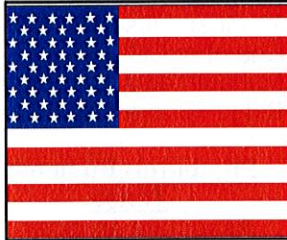


Important Dates

- ◆ Members Mixer 9/13
- ◆ Media Workshop 9/14
- ◆ PowerBreakfast Mtg 9/15 on ALCOSAN
- ◆ Vibrant Pittsburgh Regional Economic Inclusion Summit
- ◆ Members' 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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into a living environment of plants & paintings. This exhibit is open to the public!

Members' Mixer September 13th

Supporting Member **Don Kortlandt/Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation** will once again host the Chamber & guests at his home on Mount Washington, overlooking the three rivers. Come, network, bring your business cards, & enjoy the spectacular view.

"Using The Media Effectively"

**September 14th
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**

**Koppers Building
436 Seventh Avenue
*New Conference Room
Center—Lower Level*
H. White Room #4**

Our panel of media experts will explain the impact of using TV and newspaper to promote your business.

PowerBreakfast Meeting

**September 15th
7:30 AM**

**Rivers Club
Oxford Centre
Downtown**

Join us as we welcome Chairman Circle Member **Arletta Scott Williams**, Executive Director of ALCOSAN. She will discuss the many

opportunities available for businesses of all sizes & specialties at ALCOSAN. Come learn about current & upcoming projects.

Our digital archive collection has been successfully migrated to the new Digital Library platform at the University of Pittsburgh, providing enhanced capabilities to review our historical information. You can access the archives thru our website, or go to: <http://digital2library.pitt.edu/collection/african-american-chamber-commerce-western-pennsylvania>. Enjoy!

Like to Host a Mixer

If your company or organization would like to host a Chamber Mixer, call us at 412-392-0610 to schedule it.

Members Events

**Thru October 15th
The Frick Pittsburgh
Respiration Paintings**

This exhibit shows the works of nationally recognized artist **Elise Adibi**, who transformed the Frick Greenhouse

Thru December 31st Carnegie Museum of Art Presents

**20/20: The Studio
Museum in Harlem &
Carnegie Museum of Art**

This special exhibit represents an institutional collaboration that highlights 40 artists; 20 from each collection spanning 100 years of Contemporary Art & Black Culture. To learn more, go to: cmoa.org.

August 4th - 6th EQT

**Three Rivers Regatta
Point State Park**

Enjoy three fun filled days with the family at the Pittsburgh Regatta. For a schedule of all the events, go to: yougottaregatta.org

August 7th Young Entrepreneur Scholarship Golf Outing

**Honoring the Legacy
of Milton Washington
Fox Chapel Golf Club
7:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

Member **Valarie Cofield** & the Eastern Minority Supplier Development Council are counting on you to

help make this outing truly special. The day includes a Golf Clinic, full day of play, dinner, private auction, & more. Your Chamber CEO is the Honorary Chair. For more info, go to: www.emsdc.org.

**August 17th
Handshakes &
Headshots
A Networking Mixer
with a Purpose
Jay Verno Studio
3030 Jane Street
Southside**

Meet with other young professionals from the community when Young Black Pittsburgh salutes their ambassadors & the entire community! Learn more at: yngblkpgh.com

**September 11th & 12th
Vibrant Pittsburgh
presents
The Inaugural
Regional Economic
Inclusion Summit
'Inspiring, Attracting
and Retaining Talent'
David L. Lawrence
Convention Center
Downtown**

Join Associate Member Melanie Harrington & the region's CEOs, executives, and high-potential professionals of color for this two-day event. For more information contact Lora McKnight @ 412-281-8600. Learn more at vibrantpittsburgh.org.

**Women
Business Owners**
Chatham University has opened a 3,000 sq. ft. Entrepreneurship Hub for women business owners & makers, located at Chatham's East-side Campus. For more info, visit chatham.edu.

Employment

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development is seeking an Investor Relations Manager to provide important managerial and tactical support to its Investor Relations and Corporate Relations teams. For more info on this & other positions, go to: alleghenyconference.org.

Did You Know

Your Chamber recently hosted students from the Oasis Project (the community and economic development division of Bible Center Church in Pittsburgh). The group of students were from Hill House, Home Schoolers, Westinghouse CyberSchool, Taylor Allerdice, & Obama. 12 students and 2 adults toured the Chamber offices & learned about our operations. They also received a great welcome from the Koppers Building Management.

FYI

Did you know that the Pittsburgh-based space company Astrobotics is teaming up with United Launch Alliance for a rocket ride to the moon in 2019.

Pennsylvania ranks 2nd in natural gas production for the fourth consecutive year.

Sheree Anne Kelly has been named the new President & CEO of the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives;

The State of PA has created an opportunity for employers to train new & existing employees

through the WEDnetPA program. Advanced Technology training & Essential Skills training are available to qualified in-state businesses, as well as out-of-state firms relocating to PA — with funding accessed thru WEDnetPA & made available by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Companies can apply online and select any WEDnetPA partner — including State System universities, community colleges, and other educational providers. Companies can benefit from a wide range of training; go to: www.wednetpa.com

Congratulations

Associate Member Bill Generett has been named Vice President for Community Engagement at Duquesne University (beginning September 1st); Member Kathi Elliott joins the Chatham Board of Trustees; Member Lance Hyde/EQT has been promoted to Diversity Manager; Janis Burley Wilson is the new CEO of August Wilson Center on African American Culture; Corporate Sponsor Reed Smith & Associate Member Urban Innovation21 on providing \$1M in free legal help to small firms; Associate Member Susan Mellon/President Carlow University on receiving a \$500K Grant for Workforce Development.

**New Pittsburgh
Courier**

Member David

Hopkins/Primary Care Health Services featured in the Business Section: On a mission; Member Darryl Ford Williams, & your president attending the Northeasterns National Convention.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Member Darryl Ford Williams/WQED & your Chamber President attending the WHAM Big Ideas Celebration hosted by the Jewish Women's Foundation; Associate Member Jesse McClean & Chamber COO Keeshia Muhammad at the Presley Ridge Fundraising Event.

**Pittsburgh Business
Times**

Associate Member Guhan Venkatu on his promotion to return to the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank in November; Associate Member Dennis Yablonsky/CEO/ Allegheny Conference on Community Development announcing he is stepping down as at the end of the year.

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The Chamber is truly saddened by the loss of our friend and Member Constance Parker, former President of the Pittsburgh NAACP.

New Members

Regular Members
Christian Hughes
Drafting Dreams

Associate Member
Jerome Jackson
Operation Better Block

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