

PATRICK HENRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Office of the President

Board Report #418
December 14, 2020

**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
MASCOT NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Report:

The Mascot Naming Review Committee recommends the following:

1. Continuation of the use of the name “Patriot” based upon the definitions and etymology as noted below:
 - Patriot. (n.d.). In *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/patriot?s=ts>
 - *a person who loves, supports, and defends his or her country and its interests with devotion*
 - *a person who regards himself or herself as a defender, especially of individual rights, against presumed interference by the federal government.*
 - Patriot. (2002) In *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* (n.e.). Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc
 - *one who loves his or her country and supports its authority and interests.*
 - Patriot. (2011) In the *American Heritage dictionary of the English Language* (5 th ed.). Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company.
 - *one who loves, supports, and defends one’s country.*
 - Etymology: In *Dictionary.com*. Retrieved from <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/patriot?s=ts>
 - *Late 16th century: from French patriote, from late Latin patriota ‘fellow countryman’.*
2. Change in the use of the current iconography/mascot based upon the following rationale:
 - No persona or icon can adequately convey the image of a Patriot; thus, the committee recommends removing the image of a person as a mascot.

3. Endorsement of the utilization of a compass as a symbol for PHCC based upon the following:

- The persona icon has been used on a limited basis. The girls' volleyball team and the cross-country team are the only sports that currently utilize that persona as an image.
- A very modest inventory of promotional apparel and materials with the persona currently exists.
- Students and college/community stakeholders have broadly embraced the compass which has become the dominant symbol used with athletics.
- The compass represents the mission of Patrick Henry Community College.

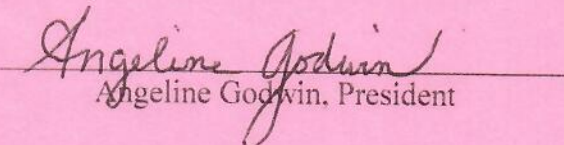
Special Note:

The Committee requests the opportunity to revisit the name and image of the mascot/iconography following the decision regarding the name of the college (local board recommendation and state board decision).

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college mascot were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's mascot name, the Mascot Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Mascot Naming Review Committee that the Board approve this recommendation.



Angeline Godwin, President

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**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
FACILITIES NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Report:

The Facilities Naming Review Committee was charged with reviewing the labels of all named classrooms, laboratories, outdoor spaces, and other facilities within Patrick Henry Community College. Through this process, the committee identified twenty-three named facilities located throughout the campus. Historical research was conducted and reviewed for each of the twenty-three spaces to determine the appropriateness of the naming. The committee recommendations are as follows:

Appropriately Named Facilities

Upon further review and discussion of the research conducted by the committee, the following named facilities have been deemed appropriate and, therefore, no additional action is recommended at this time. The committee's research indicates that the naming of the facilities listed below is consistent with the mission and values of both Patrick Henry Community College and the Virginia Community College System and does not represent symbols of racism.

Facilities within West Hall

Collins Classroom/Laboratory (West 135)
Irving M. Groves, Jr. and Jett Carter Groves Classroom (West 222)
Ralph C. Lester Classroom (West 205, 206, 207)
Fleetus Lee Owens Classroom/Computer Lab (West 110)
Catherine Bass Pannill Lecture Room (West B102)
Nancy Long and Nick Prillaman, Jr. Classroom/Laboratory (West 305)

Facilities within Philpott Hall

Clyde & Kitty Sue Hooker Classroom/Laboratory (Philpott 129)
Susie Rives Hobbs Smith Nursing Lab (Philpott 118)

Facilities within Stone Hall

Susan Adams and William A. Collins, Jr. Gymnasium (Stone Hall 100)
Barry L. Nelson and Family Weight Room (Stone 119)
Wingett Court (Stone Hall 100)

Facilities within Frith Hall

Davis Memorial Terrace (Frith Hall)
John and Carol Hooker Exhibit Hall (Frith 129)
Kennedy Classroom/Laboratory (Frith 124)
Pannill Classroom/Laboratory (Frith 133, 134)
Stanley Electronic Classroom (Frith 154)

Facilities within the Learning Resource Center

Carolyn R. Byrd Math Lab (LRC 108)
Victor A. and Louise R. Lester Library (LRC Second Floor)

Outdoor Facilities

Thomas Dalton Quad
Martin Softball Field

Incompatible Named Facilities

While reviewing the named facilities throughout the college, the committee determined that there are three classrooms/laboratories that are not being used in their original named capacity. These changes occurred due to building renovations and/or restructuring of programs to better accommodate student needs and changing technologies. Because the facilities are not currently used as initially intended, the committee has deemed the subsequent facility names as incompatible and, therefore, recommends that the naming plaques be moved to a newly established Hall of Appreciation where they will remain on display. In addition, the committee recommends that the PHCC Foundation Board of Directors amend the existing naming policy to include policies and procedures for retiring, renaming, or removing a named facility.

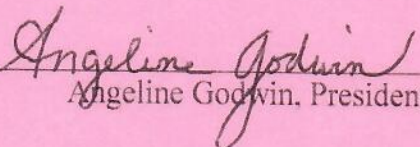
Facilities within Philpott Hall

Bassett Walker Corporation CADD Lab
Hooker Furniture Technology Lab
Francis T. West Industrial Engineering Lab

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college facilities were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's facilities names, the Facilities Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Facilities Naming Review Committee that the Board approve this recommendation.



Angeline Godwin, President

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**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
BUILDINGS NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Report:

The Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review Taskforce formed and charged the Buildings Naming Review Committee to research, analyze, and review the “appropriateness” of seven (7) buildings that currently bear, or are slated to bear the names of individuals and report the Committee’s position and recommendations for each.

