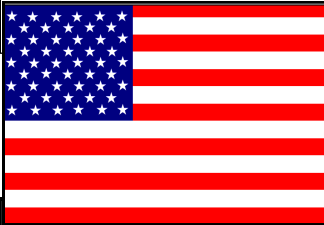


Important Dates  
Mark Your Calendars

- **Annual Business Luncheon — December 12th**
- **Members' News & Events**
- **Welcome New Members**
- **Office Closed: December 24th - January 1st**



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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**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](mailto:barata@aaccwp.com) or: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com).

Your Chamber welcomed **32** new Members this year

**New Website**

Logon to our new website and enter your credentials for the members only section: a special feature for you. Our online introduction was helpful to many of you. Any questions, contact us at: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com).

questions answered, one-on-one. Thanks to our sponsor Comcast Business

Kendra Whitlock Ingram, President and CEO/ Pittsburgh Cultural Trust did an excellent presentation at our PowerBreakfast.

Members and guests heard about the Trust's plan to work with civic leaders to revitalize downtown as the Cultural Trust celebrates 40 years. Thanks and congratulations!

**Members Events**

**BNY presents**

**JazzLive on Tuesdays**  
**November & December**  
**5 PM—7 PM**  
**The Lounge**

**Greer Cabaret Theater**  
**655 Penn Ave., Downtown**

Enjoy an enchanting evening of jazz every Tuesday where you can enjoy incredible performances while savoring delicious food and drinks options. This season a diverse range of jazz legends will be presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in partnership with MCG Jazz. Don't miss this opportunity to immerse yourself in Pittsburgh's vibrant jazz scene!

**November 12:** Mark Strickland Quartet

**November 19:** Dave Budway & Ron Affif

**November 26:** Reggie Watkins Presents Thomas Schinabeck.

All performances are *free!*

The full lineup is at: [trustarts.org](http://trustarts.org)

**JP Morgan Chase presents Community**

Any questions regarding programming, special events, membership, or general inquiries should be directed to our Chamber President Barāta Bey at: [barata@aaccwp.com](mailto:barata@aaccwp.com)

Kudos to the team from Erie Insurance for doing a great job of reviewing and explaining the Erie's Insurance's procedures on doing business, and beginning the process of building relationships.

Special thanks to Jonny Gamble from The Small Business Development Center/University of Pittsburgh for a great two-part workshop on Advanced Techniques for Using Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Outlook. The two webinars were informative, and our members had the opportunity to get their

**Annual Business Luncheon**  
**Thursday, December 12th**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**Omni William Penn**  
**Guest Speaker:**  
**Ken Gormley, President**  
**Duquesne University**

Your invitation has been Mailed: Mark your calendars for this annual event. This year's sponsors include Gold Sponsor Highmark Health; Silver Sponsors Allegheny County Economic Development, and Gift Sponsor Pennsylvania American Water.

**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 winter and spring seasons. Learn more at 412-392-0610 or email us at:

**Financial Literacy**  
**November 16th**  
**8:30 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Hosanna House**  
**807 Wallace Ave.**  
**Wilkinsburg**

Member Chase Bank will host the first of its kind community financial literacy event here in Pittsburgh. Come meet our team of experts from: wealth management, business banking, home lending and consumer banking. Learn how to meet your financial goals. Register at: <https://lnkd.in/gMUJM65u>

**The Heinz History Center**  
**presents**  
**The African American**  
**Program**

The African American Program is dedicated to the preservation, dissemination, and interpretation of the life, history, and culture of Africans and African Americans in Western Pennsylvania. Learn more about exhibits and events at the History Center. Go to: [heinzhistorycenter.org/research/african-american-program](http://heinzhistorycenter.org/research/african-american-program)

**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!

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**Certifications**

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

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

**-MWBE/Certification for**  
**Minority & Women-owned**  
**Business Enterprise**  
(Pennsylvania - DBE

Certification Management System) Go to: [paucp.dbesystem.com](http://paucp.dbesystem.com)

**-DBE/Certification for**  
**Disadvantaged Business**  
**Enterprise (Pennsylvania - DBE**  
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**System) Go to:** [paucp.dbesystem.com](http://paucp.dbesystem.com)

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**-EMSDC/Eastern Minority**  
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**to:** [emsd.org](http://emsd.org)

**-DGS/Pennsylvania's**  
**Department of General**  
**Services; Go to:** [dgs.pa.gov](http://dgs.pa.gov)

**-City of Pittsburgh; Go to:**  
[pittsburghpa.gov](http://pittsburghpa.gov)

**-Allegheny County; Go to:**  
[www.alleghenycounty.us](http://www.alleghenycounty.us)

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**DEADLINE APPROACHING**  
**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](http://pa.gov)

**FYI**

**PWSA** is now Pittsburgh Water. The new name and branding will be incorporated into customers' December bills and other assets, such as vehicles and manhole covers, will be updated over time.

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

**DID YOU KNOW**  
**Partners Launch Vision for**  
**Future Neighborhood for All**

**in Downtown Pittsburgh**  
**Together,** Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh launched a comprehensive vision to reimagine downtown Pittsburgh over the next 10 years. Pittsburgh's IndexPGH is a centralized platform where residents, employees, visitors and employers can access real-time data on downtown Pittsburgh's vibrancy, economy, cleanliness and more. Learn more at [IndexPGH.com](http://IndexPGH.com)

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](http://visitpittsburgh.com)

Pennsylvania's top insurance providers are fighting a massive turf war and good drivers are cashing in. Drivers who are currently insured, drive less than 50 miles/day, and have no tickets in 3 years can grab deep discounts on car insurance.

Even better, if you're a safe driver, some car insurance companies will stack on even greater discounts. It makes sense, safe drivers deserve to pay less in car insurance. The discounts are out there, but only if you look for them. Drivers can save up to 50% on their car insurance premiums just by being a 'good driver'. This is especially true if you've been with your same insurance provider for the last several years. Learn more at: [Bindright.com](http://Bindright.com)

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations **Members** Pittsburgh Cultural Trust on 40 years; Rob Cherry and Partner4work for their partnership anniversary with PIT2Work to advance African Americans building careers in Trade; Rod Doss for receiving the Mayor's Distinguished Lifetime

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

Member University of Pittsburgh is seeking to fill the following positions:  
-Director of Employee and Labor Relations;  
-HERL Grants and Contracts Specialist IV;  
-Clinical Research Coordinator II;  
-Manager Student Employment;  
-Executive Director of Assessment and Data Analytics.  
For more information on these positions, email Andrea Horton-Merikli at: [adh194@pitt.edu](mailto:adh194@pitt.edu)

**SUMMER INTERNSHIPS**  
**OPEN NOW**

Member Duquesne Light offers summer internships that are full-time, paid, and run from May-August, 2025. Learn more at: [career4.successfactors.com](http://career4.successfactors.com)

**In The News**  
**New Pittsburgh Courier**  
Q&A with Carlos Carter on Black Maternal Health; Congratulations to Member Tammy Thompson & Mary Hester for Black Excellence in Real Estate.

**Pittsburgh Business Times**  
Member UPMC's new partnership with GoHealth; Member Carnegie Mellon University on their grant for a new AI Research Center; Member Pitt Ohio ranked in the top 20 Logistics/Trucking/Transportation Firms.

**New Members**  
**Regular Members**  
Patricia Christian  
Apple Caregiving Agency, LLC

**Associate Members**  
Lachelle Bell  
Catapult Greater Pittsburgh

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