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Ms. Rachael Banks  
President

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education is the brainchild of the late Honorable K. Leroy Irvis, but it is also part of his legacy. Our work is the result of seeds he planted but did not live to see the full impact of, but *our work* is also to plant seeds for future generations. Our actions now will determine whether, and to what extent, PBCOHE will exist in five, ten, and even twenty years. We get to choose what we want future PBCOHE to look like,

and then plant those seeds. (I mean, the U.S. Treasury was part of Hamilton's legacy and is still with us today). To be fair, we must also water, weed, harvest, and prepare the soil after each crop; but the work we will do now will shape the future and sustainability for years to come, and so I ask you, "What seeds will you plant? What will your part of this legacy be?"

Over the next two years, we will plant seeds to improve sustainability. We will invest in using technology to modernize our data and records, streamline business processes, and create an intuitive, user-friendly online experience. My priorities include revising the constitution and bylaws to include and support virtual programs, developing opportunities for connection beyond the annual conference and leaning into regional events, and using the three-pronged membership approach, "Grow, engage, reconnect." To that end, I invite you to stay with us, or become active, to

help us do this work of legacy building so that the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education exists for future generations. Join us at the annual retreat on June 17-18, 2022 at Lock Haven University where we will return to in-person engagement, and I will introduce a plan and budget to accomplish these goals.

I am excited to work with you and learn together as we continue the legacy of the late Honorable K. Leroy Irvis and create a more sustainable organization for us all. If there is any way that I can be of service to you, please let me know.

## PBCOHE VISION

The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. (PBCOHE) is an organization made up of African Americans and other underrepresented professionals from the public and private sector, education, business, social services, law, and government agencies that have a deep commitment to improving and ensuring the education of underrepresented students.

PBCOHE focuses on key issues affecting the future of higher education in Pennsylvania and provides input to the various sectors of government, education and community leaders that impact the lives of underrepresented groups at Pennsylvania colleges and universities. In addition to advocating for policies and issues in higher education, PBCOHE provides support and professional development opportunities through its scholarship program, the Annual Conference, the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute (SLDI), the Institute for Educational Management and Leadership (IEmL), and the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education Journal.



# #R.E.A.C.H.- Race, Economics, Academics, COVID-19, and Health: Examining the Impact of Racism on Leaders

## 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual (Virtual) Conference Highlights

April 7 - 8, 2022

By Dr. Chuck A. Baker  
Scholarship Chair

### BUILDING BLACK NARRATIVES: NEWS ANCHOR/REPORTER CHERRI GREGG'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SHAPING THE STORY AROUND THE 2020 RESPONSE TO THE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD AND BEYOND.



The PBCOHE 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference's keynote speaker was WHYY afternoon drive host and news anchor Cherri Gregg. Ms. Gregg is uniquely qualified to address the conference's 'Race, Academics, Economics, Covid-19, and Health' (#REACH) theme. During the summer of 2020, many cities had citizens who were protesting the brutal police response against George Floyd which led to his death on May 25, 2020. Cherri was reporting from the streets during the unrest in Philadelphia. She brought her perspectives to the conference, discussing how the narrative around George Floyd evolved. The initial story- was an African American man tried to pass a counterfeit bill and has a medical emergency and died. But thanks to a brave teen who took out her phone to record the interaction, the world learned that Mr. Floyd was murdered by Minneapolis police. Millions of citizens, traumatized from seeing the murder on tape took to the streets demanding change. After covering the civil unrest, the impact of race during the pandemic and more, Cherri began

looking at how the stories of Black people are told and how the shape, tone and timing of the narrative impacts media perceptions. Cherri Gregg offered her talent during the PBCOHE 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference with her keynote themed: Building Black Narratives: Owning Our Story So We Can Change the World.

### SUPPORTING STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

A central facet of the PBCOHE mission is supporting student learning. Given the costs associated with earning a degree, paying for college and purchasing supplies can put substantial demands upon the scarce resources that many students, and particularly minority students, are confronted with. Tuition, room and board, books, travel and other miscellaneous costs may burden student learning. In our effort to diminish such inconvenience and liberate the student's possibilities of learning, the PBCOHE offers financial assistance in scholarship awards. During the PBCOHE 52<sup>nd</sup> annual conference, the organization awarded 10 scholarships to support student learning. Seven deserving college and three deserving high school students were awarded \$1,000 each to help defray college learning costs. These students, we believe, will be tomorrow's intellectuals and leaders.