The Committee recommends removing buildings which are not owned by Patrick Henry Community College or the state of Virginia from consideration. It is the understanding of the Committee that Patrick Henry Community College carries only a use-agreement with the Thomas P. Dalton IDEA Center which is owned by the Patrick Henry Community College Foundation. Likewise, the College carries a use-agreement with the former Food Lion building in Patrick County, which is owned by the Town of Stuart.

The Committee recommends retaining the names J. Burness Frith Economic Development Center and the Walker Fine Arts/Student Center. It was evident to the Committee that Patrick Henry Community College, the City of Martinsville, and Henry County would not be the same without the positive outcomes and contributions of these community leaders. Therefore, the Committee finds both of the names (J. Burness Frith and the Walker family name) appropriate.

In 1962, Delegate A.L. Philpott along with Senator Stone and fellow members of what is now known as the College Steering Committee of Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce were vital in the aggressive weekend pursuit to present convincing cases and pass legislation to establish Patrick Henry Community College. Based on A.L. Philpott’s contributions to supporting and establishing the College, the Committee recommends retaining the name A.L. Philpott Hall and finds the name appropriate because research confirmed that A.L. Philpott’s stance on segregation changed over time. This conclusion was more evident based upon Philpott’s actions in 1958 when Philpott refused to go along with lawmakers who voted to close schools in an effort to block integration. Research also indicated that Philpott put his political career and life on the line to become a key ally of the nation’s first elected black governor, Mr. Douglas Wilder. By driving Wilder’s nomination and supporting his campaign, it was clear that Philpott was committed to seeing Wilder become the first African American governor. “[Philpott’s] early endorsement of then-state Senator Douglas Wilder’s campaign to become the state’s first black lieutenant governor was credited by many with contributing heavily to Wilder’s success—including Wilder, who after his election hosted an appreciation banquet for Philpott” (Wilson et

al., 1989¹). Philpott also supported Mary Sue Terry who became the first woman elected to statewide office in Virginia. The Committee respected Philpott's evident change of heart and his support of diversity.

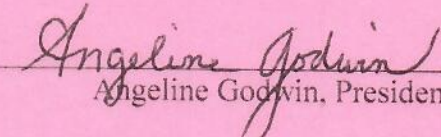
Based on William F. Stone's aforementioned contributions to supporting and establishing the College, the Committee recommends retaining the name William F. Stone Hall and finds the name appropriate because the Stone family's direct financial contribution behind the naming was made after the College was integrated, and the Stone family persisted to support educational opportunity for everyone and continues to do so. Today, William F. Stone Hall is the hub of Patrick Henry Community College and serves the most diverse student population on-campus.

The Committee recommends retaining the name Frances T. West Hall and finds the name appropriate because contributions to Patrick Henry Community College via Mr. West were made via a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT). Mr. West established the CRUT in 1999 after integration and identified Patrick Henry Community College as a beneficiary. Mr. West or his family had the power to liquidate or re-route the CRUT funding at any time, but until Mr. West's death in 2007, he continued to be an advocate for education after desegregation. Furthermore, Mr. West contributed to Roanoke College after it was integrated in 1964. In 1988, Mr. West established a charitable scholarship: the Thomas E. West Honors Scholarship opportunity at Roanoke College to support students in the College's Honors Program. Mr. West continued to contribute to PHCC and other schools long after integration.

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college buildings were reviewed after the Committee conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed in a unanimous roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's building names, the Buildings Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the Buildings Naming Review Committee that the Board approve this recommendation.



Angelina Godwin, President

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Board Report #421
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**BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
COLLEGE NAMING REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Report:

After extensive research, analysis, and collaborative discussion, the College Naming Review Committee has determined the name “Patrick Henry Community College” is appropriate based on evidence of the origination of the name. Specifically, research overwhelmingly demonstrates the college was named in recognition of the localities served by the college at the time of its establishment. The building that initially housed the college when it was a two-year branch of the University of Virginia bore the name “Patrick-Henry Branch College” [Exhibit A]. In addition, the hyphen between the proper nouns “Patrick” and “Henry” appears in the board minutes of December 4, 1963. At some unknown point in time, the hyphen was dropped.

However, on June 9, 1971, when the board met with Chancellor Dana Hamel of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), the VCCS provided the board the opportunity to either keep the name or change it to coincide with the college joining the system. Senator William Stone indicated at the meeting that, “he hoped the local board would retain the name Patrick Henry because of the contributions to developing the college made by Patrick County, Henry County, and the City of Martinsville” [Exhibit B]. The local board voted to officially adopt the name “Patrick Henry Community College” at its August 12, 1971, board meeting.

As a result of this evidence, the College Naming Review Team has concluded that the college was named for the localities it serves and not for the historical figure of Patrick Henry. The college, like 17 of the 23 colleges in the Virginia Community College System, is named for its geographical location and is not named for an individual. The team recommends to the college’s local board that the name of Patrick Henry Community College be retained.

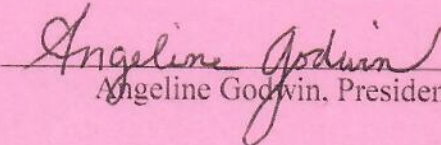
Nevertheless, the College Naming Review Team recognizes Henry County (formed out of Pittsylvania County in 1777) and Patrick County (formed out of Henry County in 1791) were both named for the historical figure Patrick Henry. The team further acknowledges that Patrick Henry was a complex individual who made great contributions to the state and to the nation as the first post-colonial governor of Virginia and as a leading patriot in the American Revolution. Henry famously proclaimed, “Give me liberty or give me death!” and declared slavery was “repugnant to humanity” and “destructive to liberty.” Yet Henry was himself a slaveholder who neither freed his slaves during his lifetime nor through the disposition of his estate upon his death. Therefore, the College Naming Review Team further recommends the local board considers the following actions:

1. Patrick Henry Community College will disassociate itself from the historical figure, Patrick Henry, by discontinuing the use of the colonial male image in any form including, but not limited to, print, social media, athletic representations, and mascot persona;
2. Patrick Henry Community College will return to its original nomenclature by adding a hyphen between the words "Patrick" and "Henry" **[Exhibit C]** on all print, social media, signage, and other representations within a reasonable time-period to be determined after a review of the financial requirements for the modifications;
3. Patrick Henry Community College will continue to engage its Equity Alliance Response Team in an ongoing effort to assure that equity, inclusion, and diversity are part of the core values and authentic cultural dynamics of the college; and
4. The local board of Patrick Henry Community College will request that if the State Board of Community Colleges rejects the local board's recommendation on the naming of the college, the State Board will provide the local board the opportunity to propose a new name in collaboration with the college and the community.

