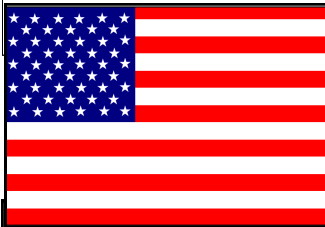


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- **February 17th** - PowerBreakfast Meeting/Mayor Ed Gainey
- **February 22nd** - Office 365 Webinar
- **March 7th** Business Continuation Strategies
- **March 14th** Doing Business with Dept. of Agriculture
- **March 17th** Power-Breakfast with Lt. Governor Austin Davis
- **Members' News & Events**



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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February 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 welcomed four new members in 2023.

Thanks to all who attended our first PowerBreakfast Meeting of the New Year - we had a full house. A special thanks to our Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald whom we welcomed, and had an opportunity to hear about plans as he spends his 12th and final year in office.

Thank you to Member Henderson Brothers on a very informative virtual workshop with useful information on Health and Retirement Benefits.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Friday, February 17th
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
Downtown
Guest Speaker
Pittsburgh Mayor
Ed Gainey

Your Chamber is pleased to welcome Pittsburgh Mayor, the Honorable Ed Gainey who will provide our Members and guests with updates, as well as this year's outlook for the City of Pittsburgh. RSVP by 2/15 at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Microsoft Office 365 Webinar

Wednesday, February 22nd
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Your Chamber is partnering with University of Pittsburgh to bring you a webinar that will teach you how to use Microsoft Office 365. *This is a must attend Webinar!* RSVP by 2/20 at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Sponsorship Opportunities For Members

Sponsorships are available in 2023 for our Members who are interested in sponsoring a Chamber Business Institute program or series of programs. Learn more about this opportunity for your business at 412-392-0610 or email your Chamber office at: information@aaccwp.com

Members' News & Events

Every Tuesday
Now through February 28
BNY Mellon
presents
JazzLive
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust
Liberty Magic
811 Liberty Avenue
Downtown

Winter is the perfect time for jazz! Join the celebration of JazzLive's 20th season comprised of the region's finest jazz musicians including Kenny Blake,

Roger Humphries and more. Experience JazzLive's new winter venue at the Trust's Liberty Magic theater. Get the line-up of performers by calling 412-456-6666.

February 16th
6:00pm - 9:00pm
The August Wilson Center
Presents

Inter Mission
An Artful Happy Hour
Event

Free Admission
980 Liberty Ave.

Downtown
Learn about this and other events for 2023 at awcaac.org

Celebrate
Black History Month
Heinz History Center
The African American program will present several free programs including:

February 15th
From Slavery to Freedom
Film Series: Torchbearers

February 17th
The Black Fives: The Epic
Story of Basketball's
Forgotten Era
with Claude Johnson

Enhance your visit with a free tour. Learn about all the activities at the Heinz History Center this month. The African American Program at the Heinz History Center is dedicated to the preservation, dissemination, and interpretation of the life, history, and culture of Africans and African Americans in Western Pennsylvania. Learn more at: heinzhistorycenter.org

**March 9th
Perk Before Work
With Duolingo!
A Multi-Chamber
Networking Breakfast**

**Hotel Indigo
123 North Highland Ave.
East Liberty
8:30 AM**

Join **Member Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** for this morning networking event. Register now at: pmahcc.wildapricot.org

HACP RFPs

Procurement opportunities are now available at **Member Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh**. Go to: hacp.org/doing-business/procurement

**Bridgeway Capital
Creative Business
Accelerator**

The Creative Business Accelerator program can connect you to resources and solutions that help creative businesses navigate entrepreneurship. Funding from Bridgeway, combined with the Creative Business Accelerator, ensures you have both the capital and entrepreneurial skills needed to succeed. For more information visit: bridgewaycapital.org

**FROM THE
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

The Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is expected to open for the state's 23/24 budget year from April 1, 2023, through COB on June 30, 2023. New guidelines will be posted on DCED's website as soon as they are available. PLEASE READ THE GUIDELINES! Go to: pced.pa.gov

**Enterprise Zone
Tax Credits**

Private companies looking to locate or expand in designated Enterprise Zones can apply under the EZP for a 25% state tax credit on expenses up to \$2 million. There are zones in Altoona, Beaver County, the Mid Mon Valley, and Pittsburgh. Private companies should submit their tax clearance

applications to the Department of Revenue as soon as possible. The electronic link is IN THE GUIDELINES

**FYI
"Smiles in Action"**

Your Chamber has been awarded the 2022 PepsiCo Foundation "Smiles in Action" award which will help support the African American Chamber's general operations. Your Chamber was one of twenty-two 501c3 public charities and organizations across the country to be awarded.

