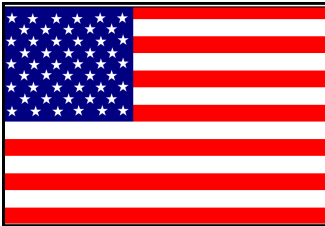


Important Dates
Mark Your Calendars

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania is to continuously improve business opportunities for African American businesses and professionals throughout the region. Guided by the core values of equity in opportunity, economic advancement, self-sufficiency and entrepreneurial excellence, we will seek to advance economic parity by ensuring full participation.

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December 2021
This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA

Your Chamber has welcomed 43 new Members since January!

The African American Chamber office continues to remain open as we gradually reopen our offices fully. We will continue to respond to you, disseminating information to keep you informed. You may always call the Chamber at 412-392-0610 and we will get right back to you!

Recordings Available

Recordings of our Chamber workshops are available. To request a copy, email your request to: information@aaccwp.com

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor Penguins Members Tracey McCants Lewis, Delvina Morrow and the procurement team for an informative interactive workshop on becoming an approved supplier of goods and services with The Pittsburgh Penguins, ASM Global, and Aramark. **AND** a special thanks to the Pens for providing game tickets for our Chamber Members.

Special thanks to Dr. Audrey Murrell/Professor of Business Administration at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of

Business and GSPIA. Dr. Murrell delivered a very concise and useful workshop on the benefits of an Inclusion Hybrid Workplace. *Great Job!*

Your Chamber's first on-site Annual Business Luncheon since the pandemic shut-down was a success. More than 200 Members and guests were on hand to hear an encouraging and informative presentation from our Guest Speaker UPMC President and CEO Leslie Davis. Thanks as well to our sponsors and volunteers for helping make this another very successful Business Luncheon!

PowerBreakfast Meeting

January 21st
7:30 a.m.
Rivers Club
Guest Speaker
County Executive
Rich Fitzgerald

Join us as we welcome the County Executive who will share some insight into what we may expect for Allegheny County in 2022. RSVP by 12/19 @ 412-392-0610.

Members' Orientation

January 25th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Virtual Workshop

Join new Members and existing Members to learn about how this organized body operates and the

benefits of being a member of the African American Chamber. RSVP @ information@aaccwp.com

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission
Government Contracting Webinar
January 26th
11:00 a.m.

We will welcome guest Presenter Faith Collins of the Commission for this interactive session. Plan to join us. RSVP at information@aaccwp.com

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship opportunities are available for one or more of your Chamber's Business Institute events. For information on sponsoring a Chamber event call us at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: information@aaccwp.com.

Members' News & Events

Arts 'Til 8
At The Carnegie
Thursdays

5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Explore the galleries at Carnegie Museum of Art for 50% off admission. Explore all of the exciting things to do at the four Carnegies @: carnegiemuseums.org

Now thru February 14th
Marisol and Warhol
Take New York

This exhibit features key loans of Marisol's work from major global collections, along with iconic works and rarely seen films and

archival materials from The Warhol's collection. Get exhibit dates and times at: warhol.org/museum-admission

The Pittsburgh Region is 'Getting Ready'

Ready Pittsburgh is a resource from **Member Pittsburgh Regional Alliance** designed to help regional businesses reopen by offering advice, direction, guidance and practices in one place. Learn more at: readypittsburgh@pittsburghregion.org

Now Thru April 24th Carnegie Science Center POMPEII: THE EXHIBITION

Experience the exhibit and artifacts of the eruption itself in an immersive 4D eruption theater. Learn more at: carnegiesciencecenter.org/exhibits

December 9th The Pittsburgh Business Times presents

Workforce Development Preparing for the Jobs of the Future

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Webinar

Sponsored by Citizens

Join a panel of experts including **Member Katherine Kellerman/Port Authority of Allegheny County** as they discuss work initiatives for the jobs of the future. Register at: pittsburghbusinesstimes.com/events

December 14th Pittsburgh Black Elected Officials Coalition Utility & Technology Community Career Fair

