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Department of Administration Joins in Mountaineer Mile Initiative with Lunchtime Walk

The Department of Administration is proud to participate in Gov. Patrick Morrisey's "Mountaineer Mile" initiative, a statewide campaign designed to promote physical activity and encourage healthier lifestyles among residents. This initiative, which is a great way to kick off the spring season, encourages all West Virginians to walk one mile each day as part of a broader effort to enhance wellness and improve health outcomes across the state.

Department of Administration employees officially launched their participation in the initiative on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, with nearly 70 employees joining the inaugural walk. Beginning at the fountain in the North Circle, the group completed a one-mile route around the Capitol Complex. Employees continued walking daily throughout the month during their regularly scheduled lunch breaks, weather permitting.

"Small steps lead to big changes," said Department of Ad-

ministration Cabinet Secretary Eric Householder. "I support Gov. Morrisey for leading this important initiative. I encourage all Department of Administration employees to join in and make walking a daily activity, one step at a time."

Walking is a simple yet effective way to improve an individual's overall health and well-being, offering benefits such as reduced risk of chronic diseases, improved cardiovascular health, and enhanced mental wellness. Even short walks at a brisk pace can yield significant health benefits, making it easy for individuals to incorporate physical activity into their busy schedules.

"It was inspiring to see so many employees step outside and take advantage of this beautiful day to participate. I encourage everyone to keep up the momentum," Householder said.

Participants are encouraged to share photos of their walks on social media with the hashtag #MountaineerMile to help inspire others.

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Dept. of Administration Secretary Receives Congressional Patriot Award for Public Service



West Virginia Department of Administration Cabinet Secretary Eric Householder has been awarded the Congressional Patriot Award in recognition of his longstanding commitment to public service, leadership, and selfless dedication to the people of West Virginia.

Householder received the award itself in April 2025, but the honor was formally acknowledged on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in 2024. Then-Congressman Alex Mooney praised Householder's 14 years of service in the West Virginia House of Delegates, including his most recent roles as House Majority Leader and chairman of the House Finance Committee.

"I rise today to honor my good friend Delegate Eric Householder as he retires from the West Virginia House of Delegates after 14 years of service," Congressman Mooney said during his floor speech. "With the help of Eric's leadership, West Virginians have less regulation, lower taxes, and educational freedom. I am proud to bestow upon Delegate Householder my Congressional Patriot Award for excellence, leadership, volunteerism, and selflessness—virtues without which our Republic cannot thrive."

Secretary Householder was appointed to lead the Department of Administration on Jan. 13, 2025. In addition to his public service, Householder is a small business owner with deep roots in his community. He holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Shepherd College and an MBA from Frostburg State University.

"It is an incredible honor to receive the Congressional Patriot Award," said Secretary Householder. "I am humbled by the recognition and remain committed to serving the people of West Virginia in every capacity I can. While my time in the legislature has concluded, my dedication to advancing opportunity and prosperity for our state is far from over."



Grounds crews for the General Services Division are hard at work getting the Capitol campus ready for the season. They are pruning and fertilizing trees to help prolong their lifespans. The spring tulips will be replaced with summer flowers in early May.

Virtual

CAREER FAIR

May 7
1-4 p.m.

MONTHLY ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY

Google Meet:
meet.google.com/xff-nmdj-vax

- Connect with employers
- Apply for jobs
- Live chat
- Video interview


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Administration Employees Celebrate Their Graduates

This is the season to celebrate the academic achievements of the children and family members who are graduating. Below we honor the graduates sent in by our employees:

Lindsey Atkins (*CPRB*) Daughter, Lillian Kathleen Forget, graduates from George Washington High School. She will be attending West Virginia University, pursuing a double major in English literature and political science. Her goal is to attend law school and become an attorney.

Mary Jane Ayooob (*Personnel*) Son, Matthew Ayooob, graduates from Stanford University with a Master's in Artificial Intelligence. He has accepted a position as a data scientist with Meta at the California headquarters.

Carlyn Barker (*PEIA*) Daughter, Chelsea Barker, graduates from Riverside High School, as well as from the firefighting program at Carver Career Center and the EMT program at BridgeValley.

Joni Blankenship (*PEIA*) Granddaughter, Destanie Perdue, graduates from Sherman High School. She plans to study elementary education at Marshall University.

Krista Chadband (*Purchasing*) Son, Karl Chadband, graduates from South Charleston High School and Ben Franklin Career Center with a certification in electrical technology. He will be attending West Virginia State University, majoring in cybersecurity. He will also be a member of the track and field team.

