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“Everything an Indian does is in a circle, and that is because the power of the world always works in circles, and everything tries to be round. In the old days when we were a strong and happy people, all our power came to us from the sacred hoop of the nation, and so long as the hoop was unbroken the people flourished.”

– Black Elk (Oglala Lakota)

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PARTICIPANT SPOTLIGHT



JERILYN DAY JOHNSON

Jerilyn’s life journey has led her to help others. During more than 26 years at Lehman College, she worked in the Disabilities Office and Officer of the Vice President for Student Affairs. Her position has enabled her to assist students whose concerns impacted their ability to complete their academic studies successfully.

Her long experience enables her to comfort and counsel students with knowledge of their rights and to help them navigate obstacles to success. Her passion is to be of service in support of opportunities for our young people.

Despite challenges she has never been discouraged. As part of her desire for service has chosen to use her experience and contacts for the benefit of the P-CoC Community.

NATIVE AMERICAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH



Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte (June 17, 1865 – September 18, 1915) was born on the Omaha Reservation in eastern Nebraska. After graduating in 1889 as the Valedictorian of her class from the Women’s Medical College of Pennsylvania, La Flesche returned to the Omaha reservation, at 24 years old, to be the only doctor to over 1,200 people on 400 square miles of land. In 1913, she opened the first hospital on the reservation. Widely acknowledged as the first Indigenous woman to earn a medical degree, her legacy is still strongly felt today, especially by the Omaha people. She paved the way for Native doctors, and what she called Indian Health.

Dr. Arthur Caswell Parker (April 5, 1881 – January 1, 1955) was born in 1881 on the Cattaraugus Reservation of the Seneca Nation of New York in western New York. In 1925, Parker became involved in the Rochester Museum of Art and Science as the director, serving for twenty-one years. Parker’s American Indian heritage originates from the paternal side of his family. Parker migrated between the Christian and Native American realms of his identity throughout his lifetime. As a Seneca Indian, he advocated for American Indian Day, which was declared in New York State by May 1916. He was an honorary trustee of the New York State Historical Association. In 1935, he was elected first president of the Society for American Archaeology.



The Hispanic Heritage Month began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by California Congressman George E. Brown. On September 17, 1968, Congress passed Public Law 90-48, officially authorizing and requesting the president to issue annual proclamations declaring September 15 and 16 to mark the beginning of National Hispanic Heritage Week and called upon the “people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.” President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first Hispanic Heritage Week presidential proclamation the same day. The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations. From 1968 until 1988, Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan all issued yearly proclamations, setting aside a week to honor Hispanic Americans. In 1987, U.S. Representative, Esteban E. Torres of California proposed expanding the observance to cover its current 31-day period. In 1988, Senator Paul Simon (D-Illinois), submitted a similar bill that successfully passed Congress and was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on August 17, 1988. On September 14, 1989, President George H.W. Bush became the first president to declare the 31 days from September 15 to October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month. Notable Names



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ANNOUNCEMENT

THE ANNUAL P-CoC GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:45 PM - 9:15 PM

REMOTE

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/fxv-eskt-vzw>

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