

## Committee on the Concerns of Women

### 3/22/2021 Meeting Agenda

1. Review of 2/22/2021 Meeting minutes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Welcome Letter to Dr. Stacey Miller
4. Review of Request for CCW Budget Administered from President's Office
5. Presentation from Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Subcommittee
6. Support and Advocacy for Women on Campus:
  - Women of Color
  - Administrative/Faculty
  - Clerical Staff

#### 8. Subcommittees

##### Task Force on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

##### Ruthe Boyea Scholarship: co-winners (\$600 each)

Chair, Kristine Larsen, Committee members Susan Gilmore and Karen Ritzenhoff

Dawn Blizzard, a graduate student in the Marriage & Family Therapy Program with a 3.64 GPA, is well on her way to realizing her goal of helping female trauma victims as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Her previous public service includes working on fundraisers and collection drives for Artists Against AIDS (New Haven, CT) and the Lakota Sioux of Pine Ridge Reservation, as well as planning and running an event for nursing home staff to thank them for their hard work during the pandemic. She joined NOW in the early 1990s and worked as a legislative aide in the service of an access bill for women seeking safe abortions at clinics. As she noted in her essay,

“I adopted my son as a single mom and learned, as a statistic I studied in school, the constructs and stressors of raising a special needs child alone. It took me 12 years to finish my MA degree as a result. I applied to and was accepted into law school; I received a scholarship from the Gender Law department but after a year, I realized I would be of more service to women as a therapist. I am now studying to become a Marriage and Family Therapist to help women in particular, who are suffering from various forms of trauma.”

The Scholarship Committee is convinced that Dawn will indeed be of great service to women in the future.

Her anticipated graduation date is 12/31/2021.

Trinitee Williams, a junior in the Strategic Communications program with a 3.3 GPA, has a proven track record of working for the benefit of women on the CCSU campus. Whether in her role as a Program Coordinator for the Ruthe Boyea Women's Center, an Orientation leader, or RA in the all-female Barrows residence hall, Trinitee has demonstrated a passion for helping other Blue Devil women be successful. She joined the Women's Center staff as a first year student, and was given the responsibility of coordinating the Girls In Stem program in which 80 7th grade girls visited our campus. She later became the Facilitator for the on-campus support group for African American and Caribbean females called United Sisters. As she noted in her essay, she especially appreciates "the opportunity to be a resource for my residents and promote subjects such as self-care and having a female community to support you." One of her references, Evelyn Johnson, Esq., reflected that Trinitee's drive and determination to always be her best self and to always give back is a clear indication that she is going to continue to do amazing things in her career and in the community. I look forward to seeing all that Trinitee is going to accomplish and all the lives she is going to impact." The Scholarship Committee agrees whole-heartedly.

Her anticipated graduation date is 05/31/2022.

### Campus Safety, Violence Against Women

#### Women of Color

#### Women's History Month

Women's History Month Event: Wednesday, March 10, 2021,  
12:00 - 1:30pm via Zoom.

1. Karyl Evans, an Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker, based in New Haven, CT, will share her 15 minute film about Connecticut Suffragettes that was premiered at the 2020 celebration of the CT Women Hall of Fame.
2. Dr. Kahlilah Brown-Dean from Quinnipiac University is the Keynote speaker and will talk about women in politics and the legacy of the CT suffragettes. In light of our first African American Vice President Kamala Harris, we hope that there is also an opportunity to talk about a renewed sense of political advocacy.
3. The moderator will be Carolyn Lumsden, op-ed editor at the Hartford Courant who is serving as the Vance Chair of Journalism and Mass Communication.

### Work Life Balance

## 9. Women's Center

## 10. New Business