Any and all financial analyses related to the naming status of the college were reviewed after the team conducted its in-depth investigation and affirmed unanimously in a roll call voice vote its support of these conclusions and recommendations. After a review of the financial analyses, related to the possible changing of the college's name, the College Naming Review Committee confirmed its stated position without modification.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the College Naming Review Committee that the Board approve this recommendation.



Angelina Godwin, President

Exhibit A

**College name above the entrance to the original building
used for the Patrick-Henry Branch College
of the University of Virginia
(from the 1965 college yearbook, *The Orator*)**



Exhibit B

College Timeline and Excerpts from Minutes

College Name

From October 3, 1962 to October 12, 1971, the Board minutes refer to the college by several different names:

October 3, 1962 -September 4, 1963::	Patrick Henry Branch of the University of Virginia
December 4, 1963:	Patrick-Henry Branch of the University of Virginia (only place that shows a hyphen between <i>Patrick</i> and <i>Henry</i>)
April 1, 1964 - October 20, 1965	Patrick Henry Community College
April 6, 1966 - October 12, 1966	Patrick Henry College
November 8, 1967 – February 12, 1971	Patrick Henry College in minutes header; Patrick Henry Branch of the University of Virginia in body of the minutes
June 9, 1971	Patrick Henry College. It was noted that the college was set to transfer to the Community College System on July 1, 1971
August 12, 1971	Patrick Henry College in minutes header, Patrick Henry Community College in body of the minutes
October 12, 1971 -	Patrick Henry Community College

June 9, 1971 Board Minutes

Dana Hamel outlined additional responsibilities of a local board and listed 5 major areas where boards are involved in policy. Item 2 was "Naming of the college. Department needs official recommendation from local board. The name of Patrick Henry may be retained if local board wishes to do so."

Senator Stone commented that he hoped the local board would retain the name Patrick Henry because of the contributions to developing the college made by Patrick County, Henry County, and the city of Martinsville.

August 12, 1971 Board Minutes

The first item of business was concerned with the naming of the college. After some discussion, Judge Hooker moved that the name of the institution be Patrick Henry Community College. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Windle. Reference was made to Point # 1 of Mr. West's letter of February 17, 1971. The motion was carried unanimously. (**NOTE:** Mr. West's letter is not included in the Board records.)

EXHIBIT C

PHCC Logos with addition of hyphen



Patrick-Henry

**Public Feedback Concerning the
Patrick Henry Community College Naming Review**

Nov 30, 2020

Please forget the hyphen and changing the mascot from a Patriot. Do remember Patrick Henry and the other founding fathers who sacrificed much and risked their lives for freedom. Without them none of us would have the rights we have & take for granted. This sniveling, wimpy, self-righteous generation wouldn't have the backbone to stand up against the tyranny they faced. We should stop judging people who lived two centuries ago by today's standards and simply acknowledge their legacy from which ALL have benefitted. I am a Patrick Henry alumnus - class of 1982.

Nov 30, 2020

In respect with the Patrick Henry Community College Board's desire to seek public input on its plan to review the school's name, its mascot, and facilities on campus, I am submitting the following comments for consideration....

First and most important, had the State Board of Virginia's Community Colleges not required the colleges in the system to "review the appropriateness of those names," there would have been no need to set up committees to report and recommend adding a hyphen to the school's name. And while this measure would indeed reinforce that the school is named for the two counties it serves, it does not change the fact that those two counties are themselves named for – the man – Patrick Henry. There are those who have criticized the committee assigned to review the names at the college and to do something 'bolder,' and I agree. The committee should be 'bold enough' to leave the name as "Patrick Henry Community College." I am aware there are those who wish to pressure the committee assigned to review the names of this institution to "Reconsider and Retract," but I say that "Motion Fails." Patrick Henry is a name Henry and Patrick County can be proud of, and so can Patrick Henry Community College.

In regard to the mascot, 'a Patriot' is most appropriate. In fact, a large sign emblazoned with the words "The Patriot Centre" – an industrial acknowledgement linking the name of Patrick Henry with the term -- stands practically at the doorstep of the campus, and after all and despite what some may think, Patrick Henry – the man – was undeniably a 'Patriot.' Were it not for Patrick Henry and other Virginians of his generation – George Washington and Thomas Jefferson, for example – we would all be singing 'God Save the Queen,' speaking the King's English, and saluting the Union Jack instead of the Stars and Stripes. Speaking of this revolutionary generation, had their fight for independence from Great Britain failed, all three – Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry – would undoubtedly have been executed. When Patrick Henry famously proclaimed "Liberty or Death," that outcome was in fact a distinct possibility. Patrick Henry risked his life for freedom, and is worthy of the honor to have the college named for him, as the step he and others took in the 1770's made possible the next step in the 1860's, and contributed in large part to the United States of 2020.

And the decision to re-name the other buildings on campus because the associated names do not match the current use of the facilities? This is rational, I suppose, and I have no

complaint, but do wonder – because I do not know – was the construction of the buildings made possible by financial donations made by the men or the families of the men for whom the buildings were named?

