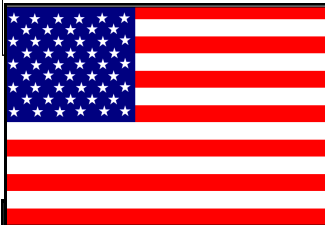


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- October 16th - Advanced Techniques for Using Microsoft Word
- October 18th - PowerBreakfast
- October 30th - Advanced Technologies for Using Microsoft Excel
- November 8th - PowerBreakfast
- Members' News & Events
- Welcome New Members



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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October 2024

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

Your Chamber has welcomed **29** new Members this year; 5 new Members in September and 11 membership renewals last month!

UPCOMING ELECTION

Monday, October 21st is the last day to register for the **November 5th** Election. Find out how to register at: vote.gov

YOUR INQUIRIES

Questions regarding programming, special events, membership, or general inquiries should be directed to our Chamber President Barāta Bey at: barata@aaccwp.com

Thanks to the City of Pittsburgh's procurement team for doing an excellent job explaining the process of building relationships with the city, and detailing the procurement process.

Thanks to the Honorable Lt. Governor Austin Davis for an informative update on current activities and a candid look at the economic health of our Commonwealth.

The Honorable Senator Wayne Fontana addressed Members during September's virtual workshop. Thanks to Senator Fontana for an in-depth update on current Senate activity and the

strategic role he performs in representing Western PA's 42nd District.

Thanks to Erie Insurance for a great How To Do Business virtual workshop explaining the process of building relationships and the procedures of doing business.

October 16th
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
The Business Institute and The University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center
present
Advanced Techniques for Using Microsoft Word & Microsoft PowerPoint

This first of two webinars is designed to teach you some advanced techniques for using Microsoft Word and Microsoft PowerPoint. Jonny Gamble, Management Consultant at the University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center will provide examples and hands on information and conduct a question-and-answer session to resolve those questions you have encountered. Sponsored by Comcast Business. RSVP by October 14th at 412-392-0610 or at information@aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting
October 18th
7:30 pm
Rivers Club
One Oxford Center

Downtown

Join us as we welcome Kendra Whitlock Ingram, President and CEO Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. It's an exciting time in Pittsburgh's Cultural District! As the Cultural Trust celebrates 40 years. The non-profit arts organization is working with civic leaders on a bold, aspirational plan to revitalize downtown. RSVP by October 16th at 412-392-0610 or at information@aaccwp.com

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Join us as we welcome Senator Jay Costa. He will

update us on his plan for seeking additional funding for K-12 education, higher education and pre-school, and goals and plans for 2025 if re-elected. RSVP by Nov.6th at 412-392-0610 or at information@aaccwp.com

Put Your Business "In The Spotlight"

Learn more about this opportunity to showcase your business by sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute Program. Sponsorships are available for the upcoming Fall and Winter seasons. Learn more at 412-392-0610 or email us at: information@aaccwp.com

Share Your Good News

Your Chamber wants to share your 'Good News'. Has there been a major development at your company, are your sales up, are you expanding? Email your 'Good News' to barata@aaccwp.com or: information@aaccwp.com.

Members Event

October 19th The Josh Gibson Foundation Presents

**The
2024 Gala
"From Legend to Legacy"**
Wyndham Grand
Downtown Pittsburgh
Join Member Sean Gibson and the Josh Gibson Foundation for this celebration of legend Josh Gibson. For ticket and sponsorship information go to: <https://www.joshgibson.org/gala2024>

Now thru October 24th BNY Mellon Presents Jazz Live

**Tuesdays 5PM - 7PM
The Lounge
Greer Cabaret
655 Penn Avenue
Downtown**

Learn more at: trustarts.org
Presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in partnership

with MCG Jazz.

October 26th & 27th Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Presents Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™

For the first time ever, audiences can rediscover the magic of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ while a live symphony orchestra performs Nicholas Hooper's unforgettable score and Harry Potter™ soars across the big screen in high-definition. For tickets go to: pittsburghsymphony.org

STAY CURRENT, BE PREPARED AND READY TO DO BUSINESS!

New, existing and upcoming supplier diversity opportunities are a certification away. Check your certifications and stay current and prepared for the next opportunity!

Diversity Certification Types

-MBE/Certification of Minority-owned Businesses (Pennsylvania - DBE Certification Management System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-WBE/Certification for Women-owned Businesses (Pennsylvania - DBE Certification Management System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-MWBE/Certification for Minority & Women-owned Business Enterprise (Pennsylvania - DBE Certification Management System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-DBE/Certification for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (Pennsylvania - DBE Certification Management System) Go to: paucp.dbesystem.com

-WBENC/Women's Business Enterprise National Council; Go to: www.wbenc.org

-NMSDC/National Minority Supplier Diversity Council; Go to: www.nmsdc.org

-EMSDC/Eastern Minority Supplier Diversity Council; Go to: emsdc.org

-DGS/Pennsylvania's Department of General Services; Go to: dgs.pa.gov

-City of Pittsburgh; Go to: pittsburghpa.gov

-Allegheny County; Go to: www.alleghenycounty.us

**YOUR CHAMBER'S
WEBSITE HAS
"A FRESH NEW LOOK"**
Check it out and let us know what you think.

Go to: aaccwp.com.
Send your feedback to: information@aaccwp.com

PROPERTY TAX REBATES AVAILABLE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR!

Department of Revenue rebates on property taxes and rent paid in 2023 **ARE STILL AVAILABLE.** Application deadline is December 2024. Learn more at: pa.gov

FYI

Member Warner Macklin has been appointed to the Harris/Walz National Advisory Committee for Small Business & Entrepreneurship.

DID YOU KNOW

Member Visit Pittsburgh has a full list of things to do in the 'Burg from peaking your interests to exciting your taste buds. Learn more at: visitpittsburgh.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our CEO on being named a Distinguished Daughter of PA! Member Janis Burley Wilson and the August Wilson African American Cultural Center on celebrating their 15th Anniversary.

Congratulations New Pittsburgh Courier "Men of Excellence" honorees Robert Cherry, Chuck Durham, Lance Harrell, Majestic Lane, James Myers Jr, Morton Stanfield Jr, Wendell Wade Jr.; Congratulations to Gregory Jordan on retirement from PNC, ACH Clear Pathways for a successful Hill District Arts Festival! and congratulations to our Chamber President Barāta A. Bey being honored by the Josh Gibson Foundation for his work as a Community Development Officer and Business Development.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER INTERNSHIPS OPEN NOW

Member Duquesne Light offers summer internships that are full-time, paid, and run from May-August. Learn more at: career4.successfactors.com

In The News

New Pittsburgh Courier
Member Rev. Dale Snyder on voting in the upcoming election.

Pittsburgh Business Times
Members Bank of America is planning to open a branch in U.S. Steel Tower, and Citizens is opening new offices in Four Gateway Center.

New Members

Regular Members

Keenan Holmes
Ebony Law

Robert Lucas
Ark Transport LLC

Adeola Ogunro
The Armoire by Adeola

Daniel Sullivan
NexTier Bank

Gennifer Washington
G. Washington LLC

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