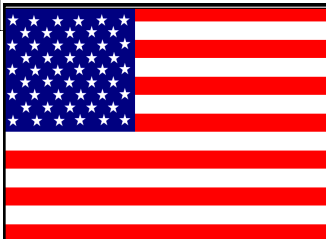


Important Dates

- ◆ **20th Anniversary Celebration** October 9th
- ◆ **PowerBreakfast** October 19th
- ◆ **Members' Mixer** October 30th
- ◆ **Annual Business Luncheon** December 6th
- ◆ **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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'Celebrating 20 Years of Service'

October 2018

This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for members, supporters & sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA
October is Local Chamber of Commerce Month

Now ranked the 9th largest Chamber in Western PA, we are proud to be celebrating 20 Years of Service.

Thanks to Associate Member Vice President and General Manager Jodi Rennie/Turner Construction Company and her team for a great presentation on upcoming projects and Turner's procurement process.

Thanks to Corporate Sponsor Dr. Quintin Bullock, President, CCAC for an excellent presentation on the college, and opportunities to do business with CCAC.

Thanks to Associate Member Kim Fitzgerald, Principal and Chief Administrative Officer. Members and guests were welcomed to a great mixer and tour of the Urban Pathways K-5 College Charter School.

Chamber's 20th Anniversary Celebration
Tuesday, October 9th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Rivers Club

This special reception is being held, celebrating our 20 Years of Service! The founding members & past officers will be in attendance as we thank

them, honor our history while recognizing our growth now ranked as the 9th largest chamber in the region! You don't want to miss this milestone event. RSVP by October 8th.

International Networking Business Event
Wednesday October 17th
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hard Rock Café
230 W. Station Square
South Side

Join your Chamber & 10 other multicultural organizations as we collaborate on a networking mixer. Bring lots of business cards and be ready to make valuable new connections. Register at: www.internationalmixer.org.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Friday, October 19th
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
One Oxford Centre

Join us as we welcome Associate Member, Audrey Russo/Pittsburgh Technology Council, who will update us on activities at the Council and how you can engage with their organization to gain access to various opportunities in the tech field. RSVP by October 17th.

Members' Mixer
Tuesday, October 30th
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fifth Avenue Place
120 Fifth Ave.

Join us as we are hosted by Associate Member Cara Ciminillo/Trying Together. Bring your business cards, wear your membership pin and work the arcade. RSVP by October 26th.

SAVE THE DATE

Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon
Sponsored by EQT
Thursday, December 6th
12:00 PM—1:30 PM
Omni William Penn Hotel
Grand Ballroom
530 William Penn Place

Members' Events

Now thru October 31st
The Frick Pittsburgh Driving the Disenfranchised: The Automobile's Role in Women's Suffrage
7227 Reynolds Street
Pittsburgh 15208

This interesting piece of history is on display in the Car and Carriage Museum. Learn more about what's on display at The Frick @:THEFRICKPITTSBURGH.ORG.

Friday, October 5th
ATHENA and Young Professional Awards Luncheon

11:00 AM—1:30 PM
Westin Convention Center

This annual event is one you don't want to miss. For more info, send an email to: athena@alleghenyconfere

ce.org .

**October 6th, 9th, 12th & 14th
The Pittsburgh Opera
Presents
'Madama Butterfly'
Benedum Center
7th St. & Penn Ave.
Downtown Cultural District**

Associate Member Christopher Hahn encourages you to see Puccini's 'Madame Butterfly' — the heartbreaking story of love, betrayal and sacrifice. Tickets on sale now. Go to: pghopera.org/tickets

**Saturday, October 13th
Manchester Academic
Charter School
20th Anniversary Celebration**

**5:30 PM
Heinz Field
100 Art Rooney Ave.
North Side**

Associate Member Vasilios Scoumis is planning a big celebration for their 20th year of educating children. For more information call 412-322-0585.

**URA
Micro Enterprise Loans**

The Urban Redevelopment Authority has introduced a micro loan program for businesses located within the City of Pittsburgh. Loans range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. For more information contact Lynnette Morris at 412-255-6547.

