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BridgeValley Continues its Womxn Empowerment Series
Author Katherine Manley to visit campus January 28

South Charleston, WV - Continuing the highly successful speaker series empowering womxn across West Virginia, BridgeValley Community and Technical College will host author Katherine Manley for its [Womxn Empowerment Series](#) on Tuesday, January 28.

Manley is the author of *Don't Tell'em You're Cold: a Memoir of Poverty and Resilience*, a semi-finalist in William Faulkner's Writing Competition. Her writing featured in *Hamilton Stone Review*, *Traditions: A Journal of West Virginia Folk Culture and Educational Awareness*, *The Guyandot Observer*, and *FEARLESS: Women's Journeys to Self-Empowerment*, and her short stories placed in West Virginia Writers Contests.

Manley has been an educator in Logan County Schools for over 35 years. She is a fellow of the 1995 West Virginia Writing Project directed by Dr. Fran Simone and the Dr. Judy Byers-directed 1996 West Virginia Humanities Council Appalachian Seminar. She has won several prestigious teaching awards, including being named as a finalist for West Virginia Teacher of the Year and winning the Arch Coal Teacher of the Year and The Prodigy Foundation Teacher Achievement Award given in memory of the 'Rocket Boys' beloved teacher, Freida J. Riley of Coalwood.

A resident of southern West Virginia, Manley holds degrees from Marshall University and West Virginia State University. She is married and has three adult children and two grandsons. In her spare time, she hikes the mountains of West Virginia, reads and enjoys relaxing on the beach.

Women's Journeys to Self-Empowerment Select Readings will include Manley's

Poverty Brain and be held at 12:15 in room 307 of B2000 at BridgeValley's South Charleston campus, 2001 Union Carbide Drive. Series is free and open to the public.

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

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