This is our raison d'être and mission!

## MEET THE NEW PBCOHE OFFICERS



Ms. Rachael Banks



Dr. Curtis L. Spencer



Ms. Danielle N. Martin



Ms. Amber Reed



Dr. Chuck A. Baker



Mr. Albert Jones



Mrs. Shantia McCoy-Jones



Mr. Donovan Lindsay

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**Ms. Rachael Banks, President** is the Director at Penn State Admissions – Pittsburgh. She has been a member of PBCOHE since 2017, serving as Vice/President-Elect, Western Region Director, Conference Co-Chair, Conference Committee Chair, Conference Workshop Presenter, and on Western Region Conference Planning Committees.

**Dr. Curtis L. Spencer, Vice/President-Elect** is an Instructor and Advisor in the Academic Engagement and Exploratory Studies Department at Shippensburg University of PA. He has been a member of PBCOHE since 2016, serving as Central Region Director, Conference Co-Chair, and on Central Region Conference Planning Committees.

**Ms. Danielle N. Martin, Central Region Director** is the Academic Success Coordinator at Temple University Harrisburg. Danielle was introduced to SLDI at the age of 15 by Mrs. Barbara Thompson and, because of that introduction, she attended the conference while an undergraduate student at Millersville University of PA. Danielle shared that it is an absolute pleasure to serve an organization that gives so much and has fed her soul over the years. She has been a member of PBCOHE since 2015, serving as an SLDI Advisor and Conference Workshop Presenter.

**Ms. Amber Reed, Western Region Director and Marketing Chair** is the Director of Enrollment Management at Penn State University, New Kensington. She has been a member of PBCOHE since 2016, serving on Western Region Conference Planning Committees.

**Dr. Chuck A. Baker, Scholarship Chair** is a Professor of Sociology at Delaware County Community College. He has been a member of PBCOHE since 2003, serving as a Conference Workshop Presenter, Newsletter Contributor, and on Eastern Region Conference Planning Committees.

**Mr. Albert Jones, SLDI Co-Director** is the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer for Lock Haven, Bloomsburg and Mansfield universities. He has been a member of PBCOHE since 2000, serving as President, Central Region Director, SLDI Director, and on Central Region Conference Planning Committees. (See *PBCOHE Spotlight* – pg 5)

**Mrs. Shantia McCoy-Jones, SLDI Co-Director** is a Clinical Nurse Advisor, Pressure Injury Prevention & Management Education & Wound Specialist at the Corp. Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center. Shantia was the first African American to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree (BSN) from Mansfield University of PA - Robert Packer School of Nursing. She is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at Widener University and the 2022 recipient of the Robert D. Lynch Leadership Scholarship. She has been a member of PBCOHE since 1990, serving as Conference Co-Chair, Conference Committee Chair, SLDI Facilities Director, SLDI Logistics Director, and on Eastern Region Conference Planning Committees. (See *PBCOHE Spotlight* – pg 6)

**Mr. Donovan Lindsay, Government Relations Chair** is a Recruitment Sourcing Specialist with Allegis Global Solutions (AGS). He is also the founder of College Knowledge, a business aimed at helping minority, low-income, and first-generation high school students with the beginning stages of their college journey through an engaging platform, and Premiere Career, which is aimed at helping those who want to advance in their careers, or begin a new career, with resumes, cover letters, LinkedIn and mock interviews. He is the former Assistant Director of Admissions at Penn State Altoona and Admissions Counselor at Penn State Harrisburg. He has been a member of PBCOHE since 2019, serving as an SLDI Advisor.

## NAACP ACT-SO COMPETITIONS

The NAACP ACT-SO Competition is held each year and is chaired locally by Mr. Kaaba Brunson, PBCOHE NAACP ACT-SO and Education Policy Chair, along with his daughter and Co-Chair/Virtual Coordinator, Mrs. Damali Brunson-Murray and PBCOHE Central Region Member Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Gadsden of Life Esteem, Inc.