In closing, as an Alumni of Patrick Henry Community College, I will admit bias because I am proud of the school from which I graduated. Having also graduated from both Virginia Tech and Texas A & M, some of my best professors and instructors were those who served on the Patrick Henry faculty. Another reason for my admitted bias is I am proud to be from Henry County, have my roots here and some knowledge of local history, and resent those who attack our heritage and heroes of the past. Thanks for reading, and please consider my sincere and last-minute feedback.

Nov. 30, 2020

I have no issue with the name Patrick Henry Community College.

Nov. 30, 2020

In response to the suggested changes for Patrick Henry Community College, I would like to offer my opinion. If changes have to be made, bringing back the hyphen is acceptable. The Patriot mascot does not represent one person but a group of people, the colonists during the Revolutionary War. It also describes a person who loves his country.

What concerns me the most is the time, energy, and money that is being spent by all groups looking to change names, remove statutes, etc. At the end, once all of this has been accomplished, has anyone's life been improved? Do they have more stability in their life, do they have better financial security, are their children getting a better education, are their medical issues being addressed, has their housing situation improved, etc? All of these changes might make someone feel better but couldn't these resources be put to more productive uses?

For your information purposes, I am [REDACTED]

Nov. 25, 2020

Patrick Henry CC should be commended for standing up to the State Board regarding changing the name of their school. This discussion to changes names makes my blood boil. My middle school and high school have been changed from Stonewall Middle School and Stonewall Jackson Senior high school to Unity - Braxton and Unity - Reed, respectively. I could guarantee that if I expressed my opinion in an open forum at my college, I would be met with immense backlash and labeled as a racist. I am tired of living my life this way. What is wrong with putting Patrick Henry in context as George Mason University is doing? Don't erase all the good that has been done under the name of the PHCC just to fit the status quo. I would have to see a longitudinal study done in, let's say, Chicago where the controversial name of a building has been changed and violent crimes have gone down as a direct result. Are we going to measure people's vitals when they stand next to a Confederate statue to see if blood pressure or heart

rate go up because the person is so upset standing next to a hunk of marble, concrete, or whatever medium was used to create the statue? A statue of Stonewall Jackson is not Stonewall Jackson. He has been dead for a very long time.

Before I was born, my father and a group of men started Stonewall Jackson Volunteer Fire Department in Manassas, VA. What is more selfless than starting a fire department? The department is about 3 miles from the Manassas National Battlefield. Where will the line be drawn? Are we going to start dismantling the National Battlefields? How is changing the name of school or mascot going to prevent racism or a black man being shot by a white police officer? Will it stop? I think too much time is being wasted on name changes instead of looking at the deeper issue.

The 2020 election has shown me that on one side meddling is okay if it is Russia and one can pin it on the President, but how dare we say there is voter fraud in the United States? If systemic racism makes up the fabric of the United States, then we need to consider that fraud and corruption makes up the fabric, too.

I have read President Trump's EO on "Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping" and cried when I read about "divisive concepts" causing "any individual [should feel] discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex...". I have to say that since President Trump was elected, I have felt like a "bad person" for my beliefs when the terms bigot, racist, Nazi, homophobe, xenophobe, fascist, white supremacist and more started being thrown around like confetti. I have a history of anxiety and depression, and it has only been exacerbated by all the hatred I have heard being spewed from the mouths of the party of "alleged" unity. I have been in intensive outpatient treatment twice (before the killing of George Floyd). I have been on a roller coaster of medications and almost weekly therapy sessions. I have never felt depression like I have over the past couple of years. I am making my way back to doing things, but some things I enjoyed have been erased from my memory as if they never existed. I have felt psychological distress. I know that the idea is to make white people feel guilt, but how can I feel guilty for something that was done 200+ years ago. Please do not get me started on the 1619 project.

A coworker of mine politely asked another coworker to stop discussing politics at work one day. Coworker "B" got so upset about being told to not talk about politics that she left the office and told my other coworker to "leave her white supremacy at home". The coworker that left the office sits on the DEI committee at my college. Is it fair that she has a hand in vetting the diversity training we receive and can shove her opinions down my throat? I do not see a committee of Trump supporters on my campus dictating to the college what to think, say, and believe.

Changing names of buildings and streets is not going to save lives. People are not killing other people because a community college in Virginia is named Patrick Henry. What on Earth is wrong with being a Patriot? Mason is my alma mater and once a Patriot, always a Patriot. It is a foolish waste of resources to consider a name change. I am truly sickened by it.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. I reiterate that Patrick Henry Community College should be commended for their stand in seeking community opinion.

Nov. 24, 2020

I am not a student or staff member of your college (I am a native Virginian though) but in my opinion the rush to change names and exclude people and events from history/public view is political correctness run amuck. It is ludicrous to impose the standards of today onto people

who lived 200+ years ago. Up until the 17th or 18th century slavery was a generally accepted fact of life throughout most of the world. Up until the 20th century women were not generally considered to have the ability to vote wisely, successfully run businesses or be the head of a country. Until the second half of the 20th century communism was supposed to create a workers paradise. Thankfully few people would agree with these positions today.

I think the question comes down to this: Should the opinions or actions of a person, that were acceptable during their lifetime but which are not now, be reason enough to publically cancel out all their good accomplishments, no matter how great or many or how much of a lasting impact on the country or world, and assign them to obscurity?

Nov. 24, 2020

These comments are some of my thoughts in response to the recent articles in the Martinsville Bulletin concerning the College Naming Review Committee report to the Board.

My first thought was to ask whether it is realistic to require a lifelong history of moral perfection in each of our forefathers in order to be deemed worthy of historical recognition of their positive traits and contributions to our Country. Furthermore, in using this magnifying glass of perfection as we replace the names of our faulted human founders, are we requiring the same degree of lifelong faultless moral and ethical perfection in those deemed more worthy of recognition? Or, rather, do we want our children and future generations to acknowledge that these admirable men and women accomplished great achievements with, and in spite of, the human frailty which we all experience ?

