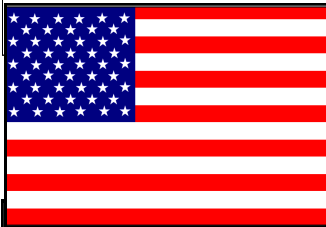


Important Dates
Mark Your Calendars

- September 15th - PowerBreakfast
- September 20th - How To Do Business
- September 21st - How to Grow Your Business
- September 27th - Into to Government Contracting
- 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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September 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 **30 New Members in 2023.***

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

T.J. Bogdewic, President and CEO, Bridgeway Capital presented his new program to assist small and minority businesses and gave a great overview of the program offered by Bridgeway Capital.

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. RSVP at: information@aaccwp.com or call 412-392-0610

How To Grow Your Business Through 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 growing your business through the many educational programs available to small business owners and professionals. RSVP by 9/19 at information@aaccwp.com or call 412-392-0610.

Intro to Government Contracting
Wednesday
September 27th
11:00 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. RSVP at information@aaccwp.com or call 412-392-0610.

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

Members' News & Events

Carnegie Science Center Science on the Road

In-person and virtual assemblies and STEM programs are available to groups and schools. Whether you're looking to engage students in-person

or virtually, Science on the Road has exciting programs designed to support your curriculum while making science FUN for students of all ages!

Learn more at: carnegiesciencecenter.org/groups-and-schools

The Pop District Is Coming

This major new cultural and economic development project, spearheaded by the Andy Warhol Museum, that intends to transform a six-block section of the museum's neighborhood on Pittsburgh's North Shore into a thriving hub for expansive cultural programming, creative workforce development, and ultimately a new and enhanced cultural tourism destination. Learn all about it at: 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

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

**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 18th
Pennsylvania
Manufacturers Association
& the PA Chamber of
Business and Industry
Present
September Monthly
Business Briefing**

10:30 a.m.

"Live on Facebook"
Guest Speaker
Ben Kirshner

Chief Transformation
Officer
Pennsylvania Office of the
Governor

For more information call
412-232-0737.

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 Pittsburgh native Billy Strayhorn. Secure your seats for this exciting premier online at www.ppt.org or call 412-316-1600.

**October 5th
"It's Almost Time"
Peoples Oakland's**

**16th Annual Mental Health
Recovery Gala Benefit,
"Building a Community
of Hope!"**

Your support of this event will allow Member Peoples Oakland to continue providing vital services to Allegheny County residents living with chronic and severe mental illness. Register for the event at www.peoplesoakland.org

**Registration is Open
October 21st
Pittsburgh Step-Out Walk
with the
American Diabetes
Association**

Register now to participate in the walk and learn about sponsorships. Contact Chelsea Musial at: cschaffer@diabetes.org

FYI

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce has introduced its Washington Forward agenda, a collaborative policy road map that is designed to underscore the ongoing significance of economic, workforce and community development priorities in the county.

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.mybenefitadviser.com or contact Craig Pritts at 800-377-3539.

**STAY IN COMPLIANCE
Attention Small Businesses**

Stay In Compliance - Check out Resources for Employers at: dol.gov

The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Treasury recently published mental health parity enforcement guidance, including new proposed rules for compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 ("MHPAEA"). Stay in compliance - learn more at mybenefitadvisor.com/articles/compliance

Did You Know

Utah-based Breeze Airlines will offer a 2nd option for non-stop travel to Los Angeles from Pittsburgh on Mondays and Fridays.

Pittsburgh native and Broadway star Billy Porter is teaming up with Food Network star Rachael Ray to make a bid to purchase the Homewood Coliseum. It's being considered by the URA.

Welcome Lawrence County to Pittsburgh's Metro Region. For the first time since 2003, the Pittsburgh metro has expanded its territory, as the federal government definition of the MSA (Metropolitan Statistical Area) added Lawrence County.

CONGRATULATIONS

New Member Nisha Blackwell/Knotzland (bowties) was the featured guest on National Bowtie Day on KDKA PTL with host Katie O'Malley; **City of Pittsburgh Office of Community Services and Violence Prevention** for a successful "National Night Out" in August; **Alcoa Foundation** on the appointment of **Caroline Rossignol** as the new President; **Member Bridgeway Capital** on the investment in 7800 (Susquehanna) Street, a hub for affordable space for makers, nonprofits, and job training in Homewood; **2023 P3R Rush to Crush Cancer** event raised more than \$600,000 for UPMC Hillman Cancer Center (*828 riders from 20 states joined to cycle more than 16,000 miles*)

KUDOS

Member Karen Wolk Feinstein/Jewish Healthcare Foundation on the Foundation's approval of more than \$1M in grants to support JHF Women's Reproductive Health Emergency Fund, CMU, Presbyterian SeniorCare Network and Allegheny Conference on Community Development.

CAREERS

Member CCAC is seeking an Executive Director of Sponsored Programs – Office of College Services. Learn about this and more career opportunities at: 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;

In The News

Pittsburgh Business Times **Member Pittsburgh Penguins announce SportsNet Pittsburgh. Rebranded network, owned by the Penguins, will be the team's home for regionally televised games.**

Members Christina Cassotis/ Allegheny County Airport Authority and Chris Heck/ Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce featured in *Corridors of Opportunity*

Welcome New Members

Regular Members

Jordan Pratt
Fast and Efficient Services

Associate Members

Don Killmeyer
MS Consultants Inc.

Russell Mills
Federal Reserve Bank of
Cleveland - Pittsburgh Branch

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