High school students across the country start a journey to sharpen their skills through the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO). From visual arts and business to performing and culinary arts, participants work with community-based volunteers for a year to develop projects and performances. The experience culminates in local and national events where students compete for scholarships and other rewards.

The Greater Harrisburg Area NAACP ACT-SO competition was held virtually on April 23<sup>rd</sup> with over twenty students from nine area high schools competing. The Award Ceremony was held May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg. Gold medalists (those with scores between 95-100 in their category) were invited to compete at the national level.

The following students were awarded Gold Medals and have advanced to compete at the national level:

<b><u>HUMANITIES</u></b>	<b><u>PERFORMING ARTS</u></b>	<b><u>STEM</u></b>
<b>Poetry Written</b> Janice Baldwin – Bishop McDevitt	<b>Music Vocal (Contemporary)</b> Tsion Estifanos – Bishop McDevitt	<b>Medicine and Health</b> Madison Stokes, PA Cyber CS
<b>Short Story</b> Amiliana Rivera – SciTech	<b>Classical Instrumental</b> Angel Gule – Bishop McDevitt	
<b>Original Essay</b> Kaaba Murray – Steel-High	<b>Dance Contemporary</b> Jahree Payne – Milton Hershey	
<b><u>VISUAL ARTS</u></b>		
<b>Photography</b> Geomarys Morales – SciTech	<b>Dance Traditional</b> Tijesuni Ademuwagun – Milton Hershey	
<b>Painting</b> Geomarys Morales – SciTech	<b>Dance Modern</b> Herson Cruz – Milton Hershey	
	<b>Poetry Performance</b> Janice Baldwin – Bishop McDevitt	

The National Competition and Ceremony are held in conjunction with the NAACP National Convention. This year's National Convention will be held on July 14 – 20 in Atlantic City, NJ.

National Medalists receive cash prizes ranging from \$750 - \$2,000, plus certificates, laptop computers, scholarships and special prestigious science awards.

Want more information? Contact Kaaba Brunson at [kaabanjie@verizon.net](mailto:kaabanjie@verizon.net) or visit [hbgactso.org](http://hbgactso.org).





## PBCOHE SHINES THE SPOTLIGHT ON.....



**Dr. John B. Craig**  
Strategic Communications Advisor

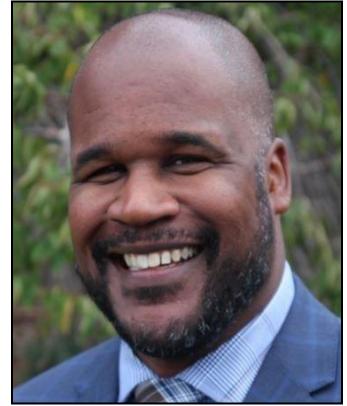
Dr. John B. Craig will assume the role of interim Dean of University College at West Chester University. This appointment is for two years. University College at West Chester University is the home of offices/programs such as: Academic Success Program/ACT 101, Exploratory Studies, Learning Assistance and Resource Center, the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, ROTC, Ram Initiative and the Interdisciplinary Studies and Academic Support Programs faculty department and the Military Science minor and the Sustainability minor. Prior to his appointment as interim Dean, he served as department chair and director of the Academic Success Program/ACT 101.

Dr. Craig is also the editor of the Journal of Access, Retention and Inclusion in Higher Education, which is a scholarly and peer-reviewed publication that has been endorsed by the National Organization for Student Success. It is available on Digital Commons and has been downloaded in over 35 countries and is available in print and online (Print ISSN: 2691-5561) (Online ISSN: 2691-5596). The 2022 volume, which will be available in the fall, will mark the 5<sup>th</sup> volume.

**Mr. Albert Jones**  
SLDI Co-Director

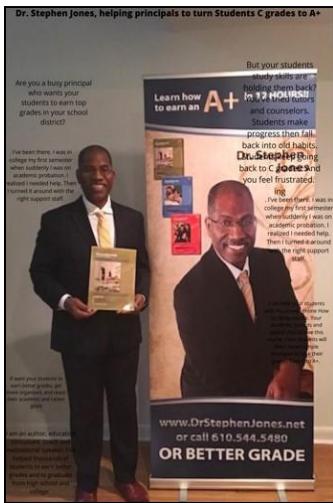
Mr. Albert Jones has been selected to serve as the inaugural Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer (CDEIO) for Lock Haven, Bloomsburg and Mansfield universities.

