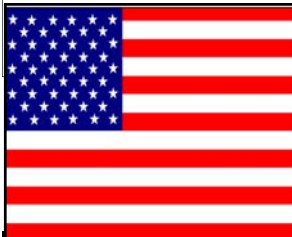


**Dates for your Calendar**

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RMUniversity
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- ◆ 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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**January 2013**

**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters, & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of W. Pa.**

**HERE'S TO 2013: A YEAR  
OF PROSPERITY**

Thank you to all who attended our Annual Business Luncheon. Dennis Yablonsky/Allegheny Conference gave a compelling presentation on all of us working together.

**PowerBreakfast**

**January 18th - 7:30 AM  
Rivers Club  
ALCOSAN**

**Sponsored by: AECOM**

Join us as we welcome Arletta Scott Williams, the Executive Director of ALCOSAN, who will present the environment opportunities for the 83 counties they serve. RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**Open House**

**January 22nd  
12 Noon - 4 PM**

Your Chamber has a new home, & we want you to see it. Join us for refreshments & a tour. Please RSVP @ 412-392-0610.

**Soul Food Junkies**

**January 23rd  
5 PM - 7 PM  
WQED**

**4802 Fifth Ave.**

This highly acclaimed film on Soul Food & its

impact on our lives is worth seeing: there is no cost & open to the public.

**Members Mixer**

**January 29th  
5 PM - 7 PM  
Heinz History Center  
"From Slavery to Freedom"**

Your Chamber is a co-sponsor of this outstanding exhibit that explores over 250 years of African American History. RSVP by the 25th.

**The Marcellus Shale  
Workforce & Business  
Development**

**January 31st  
9 AM - 11:30 AM  
Koppers Building  
436 Seventh Ave.  
9th Floor - Grant Rm.  
8:30 AM Registration**

This workshop is designed for business owners & non-profits engaged in workforce development. Speakers include Peter Speaks/ Special Counsel to Senator Vincent Hughes, Blue Jenkins, Senior VP /EQT, Kristine Kirk Pres/ Community Wealth Builders Joy Ruff/Marcellus Shale Coalition, Nick Nichols/ WPMSSDC, & testimonials

from firms awarded contracts by EQT. The focus will be on compliance, supply chain & preparation of vendors & suppliers.

**PowerBreakfast**

**February 15th - 7:30 AM  
Rivers Club**

**Robert Morris University**

Their procurement Team will present doing Business With RMU & their past performance with minority business.

**Members Orientation**

**February 19th 11:30 AM**

This 2 hour program is for new & existing members to learn the value of being part of an organized body; the benefits & opportunities. Boxed Lunch is included.

**January 30th  
Business Boot Camp  
8:30 AM - 11 AM**

**Hill House Association  
Kaufmann Center  
1835 Center Ave.**

"Understanding the Financial Condition of Your Business"

Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence, in partnership with your Chamber, will present this workshop: a valuable session regardless the years in business. Register at 412-392-0610.

**Now thru  
January 27th**

**The Warhol Presents**  
**Jeremy Kost's**  
**Photo Exhibit**

**'Friends with Benefits'**  
go to [Warhol.org](http://Warhol.org) for tickets, or call 412-237-8300.

**Now thru**  
**February 15th**  
**August Wilson Center**  
**The Nazi Olympics:**  
**Berlin 1936**

This moving exhibition is here on loan from the Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC. RSVP @ 412-421-1500.

