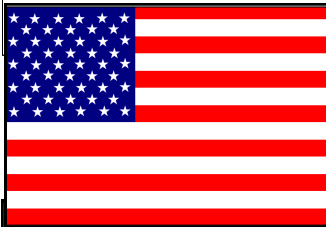


Important Dates

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 20th** - PowerBreakfast Meeting/County Exec Rich Fitzgerald
- **January 26th** - Health & Retirement Benefits Webinar
- **February 8th** - DBE Certification & Outreach Webinar
- **February 17th** - PowerBreakfast Meeting/Mayor Ed Gainey
- **Members' News & 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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January 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 44 new Members in 2022 - one of your Chamber's best membership years!

We are excited about this New Year and what it will mean for our Members; new Members as well as those who have been with us through the years. Your Chamber remains committed to providing the programs and services that will assist in accessing the business opportunities that will make a difference in 2023!

Another Successful Business Luncheon

Your Chamber's Annual Business Luncheon in December was a huge success; many thanks to our Guest Speaker Cynthia Hundorfean, President and CEO Allegheny Health Network, and sponsors: Platinum, AHN/Highmark Health; Silver, Comcast, JP Morgan Chase Company, Pennsylvania American Water, University of Pittsburgh, Bronze, Duquesne University. Always a special thank you to Manchester Bidwell's Drew Mathieson Center for our beautiful orchids! So good to see everyone.

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Friday, January 20th
7:30 AM
Rivers Club
Downtown
Guest Speaker
County Executive
Rich Fitzgerald

Join your Chamber for our first PowerBreakfast Meeting of the New Year. We will welcome Allegheny County Executive, the Honorable Rich Fitzgerald who has now begun his 12th and final year as county executive. We will get a first hand report on what to expect for Allegheny County in 2023.

Health and Retirement Benefits Webinar

presented by Henderson Brothers
Thursday, January 26th
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Join Chamber Members and guests as we welcome Member Henderson Brothers for this much anticipated Webinar. We will learn about the Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICRA) which allows employers to now reimburse employees for the purchase of individual health plans, and so much more that affects our benefits. Sponsored by Comcast Business. RSVP by 1/24 at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Certification & Outreach Webinar

Wednesday, February 8th
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Your Chamber is partnering with the Allegheny County Department of Equity and Inclusion for this Certification and Outreach Webinar with the information you'll want to hear to help grow your business. Learn about participation in county contracts, and becoming certified in the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program. *This is a must attend Webinar!* RSVP by 2/6 at 412-392-0610 or information@aaccwp.com

PowerBreakfast Meeting
Friday, February 17th

7:30 AM
Rivers Club
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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

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.

**January 20th - 22nd
Pittsburgh Symphony**

presents

Mozart & More

**Heinz Hall
Cultural District
Downtown**

Get the full schedule of Member Pittsburgh Symphony's 2023 season at pittsburghsymphony.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

**\$36M Approved for 213 PA
Community Revitalization
Projects**

Communities across the Commonwealth, through the Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP), will share the funds to promote community participation and collaborations among nonprofits, businesses, and residents while producing outcomes that assist a distressed area or the low-income population in a neighborhood. Visit the Department of Community and Economic Development at: dced.pa.gov

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.

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

**PA BUSINESS
RESOURCE GUIDE**

Small businesses launching in PA can find expert information regarding building a business plan, registration, funding advice and more. Download PA's comprehensive business resource guide; [Entrepreneur's Guide: Starting and Growing a Business in Pennsylvania](#).

This e-guide is printer-friendly and eco-friendly! Go to: <https://dced.pa.gov/download/entrepreneurs-guide>

DID YOU KNOW

Harvard University has named Claudine Gay as its 30th President; the first person of color and only the second woman to lead Harvard. Gay takes office in July 2023.

CAREERS

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

Member Rod Doss/New Pittsburgh Courier on another successful Women of Excellence Awards Dinner and Program, and to Member Esther Bush, Legacy Honoree and all of the Awardees; Member Heinz Endowments announced Chris DeCardy has been named its new president beginning in April; Member Kathi Elliott/Gwen's Girls on a successful 7th Annual Equity Summit;

Member Lisa Scales/Greater Pittsburgh Community Food bank has received a \$25,000 contribution from Bank of America; Member Small Business Development Center at the University of Pittsburgh Awarded REPP Member of the Year at Export-Import Bank of the United States 2022 Annual Conference.

KUDOS!

Member Dr. Wayne Walters, Superintendent, Pittsburgh Public Schools on "The Why Behind the What" a new web series featuring Dr. Walters on transparency within the Pittsburgh Public School System. Visit pghschools.org; Member CCAC has received an \$800K grant from the commonwealth to launch the Guns Down, Level Up program, which welcomed its first cohort in September. The program requires CCAC students to participate in free therapy through the Allegheny Health Network [AHN] and meet with a student success coach each week.

In The News

The New Pittsburgh Courier Pittsburgh is reeling from gun violence. A CCAC program aims to break the cycle and create 'a path of prosperity'

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Heather Hopson
Motor Mouth Multimedia

Michael Patillo
Michael's Manna, LLC

Nyna Stokes
Siyafu Global, LLC

Jonathan Wright
Picture it Wright Productions

**Associate Member
Jessica McConnell**
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