

# Pittsburgh Women History Makers

## Getting Blacks in business

Doris Carson Williams heads the second-largest minority chamber in the United States. She became executive director in 1998, when the chamber first established an office and president and CEO in 1999. In 2009, she was appointed by VisitPittsburgh to serve as co-chair of the Pittsburgh G-20 Summit. Since opening the office, she has put the organization on the map, increasing members from 28 to 500 and expanding business programs and services. The group is vital to Black-owned companies looking to gain access to decision-makers and growth in the region. With a background of expanding business operations for major institutions, Williams is committed to the region. Her



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community activities include board positions with the Western Pa. School for the Blind, the University of Pittsburgh's Institute of Politics, VisitPittsburgh, Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority and the Highmark Foundation.

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