Success
Enjoy our end of the year social and celebrate your journey to success. Share your journey your journey to Envision Success and live our dreams. Attend the breakfast at PGC and create your own vision board and present it to the room.
Largo Student Center, Community Rooms A and B
Monday, May 5
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Limited seating. Pre-registration required.

A Message from the Program Manager and Women of Wisdom in Reflection by Laura D. Harver

As I sit here writing my message, looking out of my window on a rainy fog-filled Saturday, I thought of our postcard and how far we have come and will continue to Envision Success and live our dreams. As participants of W.O.W, we accept our place in a community that values the role of education in personal and professional development. Our mission is transforming the lives of female students at Prince George’s Community College.

Now, how do we bridge a pathway to success? We bridge pathways to success by offering Academic Advising, Academic and Career Coaching, the “Extraordinary Excellers” (XL) Group, Workshops, Mentoring, the Annual Women’s Summit, and Community Service Opportunities. W.O.W aligns with the college’s strategic plan, “Envision Success.” Prince George’s Community College Envisions Success by:

• Enhancing pathways that guide students to achieve their academic, career and personal goals,
• Cultivating a welcoming and responsive learning environment,
• Fostering partnerships to respond to a diverse and evolving community and workforce, and
• Promoting and supporting a collaborative institutional culture for communication, decision-making and governance. (2013–2017)

Bridge Making: Our bridge is diverse. Our bridge is made of many panels including women ranging in age from 17–70 years old. We are diverse. We are African, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latina, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, Native Indian or Alaska Native, White/European American and Multi-racial. Our bridge is made from the nurturing of strategic partnerships. Our bridge is made of support services that act as railings providing the help that we need to move forward to Envision Success and complete our degrees. Our bridge is made of the nurturing of strategic partnerships.

We built bridges. For example, during spring 2014, we had an open dialogue about self-esteem and owning who we are, what we want, and how to achieve what we want in a healthy way that honors who we are as women. We discussed the Power Series: The Power of Branding. We created and presented vision boards and utilized S.M.A.R.T. goals to envision success. We learned about critical thinking and that we could use business strategies to help us be successful personally, academically and professionally. We attended and participated in The Power of Networking, a panel discussion about how to network and how it can help us fulfill our career and academic goals. We also attended the Ivy League Social: Women’s Colleges panel discussion featuring Prince George’s Community College faculty and staff alumnae from various women’s colleges and universities.

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Laura D. Harver
Summit and additional workshops and gatherings throughout this remaining semester. During our Annual Women’s Summit, meaningful interactions between women are fostered and workshops are offered ranging from money, health, relationships, and more.

We bridge the gaps by connecting with one another in the broader learning communities where other students, male or female, faculty, staff, and administrators can take part in building and maintaining a bridge that fosters transformation and life long learning. Thinking about where you can find these communities? Look no further. We are located in the following places:

- Prince George’s Community College website: www.pgcc.edu
- My PGCC Portal: https://my.pgcc.edu
- Twitter: @pgcc
- Facebook: Women of Wisdom at Prince George’s Community College

Be a part of the bridge! If you are a woman interested in joining a dynamic program that can help you transform your life and complete your degree. Then, consider joining the Women of Wisdom (W.O.W) program. Our participant requirements include:

- Completion and submission of a college enrollment application
- Current enrollment at Prince George’s Community College, part-time or full-time, credit or non-credit
- Commitment to complete the program and educational goals
- Attendance at the W.O.W orientation
- Completion and submission of the W.O.W application and intake forms
- Meeting with designated advisor at least twice per semester

We are multi-taskers, we are caregivers, we are the ones who carry the load that no one else deems necessary to consider. We are the ones who feel that everyone else should come before us, we are the ones who civilize the world, who make it livable for others, comfortable for others, who are always the ones loving others. We take on the tasks others say can’t be done or stand scratching their heads wondering, how is that going to happen?

We are the relationship builders making things work when they are broken, set aside from disuse, abuse, or disenfranchise-ment. We are the ones “making a way out of no way”, who have made and continue to make the world a much better place in which to live. We are all part of the Divine Feminine whose task it is, above all other living creatures, to continue the tribe—take care of the tribe; teach the babies, nurture the old, sick and infirmed, clothes those without them and see that all have enough to eat and make sure that our children can envision all possibilities.

You, as a woman, may not agree that you are about all of these things, but that is your personal challenge. If you look around, you will see women doing all of this and more. It is an extraordin-ary feat to “Lift As We Climb”. In fact, it’s a special gift from the powers that infuse us. But amidst all of these tasks, please remember to love and do for self. My mother equated her life—when it came time to do for self, she had given away all of her pieces—so there was none left for her. She turned that around by going back to school at age 47 and getting a nursing degree.

Translation: My mother forgot about herself, her goals and her dreams—while growing others. We are in a new day and a new era. Total self-sacrifice, so much a part of the roles women have played, is no longer necessary. Save pieces of your pie for yourself. Remember to hold onto your dreams, your precious goals. Keep them in your flow chart, in the front of your mind, up—when other things take precedence, as life happens—until it is your turn.

This is the best way to LOVE YOURSELF, as A WOMAN.

Now, Receive, Give and Take Something for Your Journey

Laura D. Harver, Program Manager

On Your Journey…

- Receive & Give Love
- Receive & Give Vision
- Receive & Give Strength
- Receive & Give Forgiveness
- Receive & Give Inspiration
- Receive & Give Peace
- Receive & Give Gratitude
- Give & Take Responsibility
- Give & Take Support
- Give & Take Back
- Give & Take Time
- Give & Take Wisdom

Words of Wisdom

1. Don’t keep your greatness hidden—not from others and especially yourself. You must know what resides in you to build true wealth.
2. Everyone does not have to celebrate you for you to be victorious. Go forward. Win!
3. Know what you want and own it!
4. Ignore the foolishness and keep the focus.
5. What has the power to draw us together is stronger than what can pull us apart.
6. Just because you have not heard from someone today does not mean you are not loved by them. YOU ARE LOVED!!!!
7. When you can’t make inroads, consider making new roads.
8. Stop hatin’. There is space for greatness in and through all we let it be.
9. There will always be fans and critics, so just be yourself. Only you can be you!
10. Success is Intentional. Success is intentional whether you have to build or sustain it.
11. Don’t wait until life is perfect. Live it.
12. Confidence is not always in the feeling, but in the doing—the action—as Nike’s slogan goes, “Just do it.”

We want to hear from you!

If you have success stories about how the Women of Wisdom program has made a difference in your life and helps you to envision success, take the journey, and complete your degree, please send your e-mail to wow@pgcc.edu.