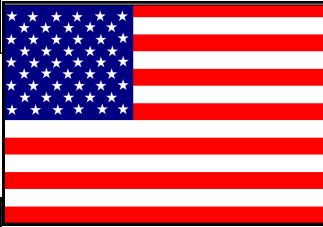


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- September 6th - Power of Capital
- September 15th - PowerBreakfast
- September 20th - How To Do Business
- September 21st - How to Grow Your Business
- September 27th - Into to Government Contracting
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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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**August 2023**

**This monthly newsletter is prepared solely for Members, Supporters & Sponsors of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western PA**

*The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has welcomed **25 New Members in 2023.***

Many thanks to Jonny Gamble, University of Pittsburgh Small Business Development Center for another informative session; this time on Tips and Tricks for using Outlook & PowerPoint. Everyone took away valuable information!!

Your Chamber's 6th Annual Golf Clinic "Tee Up & Network" at Pittsburgh Golf Club in Schenley Park was a success! We welcomed over 50 members and guests including our new Chair, Pittsburgh First Lady Michelle Gainey and PGA Master Professional Anthony Stepney who lead our panel on Golf Etiquette. Many thanks to this year's lead sponsor PNC; Birdie Sponsor, Highmark Health; Breakfast Sponsor - Member Elise Yanders, Luncheon Sponsors - Rivers Casino, Erie Insurance, and Gift Sponsors - Pennsylvania American Water & Manchester Academic Charter School. Special thanks to Sean Gray, the team at Pittsburgh Golf Club, and Top Golf. We're

looking forward to seeing everyone in 2024!

**The Power of Capital**  
**Wednesday**  
**September 6th**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**  
**Webinar**

Join JPMorgan Chase for this informative Webinar on the power of capital and how it relates to your small business.

**PowerBreakfast Meeting**  
**Friday, September 15th**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**One Oxford Center**  
**Downtown**

Join us as we welcome T.J. Bogdewic, President and CEO, Bridgeway Capital. Come hear about the exciting new programs with Bridgeway Capital and the benefits for small businesses and professionals.

**How To Do Business with The City of Pittsburgh**  
**Wednesday**  
**September 20th**  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**  
**Webinar**

Join us as we are updated by the City's procurement team on doing business with the City of Pittsburgh.

**How To Grow Your Business Through Advanced Educational Programs**  
**Thursday, September 21st**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Webinar**

Join us as we welcome Dr. Gretchen Generett, Dean, Duquesne University School of Education. Dr. Generett will discuss options for helping grow your business through the many educational programs available to small business owners & professionals. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to learn how advanced educational programs can help you. Don't miss this!

**Intro to Government Contracting**  
**Wednesday**  
**September 27th**  
**11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**  
**Webinar**

Join us as we welcome Faith Collins/SPC for this introduction to government contracting and what you need to know as a small business owner or professional.

**Sponsorship Opportunities**

Members interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs can learn more about opportunity at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: [information@aaccwp.com](mailto:information@aaccwp.com)

**Members' News & Events**

**There's Something For Everyone This Summer at the Carnegie**

Explore everything that's exciting for all ages. Learn more about the exciting summer events at the Carnegie Museum of

Natural History. Go to:  
[carnegiemn.org](http://carnegiemn.org)

**Coming Soon**  
**"The Pop District"**  
**A Warhol Initiative**

A transformation of Pittsburgh's eastern North Shore through the power of arts, creativity, and economic development — led by The Andy Warhol Museum. Learn more at [thepopdistrict.org](http://thepopdistrict.org)

**Get In The Game at the Heinz History Center Sports Museum**

**Daily**  
**10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Heinz History Center**  
**1212 Smallman St.**  
**Strip District**

The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum tells the stories of Pittsburghers who became champions and champions who became Pittsburghers. Take a look at what's happening at the History Center. Go to: [heinzhistorycenter.org](http://heinzhistorycenter.org)

**Entrepreneurial Fellows Class 2024 Enrollment Now Open**

The University of Pittsburgh Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence EFC is advanced and continued business education to help you reach organizational goals. For information on the program and application process contact Rhonda Carson Leach at [rleach@innovation.pitt.edu](mailto:rleach@innovation.pitt.edu)