LeeAnn Doyle (*Public Defender Services*) Daughter, Emma Doyle, graduates from Marshall University with an Associate in nursing. She plans to work at CAMC.

David Fitzwater (*Technology*) Son, Brady Fitzwater, graduates from Nicholas County High School. He plans to attend college.

Katrina Hamdan (*PEIA*) Daughter, Mariam Jehad Hamdan, graduates from South Charleston High School. She plans to attend West Virginia University and become a teacher.

Sid Harmon (*General Services*) Granddaughters, Elsa Katherine Harmon and Spicy Alice Esta Harmon, both graduate from the Classical Conversations home school program. Elsa plans to study biomedical science at Liberty University with plans to become a dentist. Spicy plans to attend Liberty University and double major in aeronautics and aviation management.

Karla Harris (*Finance*) Son, Izak Harris, graduates from Sissonville High School. He plans to pursue a degree in music.

Ryan Jett (*Technology*) Son, Samuel Jett, graduates from Stanford University with a bachelor's in quantum physics, a minor in music composition and conducting, and a minor in German studies. Samuel will pursue a master's at Stanford in electrical engineering with a focus on computer systems.

Sara Jones (*Cabinet Secretary's Office*) Son, Jarrett Laury Jones, graduates from George Washington High School. He plans to attend Virginia Military Institute and major in mechanical engineering.

Jimmy Knapp (*Personnel*) and **Bonita Knapp** (*CPRB*) Son, John Michael Knapp, graduates from Riverside High School. He will be attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Sarah Long (*Cabinet Secretary's Office*) Son, Charlie Long, graduated from West Virginia University. He will be attending WVU law school with a full tuition merit scholarship.

Adena Mays (*CPRB*) Son, Rickey Harvey III, graduates from Mountain State Christian School. He plans to attend BridgeValley.

Jerry McKee (*Technology*) Sons, Antonio McKee and Martin McKee, graduate from Whitmore High School. Antonio plans to attend Marshall University and major in commercial music. Martin plans to major in video game design at the University of Pittsburgh.

Michael Moore (*Technology*) Daughter, April Moore, graduates from Marshall University with a bachelor's degree. She plans to pursue a master's degree.

Amy Newman (*Technology*) Daughter, Alexis Newman, graduates from Marshall University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Kim Nuckles (*Technology*) Daughter, Delaney Nuckles, graduates from George Washington High School.

Valerie Poindexter (*BRIM*) Son, John David "Jay" Poindexter, graduated from Marshall University in December 2024 with a master's degree in health care administration. He is now the project manager for the Accounts Receivable Department at OVP Health in Huntington.

Brittany Rutrough (*Cabinet Secretary's Office*) Brother, Braxton James Kincaid, graduates from Herbert Hoover High School and Carver Career Center with a certificate in collision repair.

Erika Smith (*PEIA*) Stepdaughter, Nasiya Smith, graduates from George Washington High School. She plans to play for the women's basketball team and study exercise science at Concord University.

Jessica Vartz (*PEIA*) Son, Alexander Vartz, graduates from Nitro High School.

Kim Weber (*Ethics*) Son, Wilson Weber, graduates from George Washington High School. He plans to study engineering at Virginia Tech.

The Department of Administration would also like to congratulate the following employees:

Elisabeth Arthur (*Personnel*) graduates with a Doctor of Business Administration from Marshall University.

Meri Hollandsworth (*PEIA*) graduates with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Southern New Hampshire University.



Department of Administration Observes Annual Public Service Recognition Week

The Department of Administration will observe Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) during the week of **May 5-9, 2025**. This national campaign honors public employees who serve in federal, state, county, and municipal government. As part of PSRW, the Department is pleased to recognize its employees who have achieved 20 years or more of public service, in increments of five.

Thank you to these employees for their hard work, dedication, and many years of service to the state of West Virginia.