Did You Know

Member VisitPITTSBURGH has released its Final Tourism Reports for the 2022 WPA Juneteenth and Pittsburgh Black Music Festival, both held at Point State Park and Downtown Pittsburgh, on what Our Festival impact had on Pittsburgh Downtown businesses. \$4.4 Million was generated by VisitPITTSBURGH & STVP 2022 Black Music Festival.

**Allegheny Conference on
Community Development**

**"Next Is Now:
A 10-Year Vision of Vitality
for the Pittsburgh Region."**

This report from **Member Allegheny Conference** details the aim to improve the region by focusing on thriving people, quality of place and a strong, inclusive economy. Read the full report at: alleghenyconference.org

CAREERS

Member The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy is seeking a Front Desk Administrator. This position provides clerical support and reports directly to the Executive Assistant. View the full job description at: waterlandlife.org/about-us/careers/job-openings/#front-desk-administrator

Member BNY Mellon is seeking a Global Head of Diversity Recruiting Strategy & Programs, this role is remote. Learn more at: bnymellon.eightfold.ai/careers

Member UPMC is seeking a Senior Systems Analyst, and Systems Analyst. These are full time, work-from-home positions. Learn more about career opportunities at: careers.upmc.com

Member CCAC is seeking an Information Center Representative. This is a full time position with health benefits. Go to: ccac.edu

Member CMU is seeking an Executive Director, Expanded Pathways to Entrepreneurship-Robotics Institute. Learn about this and other career opportunities at: cmu.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Supporting Member Mel Pirchesky received the Scout Reach Lifetime Legacy Award & Corporate Sponsor Dan Onorato served as keynote speaker at the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Awards Dinner. Members Saleem Ghubril/Pittsburgh Promise and Dr. Angela Reynolds received the Ronald H. Brown Leadership Awards at the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh annual Gala Events. **Mr. Chris DeCardy**, newly appointed President at **Member Heinz Endowments**; Chamber President and CEO, **Doris Carson Williams** on her appointment by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland as Chair of the Board; Pittsburgh Public Theater is hiring **Shaunda Miles McDill** as their next Managing Director. **Members Leslie Davis** of UPMC, **Laura Karet** of Giant Eagle, **William Demchak** of PNC, **Cynthia Hundorfean** of AHN, **David Burrett** of US Steel Corporation, **Matt Smith** of Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, **Tim Knavish** of PPG Industries, **David Holmberg** of Highmark Health, **Patrick Gallagher** of University of Pittsburgh, **Farnam Jahanian** of Carnegie Mellon University, **Roy Harvey** of Alcoa, **Michael Huwar** of Peoples Natural Gas, **Dr. Quintin Bullock** of CCAC, **Diane Holder** of UPMC, **Katharine Kelleman** of Pittsburgh Regional Transit,

David Daquelente of Master Builders Association, **Deborah Rice-Johnson** of Highmark, **Stefani Pashman** of Allegheny Conference on Community Development, **Wayne Walters** of Pittsburgh Public Schools, **Dan Onorato** of Highmark, **Kevin Acklin** of the Pittsburgh Penguins, **Kendra Whitlock Ingram** of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, **Audrey Russo** of Pittsburgh Technology Council, **Bill Strickland** of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, **Alicia Harvey-Smith** of Pittsburgh Technical Institute, **Carlos Carter** of Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, **Jeremy Waldrup** of Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, **Joylette Portlock** of Sustainable Finegold of Chatham University, **Donald Green** of Point Park University **Jenn Beer** of Leadership Pittsburgh, **Emmai Alaquiva** of Ya Momz House, and Chamber President and CEO **Doris Carson Williams** for being recognized as the 2023 Pittsburgh Power 100 by the City and State magazine.

In The News

The New Pittsburgh Courier

Austin Davis Makes History; Pennsylvania's First Black Lieutenant Governor.

The Shapiro/Davis Inauguration 1.17.23

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Khamil Bailey
Emerald City Pittsburgh

Derek Chimner
Sewickley Academy

Jaque Haygood
New York Life

Gary White
Fogo De Chao

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