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BridgeValley Empowers Womxn with Author Speaker Series
February 27 event features business consultant and author Karen Workman

South Charleston, WV - Featuring a selected reading from business consultant and author Karen Workman's *Lake of Fire*, BridgeValley Community and Technical College continues its Womxn Empowerment speaker series on Thursday, February 27 in Montgomery.

Workman has spent over 25 years leading and consulting businesses in organization development, human resources and entrepreneurship. With expertise in strategic organizational change, leadership development and group dynamics in the public, private and non-profit sectors, Workman began her professional career as an IT Systems Analyst and held positions as Director of Business Strategy, Director of Organization Development and VP of Human Resources before opening her consulting business in 2000.

As a consultant for several Fortune 500 companies and small businesses throughout the Mid-Atlantic, Workman has provided leadership coaching, leadership skills, leadership processes and team development programs. In 2008, her company merged with Pertee Performance Group to form 20/10 Consulting, LLC.

She was a finalist for the National Year 2000 Most Innovative Human Resources Department Award presented by Linkage, Inc and PricewaterhouseCoopers and her business was a featured company in the WV Department of Commerce's "Come Homes to West Virginia" campaign. Workman serves on the Board of Directors for the Putnam Farmers Market and PACE Foundation, is a member of the Hurricane Development Authority, an adjunct faculty member for CAMC University and co-owns Blind Wizard.

A resident of Hurricane, Workman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Master's of Business Administration from Marshall University and has completed the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business Executive Education Program.

BridgeValley's Women's Journeys to Self-Empowerment Select Readings will be held at 12:15 p.m. in room 305 of Davis Hall at BridgeValley's Montgomery campus, 168 4th Ave.

For more information on other Womxn Empowerment events throughout the semester, please visit <https://www.bridgevalley.edu/we>.

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