**January 24th - 7 PM**  
**Sean Jones Presents:**  
**Duets - Sean & the DJ**

August Wilson Center  
Downtown

**Positions Open**

**President/CEO**

**NEED**, a nationally recognized college access program is seeking an experienced President/CEO Send cover letter, resume & salary history to Susan Egmont @: [segmont@egmontassociates.com](mailto:segmont@egmontassociates.com)

**WQED**  
**Special Events/**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**

This position supports the Development & Membership Department by executing logistics for corporate events. Send resume & cover letter with salary requirements to: [careers@wqed.org](mailto:careers@wqed.org)

**Volunteers Wanted**

NOBLE, (the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Execs) needs volunteers for their August 3-7 Training Conference & Exhibition at the Convention Center For more info, go to [www.noblepittsburgh.org](http://www.noblepittsburgh.org)

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**Diversity Management**  
**Certification**

The Pittsburgh YWCA Center for Race & Gender Equity & Cornell University's Industrial & Labor Relations School are collaborating to offer Cornell's Diversity & Inclusion Certificate & its Advanced Practitioner Certification in Pittsburgh in February 2013. Registration is open: get more info @ [www.ilr.cornell.edu/hcd/certificates/dm](http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/hcd/certificates/dm).

**Marcellus on**  
**Main Street**

Your Chamber's participation entitles you to a free membership to this online directory, connecting the natural gas industry to local vendors. Go to: [www.marcellusonmainstreet.org](http://www.marcellusonmainstreet.org).

**FY\$**

Construction of the Tower at PNC Plaza is expected to create 2,500 construction jobs: in 2013 projects will be posted & companies will have the opportunity to bid.

**Did You Know**

Councilman Ricky Burgess received approval to create a city Department of Equal Opportunity that will collect & report inclusion plans for minorities & women on city contracts.

The number of Tuskegee Airmen from the Hill District is 22, the largest # of Airmen from within the City.

**Congratulations!**

**Members** Cecelia Jenkins/Pittsburgh

Community Services Celebrating 25 Years of Existence; Esther Bush/Urban League on setting a fundraising record \$394K at the Ronald H. Brown Leadership Awards Gala; Carnegie Museum on a \$300K Challenge Grant for the Teenie Harris Collection; Robert Foley/Fifth Third Bank given the Pittsburgh Community Services Corporate Award; Mark Peterson/Bridgeway Capital on their new Erie office, now operating in 15 counties in PA; Double Tree by Hilton Hotel & Suites named one of the best places to work; Jared Cohon/CMU & your President honored @ the Urban League Gala.

**In the News**

**New Pittsburgh Courier**

**Members** Bill Thompson/Le Maison Du Paix at the Fall Fashion Fantasy & Jazz Performance; Kimberly Slater-Wood/Penguins elected Trustee of the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial set to be built in Sewickley Cemetery; Rod Doss @ the Red Ribbon Gala; K. Chase Patterson/Corporate Diversity Associates & Marvin Carolina/Carolina Insurance Agency in "Out & About"; Evan Frazier/Highmark @ Your Chamber's Business Luncheon with Guest Speaker Dennis Yablonsky pinned by Chamber Board Chair Samuel Stephenson; & a special presentation by your Chamber to Rev. Dr. Harold Lewis.

**Pittsburgh**  
**Post-Gazette**

**Member** National Organization of Black Law

Enforcement Executives NOBLE) featured with new Pittsburgh chapter President Gregory Rogers, Jared Cohon/CMU & your President honored at the Urban League's Ronald H. Brown Leadership Awards Gala.

**Pittsburgh**  
**Business Times**

**Members** Ruth Byrd-Smith/Allegheny County, Susan Baker Shipley/Huntington Bank, Errolene Williams/Duquesne Univ., Petra Mitchell/Catalyst Connection, & Presidential Roundtable Member David Porges/EQT honored in the Pittsburgh Business Times 2012 Winners Circle; Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh on "Immigration Essential for Business"; Eustace Uku/Exico featured in the article, Diversity Works" & Mel Pirchesky/Eagle Ventures featured: "Pirchesky marks milestone in private equity investing".

**New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Ilesha Thomas**  
Primerica

**Supporting Members**

**Kristin Schmaeling**  
PA CareerLink Pittsburgh/Allegheny County

**A schedule of all programs & events is emailed to members each Monday & Thursday. Check your emails & follow your Chamber on Facebook & Twitter @ aaccwp.com**