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

Patricia Bowgren *CPRB*
Kimberly Pauley *CPRB*
Jeffery Swisher *GSD*
Marie Wilmer *GSD*
Deanne Stevens *BRIM*
Jeremy Wolfe *BRIM*
Brian Holmes *Personnel*
Kathy Lester *PEIA*
Jennifer Perry *PEIA*
Thomas Riddell *WVOT*
Mark Smith *WVOT*
Terry Young *WVOT*

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Cynthia Adkins *CPRB*
Jason Haught *PEIA*
Tina Christian *WVOT*
Brian Hatcher *WVOT*
Donald Patterson *WVOT*
Edwin Trader *WVOT*
Melody Duke *Finance*

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Sara Jones *Cabinet Secretary's Office*
Caroline Brady *CPRB*
Victoria Sutton *CPRB*
Shelia Gray *Finance*
Keith Burdette *GSD*
Gregory Carrier *GSD*
Carles Farley *GSD*
Shane Hall *Purchasing*
Scott Birchfield *WVOT*
Patricia Ebert *WVOT*
Matthew Fenney *WVOT*
Adam Malone *WVOT*
Edward Nelson *WVOT*
Geoff Richardson *WVOT*
Charlene Good *WVOT*

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

LeAnne Neccuzi *Finance*
Ruth Shaffer *WVOT*

Wolfigbarger Appointed Director of PEIA

Gov. Patrick Morrisey appointed Brent Wolfigbarger as the new director of the Public Employees Insurance Agency, effective April 18, 2025. Wolfigbarger most recently served as a Senior Deputy Attorney General of West Virginia since 2020, where he provided executive leadership for the state's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

He previously served as the chief ethics prosecutor for the District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability; worked for Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., where he oversaw its Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Review Contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), measuring improper payments and producing error rates for all 50 states and D.C.; and served as the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Director for the District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General.

A native of Belle, W.Va., Wolfigbarger graduated from DuPont High School and West Virginia University before receiving his law degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has practiced law in West Virginia for 31 years.



PSRW Activities

MONDAY

- Cinco De Mayo

TUESDAY

- Decades Day
- Paper Airplane Contest
North Courtyard (weather permitting)

WEDNESDAY

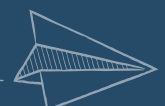
- Mountaineer/Hillbilly Day

THURSDAY

- High Tea Day
- Charleston Dirty Birds game

FRIDAY

- Ice Cream Social



DOP a SHRM Recertification Provider

The Division of Personnel (DOP) is now officially recognized as a Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Recertification Provider.

“Since SHRM is one of the leading certifications for HR professionals, and the DOP serves as the central HR development entity for many state agencies, pursuing this designation made perfect sense,” said Bobbie Wisniewski, assistant director of Organization and Human Resource Development for the DOP.

The DOP is pleased to now offer recertification credit for

nearly all of its training classes, supporting HR professionals across the state as they work to maintain and grow their credentials.

For employees in agencies not covered by DOP, attendance is still possible. Anyone who is interested can submit a request through this form: <https://personnel.wv.gov/ohrd/how-do-i/Pages/register-NFPagency.aspx>

“We remain committed to growing and evolving our services to provide meaningful value to all of our customers,” said Wisniewski.

Health Screenings Provide Cash Back from Sun Life

Annual medical screenings can help save lives. But did you know it also can put money in your pocket?

Policyholders enrolled in a Supplemental Health Plan through Sun Life are eligible for a Preventive Screening Wellness Benefit, payable once each year, per covered person. The benefit helps promote important annual screenings like colonoscopies, mammograms, many types of blood tests, school sports exams and dental exams.

The Sun Life Supplemental Health Plan is part of PEIA's Mountaineer Flexible Benefits plan.

When you complete a screening and submit your claim, Sun Life will send you a \$50 check per Supplemental Health Plan you're enrolled in when your claim is received. That's up to \$150 if you have all three Supplemental Health coverages - Accident, Critical Illness, and Hospital Indemnity Insurance.

The payment is in addition to what your health insurance pays for screenings.

To submit a claim, log on to your Sun Life account at www.sunlife.com/account and select “Submit a Claim,” or call 1-800-247-6875, select option 1, and then follow the prompts. You will need to provide your name, date of birth, Social Security number, date of exam, and type of exam.

The Preventive Screening Wellness Benefit also applies to preventive dental care like cleanings. If you enrolled in both Dental and Supplemental Health from Sun Life, you would receive a wellness check in the mail automatically – no claim filing required. Sun Life will process any Preventive Screening Wellness benefits you have available when they receive a claim from your dentist.

More information can be found on the PEIA website under Mountaineer Flexible Benefits at <https://peia.wv.gov/Forms-Downloads/Pages/Mountaineer-Flexible-Benefits.aspx>.

Reminder: PEIA Open Enrollment Deadline is Approaching—May 15

Department of Administration employees are reminded that the open enrollment period for health benefits for Plan Year 2026 ends on May 15, 2025. During open enrollment, you can change your health plan; add, drop, or change coverage for yourself and your dependents without a qualifying event; and make changes to your Mountaineer Flexible Benefits, if applicable.