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 7120 Kelly St., Pgh. 15208

For more information call 412-204-7029 or register at: pbeocareerfair.eventbrite.com

January 12th -13th The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents

'That Golden Girls Show!' Byham Theater 8:00 PM |

Come and enjoy the parodies classic Golden Girls moments – with puppets! *Vaccinations and masks are*

required for all events through March 31, 2022. Learn more about events presented by the Cultural Trust at: trustarts.org

Classes Begin January 18th CCAC Tuition Assistance

Member CCAC's Respiratory Therapy Associate of Science Degree program is teaming up with UPMC to bring more skilled respiratory therapists to the region. Participants will receive tuition assistance of \$6,000, as well as paid work opportunities while completing the program and a guaranteed job at UPMC upon successful completion. Classes begin January 18th. For more information contact Richard Laurent: r Laurent@ccac.edu or 412.237.2704; or Clinical Director Jason Trautman at jtrautman@ccac.edu or 412.237.2665.

FYI

The sale of **Member Pittsburgh Penguins** to Fenway Sports Group comes with a sale price expected at between \$650M and \$900M.

Member UPMC is on track to open the new Vision and Rehabilitation Tower next to UPMC Mercy in the Spring of 2023.

The passing of the federal infrastructure legislation could mean money for expanding the East Busway, widening Bates Street in Oakland and resolving **Member ALCOSAN's** stormwater management issues.

The Commonwealth's Independent Fiscal Office has released its Five Year Economic and Budget Outlook Report, View the Report @: dingo.telicon.com/PA/library/2021

DID YOU KNOW

Allegheny County Has Opportunities For MBEs, WBEs and DBEs

The Allegheny County MWDDBE Program provides maximum opportunities for minority, women and disadvantaged business enterprises to participate in county contracts. Learn more

at: alleghenycounty.us/equity-inclusion

SBA COVID Disaster Loans

The SBA has updated guidance regarding applicant deadlines for the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. The SBA will accept and review reconsideration and appeal requests for COVID EIDL applications received on or before December 31.

Visit www.sba.gov/eidl

ALSO - the SBA Lender Relations Team will discuss the EIDL program on Thursday, December 9th, 12:30 - 1:30. Join the conversation at COVID-sb.org.

Careers / Employment

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is seeking an Event Sales Manager and Event Sales Supervisor.

Qualified candidates should email a cover letter and resume to: hr@phipps.conservatory.org or mail to Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Human Resources Department, One Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. No telephone calls, please.

Duquesne Light Company is seeking an Associate Level 1 for Procurement & Supply Chain at the new Manchester Facility. Learn more about this position and others at: duquesnelight.com/company/about/careers

Allegheny Conference on Community Development is seeking a Business Investment Manager, Full-time; (Office & Remote). Send resume & cover letter to: www.alleghenyconference.org/about/careers-with-the-conference

COVID UPDATE Reforge Downtown

Member Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership presents a monthly report measuring neighborhood activity to track the reactivation of Downtown following the COVID-19 pandemic. Take a look at the numbers in this informative report at: pdp@downtownpittsburgh.co

CONGRATULATIONS!

Member Gateway Health on naming Ellen Duffield President and CEO; Gene Barr on retirement and service as President and CEO of **Member the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry** since 2011; Congrats to **Members Highmark, UPMC PNC, BNY, Giant Eagle, KeyBank and PPG** on the Pittsburgh Promise Executive Scholars Class of 2021!

KUDOS!

The Richard King Mellon Foundation is investing in **Member University of Pittsburgh** with a \$100M gift - *the largest in the foundation's history!*

In The News

Pittsburgh Business Times BRIDGE 2: 'CAP Park Opens To Link Neighborhoods; Park will connect downtown to the Hill District.'; **VIEWPOINT: Member Sabrina Saunders/President and CEO, Vibrant Pittsburgh featured: It's important that businesses start listening; Member Petra Mitchell featured in Guest Viewpoint; Keeping your supply chain resilient.**

Welcome New Members

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