



**PSA Monthly
October 2019**

From the President...

Hello members,

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Business Meeting on October 25, 2019. We will be gathering at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln, starting at 1:00 PM. Check-in will be on the first floor, outside of the faculty dining area. At that time, your union leaders will share updates from the past year, in addition to presenting the proposed budget and By-Law updates, for your vote. I hope you will all consider attending!

Respectfully, Jude

Working for you...

The E-Board has been monitoring PSA positions when a member retires or resigns. In addition, we have gone directly to the administration to discuss our concerns about delayed postings and/or positions listed as Board of Education (BOE) v. PSA. We have stressed the need for transparency across the college. We will continue to monitor the situation. Area representatives are available if you have any questions or concerns.

Get to Know PSA...

Rekha Roshia, Coordinator/Counselor, ETS and EOC





Employed at CCRI since 2012. Primarily campus: Providence

Education/honors/awards:

B.S. Communications, Arts & Sciences, Northern Vermont University (formerly Lyndon State College)

M.A. English and American Literature, The University of Vermont

Ph.D. English and American Literature, Brandeis University

Dissertation Award (Brandeis U); Archie Research Grant (Wake Forest U). My work on the intersections of fiction and finance has appeared in anthologies published by Palgrave Macmillan and Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Since earning my Ph.D., I have delivered over 20 presentations about themes of capital, race, gender, and history at both national and international academic conferences.

Hobbies: My wife Jennifer and I love to garden! On the rare occasion when I'm not gardening, I am board chair of Frequency Writers, Providence's oldest creative writing non-profit organization. Additionally, I'm at work with a librarian friend of mine on a podcast about the Snow Town riot of 1831—the race riot that made Providence a city. I co-host a monthly meetup for nonprofit professionals to network and socialize (follow us on IG @pvdnonprofit). And, I am working on an early American noir novel about the violence of colonization in 1630 Boston. We live in beautiful Pawtuxet Village with my two cats—Sid Fishes and Macheath!—and our tortoise, Carlotta Valdes.

Personal information: I began my career inside the college classroom teaching American literature and composition. Around 2008, though, I started to think long and hard about my purpose in higher ed. Having been a first-generation and low income, college student, I began looking for opportunities to increase the impact I might have.

My father is from India and mother is from Vermont--neither went to college. I knew I wanted to go to college but had no direction. Luckily, my ETS counselor guided me through the process of filling in a FAFSA and applying to college. I was relieved and grateful. My ETS counselor made the difference between wanting to go to college and actually going. Earlier this summer, after --let's just say a lot of years--I recently connected with my high school ETS counselor! I love the work I do because I get to be the person I needed when I was younger. It's a gift to make that kind of difference in the lives of young people.





**Marian (Mimi) Fattore, Student Development Counselor/RI Promise Plus Advisor,
Adjunct/English Department**

Experience with PSA/NEARI: Recently elected Regional Vice President/Higher Education, PSA

How long have I worked at CCRI?: I began teaching in the English department in 2005, and I began working in Advising & Counseling in 2012

Primary Campus Location: While I've worked at all 4 campuses, I now work at Flanagan.

Education/Honors/Awards: B.A. Providence College, English/Secondary Education
Rhode Island College, M.A. Agency Counseling
Rhode Island College, M.A.T. Master of Arts in Teaching/Honors

Professional Organizations: Member of AAC&U/American Association of Colleges & Universities, NEARI

Hobbies: Ballet dancer with the State Ballet of Rhode Island (SBRI) since 1975, auxiliary board member SBRI, golf, cooking, baking.

Personal information: I was born in North Providence, RI; I have been married for 35 years and I am the proud mother of two sons. Motherhood has been the greatest joy in my life. I also serve as a lector & Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony Church. I have a curious mind and enjoy learning new things and find this quote thought provoking: The more I know, the more I realize I don't know. Finally, I try to live by the Golden Rule and strive to treat everyone the way I would want to be treated.



NEARI News...

BJ's Campaign - October 1-31

- Renew - \$40 Inner Circle Membership or \$80 for BJ's Perks rewards membership.
- New membership - \$25 Inner Circle Membership or \$50 BJ's Perks rewards membership.

[Get application here.](#)

2019 Mental Health Summit

Saturday, November 16, 2019

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

East Greenwich HS

To register visit www.neari.org/mhs19

What to do in RI this fall...

<https://www.goprovidence.com/things-to-do/free-events-and-attractions-in-providence/>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g28960-Activities-zft11292-Rhode_Island.html

<https://www.visitri.com/state/events/events/>