In his new position, Mr. Jones provides vision, leadership and guidance on a full spectrum of DEI and social justice matters for all three universities and serve as a member of the presidents' cabinets. He also works closely with PASSHE Vice Chancellor and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer Dr. Denise Pearson to advance system-wide DEI efforts aimed at developing and implementing outcomes-based strategies.



Mr. Jones earned his undergraduate degree in Business Management from Lock Haven in 1999 and a master's degree in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix in 2003. After graduation, he returned to Lock Haven as the Director of Human and Cultural Diversity. He later became Assistant to the President for Social Equity in 2003 before transitioning to the role of Associate Director of Human Resources from 2008-2013. Most recently, Mr. Jones was the Human Resources Manager at West Pharmaceutical Services.

Mr. Jones currently serves on the PBCOHE Executive Council as Co-Director of the Robert D. Lynch Student Leadership Development Institute (SLDI). He served as SLDI Director from 2007-2011 and PBCOHE President from 2011-2013.



## Dr. Stephen A. Jones Eastern Region Director

Dr. Stephen Jones is the author of a wonderful workbook "Seven Secrets of How to Study." Please consider it for your next summer bridge or precollege program. He believes that students can achieve better grades if they are given the right tools to learn how to study. His workbook has shown thousands of students how to study for tests and quizzes, how to overcome test anxiety, poor time management, and an inability to focus. He also has a new online how to study course.

Dr. Jones has reshaped the academic landscape for first generation students whose families lack the preparation to succeed in college. Dr. Jones' book is improving the intellectual capacity and success of America's future college graduates. Visit the website <http://www.DrJonesBooks.com> or contact Dr. Stephen Jones at [Stephenjoness@rcn.com](mailto:Stephenjoness@rcn.com).

## Dr. Anthony Jones Western Region Member

Dr. Anthony Jones was named the first Chief Diversity Officer at Slippery Rock University. As chief diversity officer, Dr. Jones is responsible for working together with the university and community to advance the university's goals in global diversity and inclusion. He also serves as a member of the President's Cabinet.

Dr. Jones has a strong and solid background in diversity and inclusion. Prior to coming to Slippery Rock, he spent the last three years as Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at Thiel College.



Prior to working at Thiel, Dr. Jones served as the Director of Multicultural Student Affairs at Eastern Kentucky University and Director of Multicultural Affairs at Marietta (Ohio) College, where he also advised Black student unions, Latino student associations, international student associations and National Pan-Hellenic councils.

Dr. Jones earned his master's in Student Personnel with a concentration in Counseling and his Doctor of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Eastern Kentucky University.



## Mrs. Shantia McCoy-Jones SLDI Co-Director

Mrs. Shantia McCoy-Jones was selected as a finalist, from hundreds of nominations, in the 2022 Independence Blue Cross **Celebrate Caring** regional campaign. The campaign, in its fourth year, is held in celebration of National Nurses Week (May 6-12) to recognize the bravery, sacrifice, and dedication of nurses in the region.

Mrs. McCoy-Jones is a Wound and Education Specialist at the Corporal Michael Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia and is the VA's leading subject matter expert for pressure injury prevention. She assisted in the development of a mobile app that provides veterans and caregivers timely pressure injury prevention information, management education, and resources, and is currently collaborating

with skin/wound subject matter experts at the VA's National Artificial Intelligence Institute and National Simulation program to develop education and training on topics related to addressing health disparities in assessing darker pigmented skin.

