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Tweetable Bio

CRYSTAL GOOD @cgoodwoman she/her/hers is a writer-poet and founder of [@Black_byGodWV](#), a news and storytelling organization centering Black voices from West Virginia. Crystal is an Irene McKinney Scholar, WVU Newstart Fellow, and the author of [Valley Girl](#) and *Marking Territory* author.

Short Bio

Crystal Good @cgoodwoman, she/her/hers is hard to put in just one box. Her preferred titles include artist, advocate, and entrepreneur.

Crystal is the founder and publisher of [Black by God The West Virginian](#), a news and storytelling organization centering Black voices in and from West Virginia.

She authorizes two poetry collections [Valley Girl](#) (2010) and [Marking My Territory](#) (2021).

In addition, Crystal holds the completely made-up but totally-real office of Social Media Senator for the Digital District Of West Virginia, whose platform encourages digital and political literacy with equity.

She is a three-time Ted-X Talker, a You Bet Your Life game show winner, and a feature and consulting producer on the 2022 “Black Appalachia” episode United Shades Of America with W. Kamau Bell for CNN.

Crystal is a graduate of West Virginia State University (BA Communications), West Virginia Wesleyan (MFA Poetry), and West Virginia University (MA Journalism).

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Long Bio

Crystal Good @**cgoodwoman**, she/her/hers, is a poet and performer finally in recovery from many karmic lessons.

She is a Libra stellium who applies her passion and communication skills to develop new opportunities and seek solutions while making her art - *a living experience*.

Crystal claims the “Docent of Appalachia” moniker on CNN’s United Shades of America with [comedian and host W. Kamau Bell](#), where she served as a consulting producer and a feature for the United Shades Of America “Black in Appalachia” episode. Additionally, she’s working on several film projects, including the documentary series “Dear Appalachia” with Ashley York, which was selected for The Film Independent + CNN Original Series Docuseries Intensive.

She is the publisher of [Black By God The West Virginian](#), a news and storytelling organization centering Black voices in the Mountain State that she founded in 2020.

Crystal holds the completely made-up but totally-real office of [Social Media Senator for the Digital District Of West Virginia](#), whose platform encourages digital/political literacy and imagination.

She walks in the June Jordan quote, *“Like a lot of Black women, I have had to invent the power my freedom requires..”*

As a 6th generation West Virginian, she is often cited as an "Appalachian thought leader" and [President Trump's Supreme Court nominee dissenter](#).

Her work as a poet and writer seeks to combat the erasure of African American identity in the Appalachian region.

Audiences say Crystal has a recognizable voice, natural presence, humor, and magnetic professionalism. She has performed at the [Kennedy Center](#) and opened the [Berlin Jazz Festival](#) while touring with the award-winning *Heroes are Gang Leaders*, an avant-garde jazz band. Additionally, she appears on two critically acclaimed jazz albums, [Flukum](#) and Artificial

Happiness Button.

Her poetry has been featured in the West Virginia episode of *Parts Unknown* with Anthony Bourdain and the award-winning documentary, “Hillbilly: The Movie,” two TedX’s (Lewisburg, WV, and Corbin, KY), numerous universities, colleges, coffee shops, festivals, Waffle Houses, and living rooms.

She is the author of *Valley Girl*, her self-published poetry book that the Huffington Post claimed, “...a beguiling read, at once bold, disarming, plucky and feisty.” Her second poetry collection, *Marking My Territory* available on crystalgood.life.

She is a graduate of West Virginia State University (BA Communications), West Virginia Wesleyan (MFA Poetry), and West Virginia University (MA Journalism).

Crystal finds that living in Appalachia’s heart allows for unique isolation and a connected community that fosters creativity from a uniquely American voice.

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