None of our historical figures, whether they be George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Robert E Lee, Stonewall Jackson, or, for that matter, Martin Luther King, John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Susan B Anthony, Harriet Tubman, or whomever you choose, man or woman, black, brown, white, red or yellow - none of these individuals was perfect in all aspects of his or her life.

Alas, if we erase their names from our buildings, institutions, cities etc., are we not erasing them from popular history and thus, erasing the remarkable feats they achieved in spite of their human frailties. As George Santayana wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nov. 23, 2020

Foothills Community College would be a good choice....make a meaningful change please.

Nov. 22, 2020

A.L. Philpott deserves Patrick Henry Community College's recognition! For many years, as chairman of the Virginia House of Delegates, House Appropriations Committee, Philpott fought hard and won many appropriations for Patrick Henry's needs. His often criticized grit and politicking led to new buildings, parking lots, salary increases, etc. Highway 58 in Southside Virginia for hundreds of miles and covering many counties, is still named A.L. Philpott Highway. (Until her death, my sister in Halifax County complained her address was 11149 Philpott Road, Alton, VA. Evidently the Post Office listened to her complaints and dropped the

A.L.) This honor illustrates statewide acknowledgment of his contributions to improving Virginia and her residents.

Nov. 17, 2020

I, for one, appreciate the work this committee has done and apparently a very thorough one. For what it is worth, I do not know of anyone that has worked any harder for the success of this school than William F. Stone and A.L. Philpott; both local and at the state level. Even thinking about removing their names at any level would be a travesty.

People unhappy with the school will just have to remain unhappy or find a location that makes them happy.

Nov. 19, 2020

I would like to see the name of PHCC to remain the same, no hyphen, and no changes in the names of buildings.

As for the mascot, I don't have a preference.

Nov. 19, 2020

The word patriot to me means someone who is patriotic. Not black or white, just AMERICAN. As for the school name change...it's still pronounced Patrick Henry (with or without a hyphen).

What are they going to do? Change the name of both counties??

All these name changes and removing of statues doesn't change history .

Does it make the world a better place??? I think NOT. .

Nov. 19, 2020

[REDACTED] former student to PHCC. Changing the name of this school and it's mascot, the Patriot, is an awful idea, and which is deeply anti-American. That the school is even entertaining this idea is a sad commentary on our country and higher education.

There is little doubt that Henry held views that are at odds with American cultural today. But he also held views that are timeless in their important to the struggle for human equality and the cause of freedom which is the first virtue, and a pillar of American society. It is those words and deeds we honor with this schools name.

A simple question to close: if you're remembered 250 years from now, do you hope that people will focus on the bad things you said and thought, or the good? So why then would we judge someone who contributed to the unparalleled good that is this nation's founding by views they held on a separate institution that existed across every culture and community, namely slavery, at the time Henry lived?

Make the only right decision. Keep the name.

Nov. 18, 2020

Please do not change the name of the school.

To do so will disenfranchise all those who have gone there. Imagine you are a 50 year old alumni and filling out a job application and you can't remember the school's new name.

Seems minor but it is another unnecessary inconvenience.

Why are we hell bent on erasing our past, overlooking our achievements, and bowing to every new whim?

Be proud of what Patrick Henry has become.

Nov. 17, 2020

As a former resident of Martinsville and descendent of Patrick Henry, I find it very disturbing to read that his name is being considered for removal from the college name. I assume that this is because he, like most of the Founding Fathers, was a slave owner. I would hope the committee would consider the fact that he became opposed to slavery and a proponent of abolition. Here is a relevant article:

<https://foundersandslavery.wordpress.com/2015/03/05/patrick-henry-founding-father-slave-holder-and-pioneer/>

Nov. 17, 2020

I like PHCC, as it is it represents the 2 countries it educated. The orator Patrick Henry himself uttered "Give me Liberty or give me Death," has lead many a student to write essays and even learn the speech. I do not think the name of the college is offensive in anyway. We live here it is appropriate.

Nov. 17, 2020

Regional Valley Community College

Nov. 16, 2020

As a resident of Patrick County, I support leaving the name Patrick Henry Community College as it is. Patrick Henry is a historical figure no matter what. We can't change history whether we agree with all aspects of certain things or not. Nor should we try to re-write history by omission. We as Americans celebrate holidays for public figures. If I don't agree or support all of their motives or conduct I don't expect the world to change to conform with my thoughts or expectations. If some feel offended by the past we have to consider the historical value as well as recognize the positive changes that have evolved from many different sets of circumstances. Different people, different thoughts, different backgrounds, make us all unique. We are all Americans and need to respect each other in the past, present and future.

I lived in NJ for over 50 years. One of the reasons we selected Patrick County as our home was because it's rich cultural and historical values. Please move to preserve history and keep the name as it is.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion. I trust that you will follow the will of the people and not let politics enter into your decision making process.

Nov. 16, 2020

You can't be serious? Is this a joke? Bowing to the PC elite just like every one else, have a backbone and not change the name. Patrick Henry was a Virginian, statesman , and a Father of Virginia. His famous speech Give me Liberty or give me Death, is one of the famous quotes in American History. Don't change the name for God's sake.

Nov. 16, 2020

I vote to leave the name as it is, Patrick Henry Community College.

Nov. 16, 2020

In my opinion, the name of the college should remain the same. I grew up in Patrick County and I honestly thought it was named for Patrick and Henry counties since it was centrally located. I do not think there is a problem with the name and find it ridiculous that someone thinks the name of an institution has anything to do with its policies and students.

Nov. 29, 2020

I used to be a student. I am no longer a student and I feel this is a waste of time money and effort to change the name and I think you can better serve our community that are focusing on something more important and why don't we take this negative of slavery and turn it into a positive or all the hairston's gravel. He's dead and so forth going to change their name because they are descendants of the Caucasian race. I do not think we should change that name.

