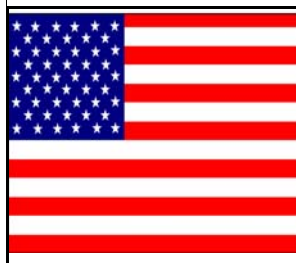


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MISSION STATEMENT

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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May 14, 2008 11:00 AM Members Annual Meeting
12:00 Noon Luncheon
Omni William Penn Hotel
University of Pittsburgh
Chancellor Mark Nordenberg had surgery as a result of a fall & will not be able to address us at the luncheon. We are pleased to announce that the Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs, Robert Hill, will be the guest speaker. We look forward to you attending the Members' Meeting at 11:00 when we elect officers & present new programs for the upcoming year.

May 22, 2008
5:00 — 7:00 PM
Networking Mixer
New NEED Offices
Warner Centre
We invite you to join us at the organization's new offices. Member Sylvester Pace will share with us the expanded services & capabilities for NEED's college-bound students.

June 18, 2008
5:00 — 7:00 PM
Networking Mixer
Mt. Washington

Join us to welcome our new members & network on one of several balconies overlooking the city's most spectacular view.

PowerBreakfast
June 19, 2008
7:30 AM Rivers Club
Stephen Bland
President & CEO
Port Authority of Allegheny County

Our Associate Member will update us on the state of transportation in the county & the North Shore Connector project.

June 26, 2008
8:00 PM
Isaac Hayes With The
Pittsburgh Symphony
Orchestra
Heinz Hall

Tickets \$21.50 & Up
Your Chamber is one of the Community Partners that will benefit from the event's ticket proceeds. Go to www.pittsburghsymphony.org, or call 412-392-4900. **Use symphony code 6897.**

May 15, 2008
12 Noon — 1:30 PM
YWCA Tribute To Women
Westin Convention Center Hotel

You still have time to purchase your tickets for this truly special event by calling 412-255-1237. Don't forget: The Silent Auction begins at 11:00.

May 8 - 18, 2008 **West Side Story**

The Byham Theater is the site for this musical that Leonard Bernstein took to new heights; it's the Broadway classic love story of Tony & Maria, based on Romeo & Juliet. Call 412-539-0900 for tickets (\$10 - 39.50). This is a part of Pittsburgh's Musical Theater.

May 9, 2008
5:30 — 9:00 PM
All-City Arts Showcase
Public Reception & Awards Ceremony
[Manchester Craftsmen's Guild](http://ManchesterCraftsmen's Guild)

Celebrate the creative accomplishments of our schools' young artists. The evening includes an awards presentation, refreshments & a performance by the high-school honors choir & jazz ensemble. Admission is Free!

May 10 — 11, 2008
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Glass Flower Making
for Mom & the Family
Pittsburgh Glass Center

This is something special for Mother's Day weekend: Make your own glass flower at Pittsburgh Glass Center. This "Make-It-Now" workshop is an opportunity to try glass making in 30 minutes or less in their state-of-the-art studios. No registration, but call ahead (412-365-2145).

May 16, 2008
8:30 AM — 3:30 PM
Eighth Annual Smart Growth Conference
Omni William Penn Hotel
Registration \$40
 A continental breakfast & lunch is included. The guest speaker will be Christopher Leinberger. Call 412-258-6643 for details.

May 23, 2008
12 Noon — 1:30 PM
32nd Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon & Trade Show
(10:00 AM — 12 Noon)
Trade Show & Networking
Sheraton Station Square Hotel
Keynote Speaker:
Dennis Yablonsky
PA Secretary of Community & Economic Development
 Join Associate Member Carl Knoblock for what will be an informative luncheon. Register at: <http://www.alleghenyconference.org/SBALuncheon08.asp>.

June 5, 2008
8:00 AM — 5:00 PM
Duquesne University's 10th Annual Entrepreneur's Growth Conference
 Associate Member Dr.

Mary McKinney looks forward to having you participate. Go to www.egc.duq.edu for more information & to register.

The Forbes Funds has moved their Research Conference date from October to February 5, 2009. Save the date!

Member Ron Porter, Chairman of Propel School, informed us they are seeking an Accounting Manager to supervise the accounting staff & related activities. Duties include the preparation of financial statements & other duties, as assigned. Knowledge of commonly-used financial concepts, practices, & procedures within a school district is required. A 4-year college degree in Accounting or Business or 1-3 years experience in the field, or in a related area, is acceptable. The salary range is \$40k - \$55k. Send a resume & cover letter to:

Ms. Michelle Hughson
 Propel Schools
 24 S. 18th Street
 Pittsburgh, PA 15203

CONGRATULATIONS
Members featured in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:

Member Neil Barclay on his grant for the August Wilson Center from the Alcoa Foundation. The NAACP on their partnership with Duquesne University's Law School to resolve their large number of discrimination cases.

Corporate Supporter Point Park University on

hosting a successful "Starmakers Gala."

Presidential Roundtable Member Jeffrey Romoff (UPMC) on accepting the award for Performing Arts Partnership & Achievement.

Associate Member LaRoche College on their successful 3rd Annual Founders Gala.

The following were honored as History Makers at the Westin Convention Center Hotel by Associate Member Andy Masich: Presidential Roundtable Member Jim Rohr, Corporate Sponsor Bill Strickland, & Associate Member Esther Barazzone.

Members featured in the New Pittsburgh Courier:

Presidential Roundtable Member Morgan O'Brien for Duquesne Light hosting the African-American Leadership Awards Ceremony.

Member Charles Toran, recognized for the success of SCI-TEK Environmental Services Co. Associate Member Dr. Stephen Thomas & The Center for Minority Health held its 6th Annual Celebration for Booker T. Washington National Negro Health Improvement Week.

Seton Hill University's E-Magnify Program on their 11th Annual 'Building a World Class Business' Conference. Associate Member YWCA on the successful graduation ceremony for YW Enterprising Women.

Associate Member WQED on partnering to launch Bermuda's first

community TV station.

Members featured in the Pittsburgh Business Times:

Corporate Supporter Point Park University on the purchase of the YMCA building on the Boulevard of the Allies.

Associate Members Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh and Senator John Heinz History Center ranked #4 & #5, respectively, among the 25 Largest Pittsburgh-Area Museums. Supporting Member Society for Contemporary Craft ranked #7 & Associate member Frick Art & Historical Museum ranked #9. Member Rhonda Carson Leach on her feature article about her firm, SAVVY Consulting. Member Mel Pirchesky's firm, Eagle Ventures, was ranked #19 among the Pittsburgh-Area's largest Venture Capital/Private Equity Firms. Below are members who won at the Diamond Awards: Richard Piancentini (Phipps Conservatory): Non-profit winner, & the Small/Medium company winners were Joyce Bender (Bender Consulting) & Georgia Berner (Berner International Corp).

Welcome New Members:

Regular Members

Phyllis Comer
 Comer Educational Consulting Services

Wendell Wade
 PNC Bank

Associate Members

Reverend
Nathaniel Colvin
 Bethel African Methodist