Congratulations

Presidential Roundtable Member Cynthia Hundorfean/Allegheny Health Network on the Allegheny Health Network's Gala; **Associate Member** Kevin McMahon/Pittsburgh Cultural Trust on the Gala for the Cultural Trust; **Member** Edina Walton-Greene/Edina Style Accessories will celebrate a Grand Opening at her location at Fifth Avenue Place, October 12th from Noon to 2:00 PM; **Corporate Sponsor** Clifford Rowe/PJ Dick-Trumbull-Lindy Paving on being named Board Chairman; **Presidential Roundtable Member** Chancellor

Patrick Gallagher/University of Pittsburgh has named Hari Sastry CFO and Senior Vice Chancellor; **Associate Member** William Generett, Jr. Esq./Duquesne University on being appointed by Governor Wolf to the board of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority; **Members** Sean Gray/All Star Code and David Motley/MCAPS, LLC for rappelling down the Koppers building in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society; **Associate Member** Lisa Edmonds/Deputy Director/Allegheny County M/WDBE Department speaks on engagement of firms at their Open House; **Member** Toni Silva/Senior Director Supplier Diversity-UPMC participated.

Did You Know

Governor Tom Wolf has officially declared October 2018 as "Local Chamber of Commerce Month" in Pennsylvania.

Associate Member Bridgeway Capital awarded \$1.75M from the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund to invest in communities left behind. \$1 million is for loans to African American-owned businesses; and \$750K is for enterprises that aim to increase access to healthy foods in communities lacking fresh grocery options. Bridgeway was one of only 14 organizations across the country to receive an award under this initiative.

Presidential Roundtable Member Allegheny Health Network is building a 160-bed hospital in Pine Township as part of its nearly \$1B expansion plan, including neighborhood hospitals & renovation of existing facilities throughout Western PA.

Healthcare competition is crossing the line - West Virginia University Medicine plans to expand into the Keystone State with a primary and specialty

care facility opening in Waynesburg, PA next year.

Pittsburgh's 'Tech Talent' is on the rise. The city ranks #4 in the technology talent labor pool among 50 North American cities.

Pittsburgh-based Thread International is working with a \$1.5M grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation to create jobs to help fight unemployment in Homewood while growing an eco-friendly business.

Employment

Port Authority of Allegheny County

Associate Member Katharine Kelleman/Allegheny County Port Authority is seeking a Deputy Chief Operating Officer. Learn more about this position and others at: www.portauthority.org/paac/CompanyInfoProjects/JobOpportunities

Pitt Ohio

Corporate Sponsor, Pitt Ohio has an exciting apprenticeship program for those interested in a career in trucking. Learn more about the Professional Driver Apprenticeship program at: <https://works.pittohio.com/mypittohio/corporate/careers/opportunities/Professional-Driver-Apprenticeship-Program>

**New
Pittsburgh Courier**

The following Members are Honorees for this year's Women of Excellence on October 12th:

Saloam Bey/Credit Power LLC

Victoria A. Gardner/Program to Aid Citizens Enterprise

Bonita Richardson/Community College of Allegheny County

Yasmin Shaheed/Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh

Devon Taliaferro/Big Brothers

Big Sisters of the Greater Pittsburgh Area

**Pittsburgh
Business Times**

Associate Member Melanie Harrington/Vibrant Pittsburgh featured on helping to create a diverse and growing region.

New Members

**Regular Members
Kelly Benson
Innovation Works**

**Ashle Hall
Ashle Taylor's Collection**

**Andrea Robinson
Sugar and Smoke**

**Tonja Smith
Allegheny Community Home Care**

**Darrell Williams, Jr.
WILCO Construction**

**Ronne Wright
Wright Business Systems**

Supporting Members

**Dana Bannon
Pageboy Salon & Boutique**

**Kali Bowman
Cuccaro Plumbing**

**Maura Newell
Beautiful Beast Grooming**

Associate Members

**Sonya Gant
PA CareerLink/United Labor Agency**

**Don't forget: you have until
October 9th to register to
vote!**

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