Nov. 27, 2020

██████████ I'm a former Elementary School teacher. In fact, I talked for twenty-eight years and was proud to teach about Patrick home and how he all the good things that he did for the state of Virginia. And I think it's a real shame that you changed the name of that school half the people that go there are out in the community probably don't even know who Patrick Henry was or what donations. He made wants great state. Thank you so much.

Nov. 25, 2020

██████████ I'm calling to get feedback on the possibility of changing the name of Patrick Henry Community College. I am totally against that Patrick Henry was one of our original Statesmen of our countries. And I think it's honor for it to be named after him and that it needs to be left that way. Thank you very much. Y'all have great holiday.

Nov. 23, 2020

I think changing the name adding The Hyphen and changing the mascot are ridiculous.

Nov. 22, 2020

We don't need Henry County become woke just woke mentality sick. We don't need all history and everything erased because of the stupidity that goes off. Thank you very much. Bye.

Nov. 18, 2020

██████████ I'm a graduate of Patrick Henry Community College 1987. I understand you wanting to change your name and I'm totally against that's an attempt to erase and redo our history and it's kind of disgusting that you want to do that. It's just just unbelievable trying to please these political black lives matter. I'm pretty sure that's what it's all about. What have you I grew up as a very poor person come out of abject poverty. So I should also receive some kind of recognition or or something. Maybe I don't know. I don't know changing something but once you start changing names and turn down statues and and all of that that then what does it end, then you start tacking people and all that money and if if Patrick Henry's name is racist, then all the black people that were slaves and got the last name for example of highest and yep. The plantation owner then they should have their names changed also, it should be offensive. They should not be allowed to carry the name of the Mazda from their slavery from 150 to 200 years ago. And since we're going to change the name of Patrick Henry should we not change elementary schools? How about Martinsville? It was named after a Civil War guide. How about Henrico named after Patrick Henry. How about Patrick County? Should we not change at and since the college is mostly run by white privilege people. Should we not replace Thursday, blacks to be more fair about it and all so anyway, just just let you know I'm totally against it as a thousands of other people in our community are against it, but I'm sure sure the date of political correct and the proper thing that y'all will change to me and are y'all going to re-issue degrees to get rid of the racist name Patrick Henry from the degrees at home or in the past of God you need to do that. You can't have people going around there being should be ashamed if they graduate from Patrick Henry. I got a feeling this is not going to do well for the college Thursday. In our community, I'm definitely not going to recommend my grandchildren go out there for even thinking about doing something like that. So, thank you.


Nov. 30 2020

I wanted to express my opinion that I am very pleased that you decided to retain the name Patrick-Henry for the college, because I think there is too much emphasis on tearing down statues and changing names of heroes of the past, because that is our history. We lived it. They may change the history books, but we lived this history, and if they do, our young people coming along in future years will have no idea of some of our heroes and the things we lived through in our lifetime.

Martinsville Bulletin (Screenshot taken 11/18/20)

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November 16 at 6:07 PM · 🌐

The board seeks the public's input before submitting its final review to the state board.



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Patrick Henry Community College's plan: Keep the school's name but change the logo

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Surprised they aren't trying to name it "the new old college that's new again" 🙄

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The generation of the offended.....

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Offended: before.
Doing something about it: now.
Question: How did you feel when you learned of you ancestors oppression and systematic rape and murder?
Oh, waitaminute, nevermind...

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My view of history is irrelevant. What matters to me is how people treat me and my family now. History is just that, history

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I see a bunch of flags every day, on the back of pickup trucks, that say you're wrong...

Like · Reply · 1d

But that's not me, I can only speak for myself

Like · Reply · 1d

You are of a distinct, and obscure minority. Most people do not think, or speak like you. If they did, we wouldn't have the issues we are having. Go down 58 to danville, and count the flags. History ain't history around here, and signs of oppression abound...

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I don't disagree with you, I use to work in Danville and I've seen what you're taking about. But I think a lot of that comes from fear and/ or ignorance. But again, I can't speak for others.

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Write a reply...

Of course the name is offensive, change it. Oh, and the land its on was worked by slaves (beaver creek plantation) by the way, so the argument it represents the names of the area is ridiculous, and a sellout answer.

And since we are on the subject of change for the school, how about going to a 4 year college (since NCI didnt) and help save the town from going completely down the tubes?

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Amen

Like · Reply · 1d

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In July 2020, the State Board of Virginia's Community Colleges mandated all 23 community colleges in Virginia to review their names for appropriateness.



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Patrick Henry Community College looking for feedback on name review

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More cancel culture BS. Wish Virginia had leaders with backbones. Commonwealth used to be the home of great Presidents. Now, not so much

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Things are getting outta hand if they have a problem with Henry. His "Liberty or Death" speech emboldened patriots everywhere and was one of the many sparks that lit the fire of revolution. Without men like Henry, we wouldn't have the United States.

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So the name Patrick Henry "GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH" is being questioned as to its' appropriateness?

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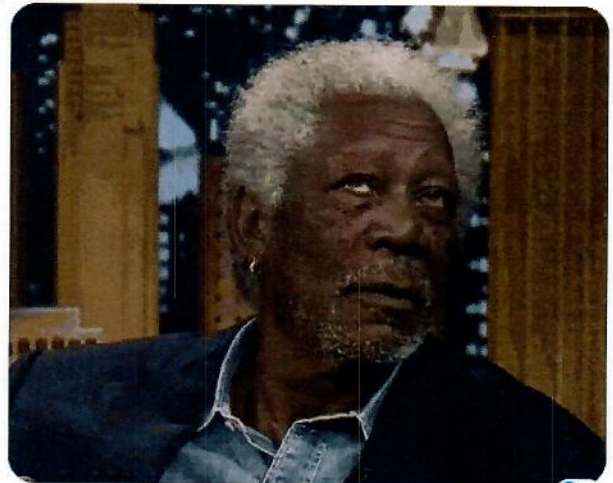


Confused!!!!

