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## **Business Professionals Honored at the 6th Annual Pittsburgh Leadership Conference**

On October 22, 2015, the Pennsylvania Diversity Council hosted their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pittsburgh Leadership Conference at the Pittsburgh Marriot City Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The conference consisted of concurrent sessions focusing on best practices and professional development as well as the honoring of business professionals with the Most Powerful and Influential Women Award and the Leadership Excellence Award.



“At the Pittsburgh Leadership Conference, we were able to honor these extraordinary men and women who have taken great strides and risen to the top of their respective organizations,” said Dennis Kennedy, Founder and CEO of the National Diversity Council.

The event began with registration and the Most Powerful and Influential Women Award breakfast. These top business women display exemplary work ethic and have overcome numerous barriers to rise to the top of their organizations. Following the awards breakfast, concurrent sessions were held focusing on best practices and professional development.

During lunch, business executives were honored with the Leadership Excellence Award. Recipients of this award demonstrate leadership excellence while retaining commendable reputations within their industry. Additional concurrent session followed the awards ceremony, followed by the conclusion of the conference.

The Pennsylvania Diversity Council would like to thank all the sponsors, speakers and attendees for helping to make the conference a success.

### **Most Powerful and Influential Women Award Winners**

Esther L. Barazzone, *President, Chatham University*

Allison McGee, *Vice President, Client Services, Health Data Management Solutions*

Dawndra Jones, *Vice President, Patient Care services | Chief Nursing Officer, UPMC McKeesport Hospital, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*

Nancilee Burzachechi, *Director, Governmental & External Affairs | Officer, Open Records, Community College of Allegheny County*



Chrystiane Junqueira, *Vice President, Human Resources, Alcoa Global Primary Products, Pittsburgh*

Lora Dikun, *Senior Vice President, Human Resources & Chief People Officer, Giant Eagle, Inc*

Katharine Fredriksen, *Senior Vice President, Health, Safety & Environmental Affairs, CONSOL Energy, Inc*

Dr. Irene McGee, *Vice President, Health, Safety, Environment & Quality, Covestro LLC*

Carol DiBattiste, *Chief Legal, Privacy, Security & Administrative Officer, Education Management Corpora*

Alicia Powell, *Chief Counsel, Assest Management Group, PNC Financial Services Group, Inc*

Candi Castleberry Singleton, *Founder & Chair, Dignity & Respect Campaign*

### Leadership Excellence Award Winners

Rafeh Masood, *Vice President, Customer Innovation, Dick's Sporting Goods*

Mary Beth Lang, *Vice President, HC Pharmacy & SCM Commercial Services, UPMC*

Yasmin Purohit, *Chief Officer, Diversity & Inclusion, Title IX Coordinator & Professor, Human Resource Management, School of Business, Robert Morris University*

Davie Huddleston, *Senior Manager, Diversity & Inclusion, PNC Financial Services Group*

Kurt Small, *Senior, Vice President, Health Plan Operations, Highmark, Inc.*

Kevin McDonald, *Vice President, Fiber Glass, PPG Industries, Inc.*

Dwight Hanshew, Jr., *Vice President, Global Research & Development Quality*

Elizabeth Woo, *Vice President, Corporate Accounts, Thermo Fisher Scientific*

Ron Lewis, *Director, Global Real Estate & Facilities*

Susan Yohe, *Chief Officer, Diversity & Inclusion, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney, PC*

Jim Dietz, *President, TwoPoint Solutions, Inc.*

Bill Bates, *Vice President, Real Estate, Eat'nPark Hospitality Group, Inc.*

George Pry, *Executive Vice President, Pittsburgh Technical Institute*