**August 19th Pennsylvania Women's Hall of Achievement presents 8th Annual Spirit of the 19th Amendment Award Celebration**

**11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Special Ceremony honoring the late Ruth Byrd-Smith, Founding Member.**

For more information go to: [pawomenshall.org](http://pawomenshall.org)

**September 9th Stop The Violence Pittsburgh 10 Year Anniversary Festival**

**The Frick**  
**7227 Reynolds St.**  
**Point Breeze**

You're invited to bring the entire family for a day of live entertainment, vendors, car and carriage display, speakers and more. Request more information at: [stoptheviolencepgh@yahoo.com](mailto:stoptheviolencepgh@yahoo.com)

**September 16th It's Open House at ALCOSAN**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**3300 Preble Avenue**  
**Northside**

Get ready to be amazed as you explore informative and entertaining exhibits suitable for all ages. A day of fun and education as you learn about the Clean Water Plan, and see the construction of the Treatment Plant. Rain or shine, free and open to the public.

**September 19th through October 8th**  
**Billy Strayhorn: Something to Live For**  
**O'Reilly Theater**  
**621 Penn Avenue**  
**Downtown**

Pittsburgh Public Theater will kick off the season with this new jazz musical featuring the music and lyrics by the late Pittsburgh native Billy Strayhorn. Secure your seats for this exciting premier online at [www.ppt.org](http://www.ppt.org) or call 412-316-1600.

**FYI**

Your Chamber offers members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, and now employers may learn more about Expanding Mental Health Benefits. Visit My Benefit Advisor at: [aacc.mybenefitadvosor.com](http://aacc.mybenefitadvosor.com) or contact Craig Pritts at 800-377-3539.

Member Dunbar, Bender & Zapf is pleased to announce that their new website and logo have launched! Go to: <https://www.dbzinc.com> Their new address is 400 Holiday Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

**Attention Small Businesses**

Stay In Compliance - Check out Resources for Employers at: [dol.gov](http://dol.gov)

**Did You Know**

The number of African American CEOs listed among the nation's Fortune 500 has reached the highest ranking in more than 70 years - eight CEO's including one female!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Members Meredith and Christine Galloway/Sugar x Butter have been selected for the PNC/Steelers Women of Steel Small Business Spotlight 2023! Rhonda Carson Leach and the Team at the Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh, 11 entrepreneurs graduated from the BizFIT/Community Power to Prosper program;

Member Sustainable Pittsburgh has hired Darnell Moses as new Deputy Director; Member NetXperts ranked on Channel Futures MSP 501 as 2023 Top Global Managed Service Provider; Partner4Work has been named anchor organization for the Pittsburgh region White House Talent Hub and will work with providers on local apprenticeship programs, training facilities, hiring initiatives and associated programs; Danielle Parson sworn in as Vice Chair of Governor Shapiro's Advisory Commission on Women; Highmark Foundation has announced the Bright Blue Futures Award program which will allocate awards ranging from \$25K-\$100K to outstanding organizations. Learn more at [www.highmark.com](http://www.highmark.com);

Newsweek has named "America's Greatest Workplaces"; congratulations to our Members named among the 17: Alcoa, Highmark, Highmark Health, Pitt Ohio, PPG, and UPMC CCP.

**KUDOS**

To employers - the unemployment rate for disabled persons decreased by 2.5 percent.

*Member Pittsburgh Foundation has several positions open including Program Associate. Learn about careers at: [thepittsburghfoundaion.org](http://thepittsburghfoundaion.org).*

*Member CCAC is seeking a Director of Community Partnerships and Outreach Initiatives. Learn about this and more career opportunities at: [ccacjobs.com](http://ccacjobs.com)*

*Member Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is seeking applicants for full and part time positions. For more information and to apply go to: [wpcjobs@paconserve.org](mailto:wpcjobs@paconserve.org);*

**In The News**

**Pittsburgh Business Times**  
Members Highmark Health and Adagio featured in *Social Determinants of Health*

**Welcome New Members**

**Regular Members**

**Carlton & Pamela Vreen**  
Make It Home Safe

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