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Fascist lol

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Patrick County News Facebook Group (Screenshot taken 12/3/20)

Admin · November 16 at 5:29 PM · 🌐

PHCC:

The Patrick Henry Community College Board listened to committee reports Monday regarding a review of the college's name. Now, they want community feedback on the matter.



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Patrick Henry Community College looking for feedback on name review

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- Nothing wrong with name , leave it as is !!!!!
Like · Reply · 2w 4
- KEEP THE NAME! No change needed!
Like · Reply · 2w 1
- Leave it
Like · Reply · 2w 2
- Leave it alone.
Like · Reply · 2w 4
- Leave it alone....if everybody keeps bowing down to these idiots wanting this n that we will never b a nation again..... If we changing college names are we gonna change highway names..... A L Philpott highway ...Martin Luther king highway..... When did this country become whimps
Like · Reply · 2w 13
- We have way more important issues to worry about than the name of the college!! Good grief
Like · Reply · 2w 7
- What's wrong with the name you have? Been that all of my life. Shouldn't be changed.
Like · Reply · 2w 3
- Are we looking to change the name of the county & maybe Stuart we are so beyond ludicrous.
Like · Reply · 2w 9

- Leave it alone. Please..
Like · Reply · 2w 5
- Patrick Henry is a patriot who should be celebrated!! Keep the name
Like · Reply · 2w 10
- The question is are they going to rename Henry County and Patrick County too?
Like · Reply · 2w 2
- From a former graduate, DO NOT CHANGE THE NAME. Stop the ignorance!!
Like · Reply · 2w 2
- Leave the name as it is.
Like · Reply · 2w 3
- Good lord leave it alone!!!!
Like · Reply · 2w 3
- 🙄
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- 🙄 Are we changing the names of the counties, too?
Like · Reply · 2w 3
- Leave it!
Like · Reply · 2w 1
- I think the world has lost its mind!
Like · Reply · 2w 11
- Where does it stop? What a bunch of freaking idiots!
Like · Reply · 2w 4
- SMH...🙄
Leave as is!
Like · Reply · 2w 2
- Leave it. We cannot keep doing this because somebody thinks it is, or it is part of something that happened before they or their parents were ever born.
Like · Reply · 2w 9
- This is crazy!
Like · Reply · 2w 2

Leave it alone! 5
Like · Reply · 2w

stop with the cancel crap. its never going to be enough.
Like · Reply · 2w 3

Dont change it 2
Like · Reply · 2w

Leave it as it is 2
Like · Reply · 2w

I know now people HAVE completely became IDIOTS.
Like · Reply · 2w 2

I'm offended at Beef Jerky prices what are we doing about that?
Like · Reply · 2w 3

Leave it be 2
Like · Reply · 2w

Wonder if anyone realizes he was an orator at the time of the Revolutionary War and not the Civil War? This is so crazy its ridiculous.
Like · Reply · 2w 2

Omg it's never gonna stop!
Like · Reply · 2w 4

I like it!
Like · Reply · 2w

Leave it alone. This is crazy.
Like · Reply · 2w 4

WT..... when is this crap gonna stop????!!!! Let history be history!!! Live with it and LEARN!!!!
Like · Reply · 2w 3

Please leave the name as it is. Patrick Henry represents not only a Patriot but also who we are as a community inclusive of Patrick and Henry Counties and beyond. I personally am proud to be from Patrick County and would like to see the name not changed.
Like · Reply · 2w · Edited 9

Jesus Christ!! What is WRONG with all the snowflakes!!!!?? My County - Patrick. My Community College - Patrick Henry. You can't change history so STOP trying to erase it!!!
Like · Reply · 2w 5

This Country has gone insane



Like · Reply · 2w · Edited



If you're not leaving the name alone, call it Snowflake College. 😊
Like · Reply · 2w 5

nope can't do that cause of the color of a snowflake
Like · Reply · 2w 2

Hadn't thought of it that way before. So what about CornFlake College?
Like · Reply · 2w 1

Honestly, aren't they replacing racism with racism? Oppression with oppression? God is banned? Whiteness is evil? Conservatives are ignorant? History is wrong? Patrick Henry was a patriot was he not? What is really going on is love vs hate. I love my country vs I hate it! I love God vs He's not real! I love my neighbors vs I hate everyone that's not like me! Even our election..I vote for Trump because I love his policies vs I hate Trump (don't care who's running against him)! The division isn't black or white or the name of a college. It is love vs hate. Remember "...the greatest of these is love".
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Patrick Henry Community College. That's catchy.

Like · Reply · 2w



Leave the name

Like · Reply · 2w



Leave it the same

Like · Reply · 2w



If name is changed that is erasing Virginia great history Patrick Henry as we all know was a great influence on founding this great nation

Like · Reply · 2w



LEAVE IT PLEASE....CANNOT PLEASE THE WHOLE WORLD...THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE IT CAN GO ELSE WHERE< WE AS VIRGIANS LIKE IT, IT'S NOT THE NAME, IT'S WHAT & HOW YOU TEACH & LEARN...

Like · Reply · 2w



Good Lord.

Like · Reply · 2w



It is a great name. Please don't change it.

Like · Reply · 2w



Leave it alone.

Like · Reply · 2w



Really?! 😊

There nothing wrong with what it is.

It is the administration running it.

Its this counties namesake and we are Proud of it!!!

Like · Reply · 2w · Edited



" Give me Liberty or give me death" and we won our liberty because of courageous men like him and history show we who had slaves(not our family) and those whites who never had slaves did in time give slaves what they did not have for over 100 years. So someone wants to erase Patrick Henry s name from recognition, is that what you are saying. If so, what the Hell is wrong with you folks who think that was??