To make changes to your benefits online, go to peia.wv.gov and click the green “Manage My Benefits” button. Online changes must be finalized no later than May 15, 2025. Enrolled members may also request a transfer form, or ask any other questions, by calling 1-877-676-5573. The Plan Year 2026 Benefit Guide is available online at <https://peia.wv.gov/Forms-Downloads/Pages/Shopper%27s-Guides.aspx>.

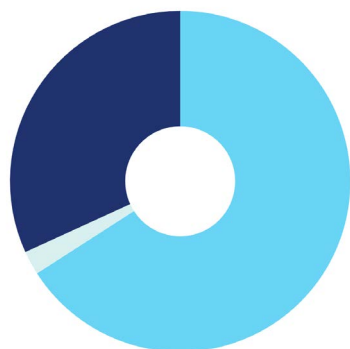
PEIA members should be aware of the following changes in the upcoming plan year:

- an increase in premiums for non-Medicare retirees (12%), active state employees (14%), and non-state employees (16%);
- an increase (40%) in deductibles and out-of-pocket minimums
- an increase in the spousal surcharge from \$147 a month to \$350 a month; and
- copay increases on some services.

More information can be found on the PEIA website at <https://peia.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Question of the Month

Last month, we asked Department of Administration employees “Would you rather live 100 years in the past or 100 years in the future?”



14 Past
29 Future
1 Neither

Welcome! ... The Department of Administration is pleased to welcome **Walker Dice** (*General Services*); **Ciera Jones** (*Public Defender Services*); **Terry Cantrell** (*PEIA*); **Allison Plants** (*WVOT*); and **Brent Wolfingbarger** (*PEIA*). **Melody Duke** also transferred from BRIM to the Finance Division, and **Brittany Rutrough** transferred from OEO to Technology.

Best Wishes ... to **Myrisha Harrison** (*Personnel*); **Gregory Mattox** (*WVOT*); **Jessica Halstead** (*Personnel*); **Betsy Allen** (*WVOT*); **Ashley Gunnore** (*CPRB*); and **Jennifer Boggess** (*CPRB*), who recently resigned from our department.

Our Condolences ... The Department of Administration is saddened to note the loss of **Dempsey Dickson** (*WVOT*), who passed away recently.

Question of the Month ... Thank you to all of the individuals who continue to participate in our Employee Question of the Month. This month we want to know “Would you rather get two weeks paid vacation with no restrictions, or get six weeks paid vacation but with restrictions (*no travel outside your town and no Fridays or Mondays off*)?” To answer this question, visit <https://bit.ly/3GutUdI>.

Got News? ... Share YOUR good news with all of your department co-workers! Email Samantha.S.Knapp@wv.gov with detailed information so we may include it in the next issue of the newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY in MAY

Below is a list of Department of Administration employees celebrating their birthdays during the month of May:

AVIATION	Stephen McConihay	FLEET	Michele Cunningham	WVOT	Cody McClanahan
BRIM	Bret Hart		James Parsons	(cont.)	Logan Neccuzzi
	Niki Miller-Casdorph	GEN.SRVS.	Zander Belcher		Brent Northcutt
	Donna White		Troy Campbell		Robin Roberts
	Woodrow White		Robin Casto		William Stepp
CPRB	Debra Asbury		Mark Cleek		Edwin Trader
	Caroline Brady		Eric Cutlip		Rachel Trahan
	Jessica Cain		Michelle Lusk		Jarrod Wells
	Christopher Champe		Harold Mcvay		Andrew Zicafoose
	James Ferris		William Pate		Terry Cantrell
	Judith Jarrell		Franklin Stone		Robin Duncan
	William Mccallister		Jeffery Swisher		Helen Gantt
	Sara Poe	WVOT	Frank Barone		Brentton Wolfingbarger
	Hannah Potter		Jeffrey Bartlett		Cal Colangelo
	Melody Scott		Samuel Booker		Lisa Lorence
	Robert Sheff		Eric Cannett		Nicole Michaelis
	Leslie Young		Cindi Cvechko		Christy Romeo
ETHICS	Frances Davis		Jerry Digman		Teresa Cutlip
	Robert Wolfe		Diane Fletcher		David Pauline
	Betsy Chapman		Jason Fox		Mark Totten
	Candace Colagrosso		Ashley Huffman		Toby Welch
FINANCE	Kirk Trent		Ryan Jett		Brett Clutters
	Kay Walden		Christina Lanham		Shelley Whitehill
	Kelly Williams		Joshua Lerose		
	Maria Yoakum		Elias Majdalani		
			Douglas Martin		

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