You did it!  
**Congratulations**



## **Dr. Sharon Stringer**

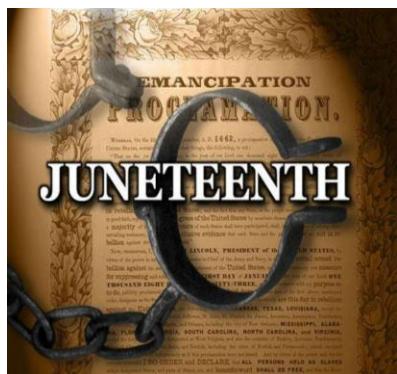
*Professor of Communications  
Lock Haven University of PA*

*The Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. congratulates you on your upcoming retirement. We extend heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your long-term service, support, commitment and dedication to PBCOHE and wish you all the best!*

**JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON CONFIRMED TO SERVE ON THE U.S. SUPREME COURT**

On February 25, 2022 President Joe Biden nominated Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to become the 116<sup>th</sup> Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, replacing Justice Stephen Breyer, who will be retiring at the end of the 2021-22 term.

On April 7, 2022 history was made when the Senate confirmed Judge Jackson's nomination, making her the first black woman Supreme Court Justice.

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AWARDED JOURNEYING TOWARD FREEDOM GRANT**

In April 2022, the Voices Underground, a non-profit organization located in Kennett Square, in partnership with the PA Tourism Office, awarded the inaugural Journeying Toward Freedom grants to seven organizations to support Juneteenth celebrations being held this year across the state.

- Juneteenth Lehigh Valley, Lehigh Valley
- NAACP Johnstown Branch, Johnstown
- Sherman Theater, Monroe County
- Stop The Violence, Pittsburgh
- The Happy Valley Adventure Bureau, State College
- Welcome America Inc., Philadelphia
- Young Professionals of Color, Harrisburg

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It was on June 19, 1865 that the Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free - two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation which had become official January 1, 1863.

In 2019, Governor Tom Wolfe declared June 19 of each year as Juneteenth National Freedom Day in Pennsylvania. President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law on June 17, 2021.

**LINCOLN COLLEGE CLOSES ITS DOORS**

On May 13, 2022, Lincoln College, located in Lincoln, IL, closed its doors for good. The school was founded in 1865 by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and named after President Abraham Lincoln. It would go on to become federally designated as a Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) by the United States Department of Education. The school suffered from a decline in enrollment due to the pandemic and struggled to bounce back after it became victim to a cyberattack in December 2021 that disabled their admissions systems for 3 months. Despite its best efforts, the school was unable to raise the \$50 million needed to keep the doors open.

**INTEGRATED PA STATE SYSTEM SCHOOLS GET NEW NAMES**

On July 1, 2022, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities will become Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania. California, Clarion, and Edinboro universities will become Pennsylvania Western University (PennWest). The new universities will begin enrolling students in August 2022.

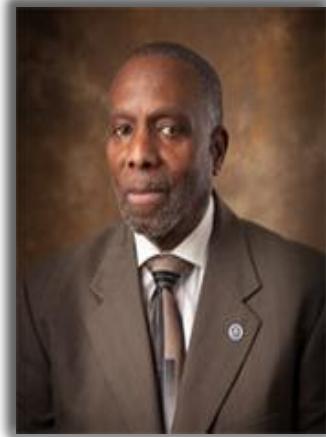
## DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- Cathay Williams was the one and only female Buffalo Soldier, posing as a man named William Cathay to enlist in the 38th infantry in 1866. She served for two years before a doctor discovered that she was a woman, leading to her discharge.
- Both Condoleezza Rice and Martin Luther King, Jr. started college when they were just 15 years old. She studied political science at the University of Denver; he majored in sociology at Morehouse College in Atlanta.
- Black ingenuity helped devise creative — and effective — plans to escape enslavement. In 1848, husband-and-wife team William and Ellen Craft made it to the North, and eventually England, when she dressed as a white man and he posed as one of her slaves. A year later, Henry "Box" Brown literally mailed himself to freedom in a shipping box during a 27-hour trip from Richmond to Philadelphia.
- Liberia was founded and colonized by expatriates. The West African country is one of two sovereign states in the world started as a colony for ex-slaves and marginalized Black people. Sierra Leone is the other.
- Baseball legend Jackie Robinson had an older brother, Matthew Robinson, who was also a star athlete in his own right. He won a silver medal in the 200-yard dash in the 1936 Olympics — coming in second to Jesse Owens.
- Uncle Tom's Cabin is a real place, so to speak. The home of Josiah Henson, whose life is generally believed to have been an inspiration for the novel, has been restored and added to the National Register of Historic Places in North Bethesda, Maryland.
- At age 42, Satchel Paige became the oldest rookie to play Major League Baseball and continued to play until he was 47.
- In 1967, Robert H. Lawrence, Jr. became the first African American to be trained as an astronaut. He unfortunately died in a plane crash during flight training before he could be sent on his first space mission. Sixteen years later, Guion "Guy" Bluford carried on Lawrence's legacy by becoming the first Black man in space.
- Architect Paul Williams mastered the art of drawing upside down so that he could sit across from — not next to — white clients who didn't want to sit side-by-side with a Black person.
- Athletes John Carlos and Tommie Smith made history — and headlines — when they raised their black-gloved fists on the awards stand at the 1968 Olympics. Both also wore Black socks and no shoes on the podium, representing Black poverty in America.



