



Confluence serves as an intersection where we share events, interests, and important information about our Center and the state's all-hazard emergency management pathway programs.



Memorial Day 2020 Special Edition



CHOOSING COURAGE

Choosing courage in the face of the unknown or uncertainty is what our Veterans and Military Members and their families have done in service to our country for decades and this is why we honor their service with family gatherings, parades or community events and visiting cemeteries the last Monday in May. This Memorial Day we also honor all of our First Responders and Essential Workers who have stepped up to serve in the face of the danger of COVID-19.

Our Center's Staff, Advisory Board Members, Senior Fellows and Volunteers want to thank you for your service and sacrifice. We know you have all taken the risk of service to follow your hearts and help others in need. We believe in the courage that is represented by the human kindness you have shown to work in our hospitals helping to save thousands of lives, care for and honor those who have passed, and to deliver all of our necessary supplies and services to us in our homes, businesses and communities. And to our all hazard emergency personnel who are working tirelessly to help carry out the federal, state, local and nonprofit organizations plans and activities, we recognize that you have given your lives to our communities to help prepare them to survive emergencies and disasters.

Jamye Wisecup was one of these extraordinary people who served as the Emergency Manager for Clallam County Sheriff's Office. Jamye passed away last year while a doing preparedness training event. Sheriff Bill Benedict and Undersheriff Ron Cameron said, "Jayme's commitment to her profession and the things she accomplished in emergency preparedness were known statewide. She genuinely cared for her community, near and far, she touched many lives and impacted them all in a positive way."

Her commitment to serving her community in times of need continues to be replicated everyday by our thousands of emergency responders across the country. In honor of Jayme, Peninsula College Foundation establish the Wisecup Memorial Scholarship which allows students to attend the Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM) Degree Program which is offered at Peninsula College along with seven (7) other community colleges across the state. We encourage everyone to make a contribution to the Memorial Scholarship to help educate and train our next generation of responders. You can contribute at:

<http://www.coehsem.com/jamye-wisecup-memorial-scholarship-program-endowment/>.

We also encourage your donations of resources and volunteer assistance to our communities and we have included a list and links to organizations throughout the state which you can help (see Page 2).

Stay safe and healthy and thank you all for your service and sacrifice. Linda Creer, Director



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

How you can help

VOLUNTEERING

- Are you interested in volunteering in response to COVID-19? The State of Washington needs your help! We are looking for individuals to serve as [Community Health Volunteers](#) to assist Washington's healthcare authorities with customer care/service, data gathering and entry and analysis, language skills, and much more! Volunteer assignments may vary in scope, location, time and length of commitment. A current healthcare license or medical background is NOT a requirement for volunteering
- The Department of Health is supporting enrollment and activation of [emergency volunteer health practitioners](#) for the COVID-19 response.
- Sew simple cloth masks for organizations like nursing homes, homeless shelters, and food banks who urgently need them in our state. Find instructions for making and donating masks at [Washington Mask Challenge](#).
- If you would like to volunteer to assist with the response, learn more about [how to help](#).
- Register with the [Washington State Emergency Registry of Volunteers](#) (WAserv) to partner with public health and others who need assistance in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- For more information about service opportunities during COVID-19, visit [Serve Washington](#).

DONATE BLOOD AND PLASMA

There's a vital need for blood and plasma donors right now. Visit [Bloodworks](#) in the Puget Sound region, [Vitalant](#) in the eastern Washington region, and [American Red Cross Blood Services](#) and your local blood bank elsewhere to donate blood. Visit the [Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association](#) to find a plasma donor center in your area.

SUPPORT FOOD BANKS

Gov. Jay Inslee joined key nonprofits and local philanthropies to launch a coordinated, statewide food relief fund that will help reach those in need in every corner of Washington.

The [relief effort](#), called WA Food Fund, is being managed by Philanthropy Northwest, a network of philanthropic organizations committed to helping communities across the Northwest. The effort will combine business and philanthropic dollars with individual fundraising to have the most effect.

To donate, [visit the WA Food Fund site](#).

[Volunteering at your local food bank](#) or donating food directly to your local food pantry is also a great way to help. Food donation is still safe and many food banks still welcome these forms of donation. Contact your local provider to find out about their individual policies and needs. The Department of Health has guidelines to [help make sure food donations are safe](#).

SUPPORT NONPROFITS

Nonprofits of all types — especially those serving vulnerable communities — need your help. Donate to nonprofits you love that are helping people in need, that your friends recommend to you, or to those addressing systemic inequities and disparities. You can also consider giving to regional funds through [Philanthropy Northwest](#).

OTHER OFFERS?

If your company has an [Information Technology \(IT\) service or product that can help](#) Washington State in its COVID-19 response let us know.

Let us know if you have [any other way you would like to offer assistance](#).



***Confluence Media** will highlight the work of our Center’s Advisory Board Members, Senior Fellows, staff and our CTC Programs and bring together our six Career Pathway employers, students, faculty, and community members to discuss a variety of issues and interests. Confluence will serve as an intersection where come together to share events, interests and important information so “stay tuned”.

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