Anyone who thinks that way is dead wrong and crazy. We cannot change what others failed to correct but we came along as freedom and justice were respected and given to all people , not just To whites s get off the streets and doing violence to innocent people. That is just as cowardly and stupid as what slave owners did before whites who saw truth and justice and freedoms for all begAn to allow changes for the rights of all people.

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It serves both Patrick and Henry counties. PATRICK HENRY was a great statesman and patriot. This stupidity has to stop!

Like · Reply · 2w



Is black lives Matter behind this too?

Like · Reply · 2w

The crazy folk are running the asylum.

Like · Reply · 2w

If they think they need to change it how about stupid people's college.

Like · Reply · 2w

Enough is enough!

Like · Reply · 2w



Change the darn thing to anything y'all want, it doesn't matter what anyone thinks, it's about y'all!!!

Like · Reply · 2w · Edited



We are leaders not followers leave it alone

Like · Reply · 2w



This is ridiculous leave it alone

Like · Reply · 2w



Leave it what it is

Like · Reply · 2w



Great man "GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!!!".

Like · Reply · 2w



Change is not always Good as they say....So Leave the name and stop being bullied by losers

Like · Reply · 2w

Why? Are we going to give the country back to England? Patrick Henry was a patriot who stood up against an oppressive government. If we truly want to keep our freedom we have to continue to stand against any and all who want to destroy our freedom and nation. It is so sad that it is now coming from our own people (or are they?). LEAVE THE NAME ALONE!!!!!!!

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yeah they want to be communist and do things their way instead of the way this country was built

Like · Reply · 1w



Why in the world do these over educated jerks want to change the name. Next they will change the county names.

Like · Reply · 2w

👍 1

Do not change the name. Do not remove any statues. Leave Virginia just like it is, a beautiful state. ❤️🙏

Like · Reply · 2w

👍 1

What a travesty that the name of a man who gave his life for freedom is now being oppressed and under censorship.

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👍 2

Get out of Patrick county if you don't like our heretige. Better yet get out of America

Like · Reply · 2w

👍 2

Why in the world would you change the name. That's stupid.

Like · Reply · 2w

👍 1

Technically it does serve both Patrick and Henry Counties! Plus Franklin County and even some from Pittsylvania County! Those that think otherwise should just suck-it-up and quit trying to make a big deal out of names that offend them! Sad time in our Country the last few years!

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👍 1

Leave it alone.

Like · Reply · 2w

Don't y'all have anything else better to do than to rewrite VAs history. We have more pressing issues to deal with than a name on a building. Stop bowing down to cancel culture and start doing something constructive for the people of this community because that word "community" is ALSO in your name!

👍 2

"Poor is the nation that has no heroes....Shameful is the one that, having them forgets"

Author: Unknown

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👍 1

Leave it PHCC 🙄

Like · Reply · 2w

What the crap

All these people that keep voting these clowns in office MAKE ME SICK!!!!!! keep trying to change our country and turn it into a crap hole knowing the only reason there were they are in life is because of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN!!!!!! Y'all keep doing stupid stuff voting in these idiots and you will be crying and blowing snot in about 10 years that's going to be about the time y'all have forced all the good law enforcement officers out because there tired of trying to help you idiot. And what's left of the greatest military on earth is going to feel the same way then guess who's left to take the job!!!! Y'all crying I can't stand how TRUMP talks to people I don't care he the greatest President the 🇺🇸 has ever had he hurts my feelings!!!!!! And my other favorite complaint Covert is killing me I'm going crazy I can't stand staying at home with my electricity my PlayStation my iPhone well guess what you can kiss that goodbye BUTTER CUPS!!! YALL NOT GOING TO HAVE TO LOOK FOR JOBS GOVERNMENT GOING TO FIND YOU ONE!!!!!! It called a draft and I bet y'all way of thinking going change real fast!!!!!!

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👍 1

Stop erasing our history



Like · Reply · 2w

I have never in my life seen anything like this. 🙄 Leave the name alone!!!

Like · Reply · 2w

👍 3

Rename Stuart?

Yes. New name..... Corruptville

Like · Reply · 2w

Patrick Henry was a patriot. Leave the name alone!

Like · Reply · 2w

LEAVE THE NAME ALONE

Like · Reply · 2w

What's wrong with the one that's been there all these years leave it alone!!

Like · Reply · 2w

- Why are they changing the name???

Leave the name alone!!!

Like · Reply · 2w
- No, just no.

Like · Reply · 2w
- What is wrong with the name?! Leave it alone! This crazy stuff needs to stop!

Like · Reply · 2w 1
- It is just fine as it is.

Like · Reply · 1w
- Seriously, read the article. Every school in the Virginia Community College system is having their name reviewed. It doesn't mean anyone *has* found PHCC to be offensive or that they *will* change it-just that they are looking at each school's name...to make sure nothing like Nathan Bedford Forrest High School has slipped through unnoticed.

Like · Reply · 1w
- Leave it good grief I am sick of changing stuff

Like · Reply · 1w
- dont let these people take over every aspect of your life, stand for something

Like · Reply · 1w
- LEAVE IT ALONE!!!! This is NOT D.C. or NY!!

- "Poor is the nation that has no heroes....Shameful is the one that, having them forgets"

Author: Unknown

Like · Reply · 1w
- Good grief!

Like · Reply · 1w
- Leave it alone! For the love of God!!! Our Country is falling apart and you are worried about the name of a community college??

Like · Reply · 1w
- Please stop trying to change history just because of a fad!! just stop Please!!!

Like · Reply · 1w
- Leave it alone

Like · Reply · 1w
- I was enrolled and attending, the year they asked the students to pick a name for the mascot. It was a contest, and 6 people entered with "Patriots". A plaque was posted in Stone Hall with the names of those students. I personally know 2 of them. Lots of Students participated in the contest. It was open to All Students!!! He was also a Virginia Governor, have they checked all the others records? Let's improve our future, stop waisting time changing history. Leave it please.

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