Courtesy of [cafemom.com](http://cafemom.com)

# PBCOHE REMEMBERS...



## Dr. Elmer Haymon, Jr.

Dr. Elmer Haymon, Jr. began his career at CCAC in 2001 and served in several roles, including Senior Vice President for Student and Community Services and CEO of the Allegheny Campus. In 2008, he was appointed as President of Allegheny Campus and Homewood-Brushton Center. He also served on the Board of Directors for Three Rivers Adoption Council (TRAC) and was an active member of the Iota Phi Foundation in Pittsburgh (Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.). He was a long-time supporter and member of PBCOHE for over thirty years. He and his sister, Dr. Francene Haymon Phillips, established the Esther-Jafari Haymon Scholarship in honor and memory of their mother, who supported PBCOHE in its early years and was the first Scholarship Committee chairperson.



## Dr. Francene Haymon Phillips

Dr. Francene Haymon Phillips was a professor emeritus from Slippery Rock University of PA, retiring after 33 years of service. Dr. Haymon Phillips served the PBCOHE for over forty years where she served as President, Think Tank Chair, Business Liaison, Conference Chair, and sat on the Scholarship, IEML Steering, and Annual Conference Planning Committees. She was also a dedicated and active member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Past Pennsylvania Counseling Association (PCA) President Mark Kenney, remembered Dr. Haymon Phillips during the 2020 PCA Virtual Conference: "Francene, we will miss your caring nature, your visionary leadership and your desire to share your gifts and talents with your clients, your colleagues, your community and the counseling profession. We all will continue to strive to "value commitment" by acting on behalf of others who are in need of and benefit from our work as professional counselors."



## Ms. Joanna Williams

Ms. Joanna Williams graduated from John Harris High School and Cheyney University of PA. She retired in 2013 from Penn State Harrisburg as the Assistant Director of Admissions, with 31 years of service. She was a dedicated member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and a long-time member and supporter of PBCOHE, serving on several Central Region Conference Planning Committees. Joanna was a talented and gifted crocheter, often giving her beautiful afghan blankets as gifts or donating them to the PBCOHE Silent Auction to raise money for the Scholarship Fund.

## The Dash Poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears.  
But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth.  
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more,  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May – June

**05/28/22 - 06/26/22**

#### **Crowns – a gospel musical**

Open Stage of Harrisburg, 25 North Court Street, Harrisburg

Check website for performances times

Admission fee: \$30/\$37 Assigned Seating; \$18 – 18 and under

Crowns is the story of a Chicago teenager who, sent to live with her grandmother in South Carolina, finds connection among a community of resilient African American women in their church hats.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.openstagehbg.com/show/crowns>

### June

**06/4/22**

#### **Porch Performance: Meet Harriet Tubman**

Pennypacker Mills, 5 Haldeman Road, Schwenksville

Bring a chair to sit on outdoors. Guided tours of the mansion are available by pre-registration between 10am & 3pm. Tours take approx. 1-hour, last tour at 3pm. Call 610-287-9349. Masks required. All ages; Free, suggested donation \$2/person.

**06/11/22**

#### **Proudly PA!**

Fort Hunter Park, 5300 North Front Street, Harrisburg

Hours of operation: 1:00pm - 8:00pm

Admission fee: \$25 in Advance, \$35 Day of Event; children 12 and under are free

For more information or to purchase tickets visit

[https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/parks\\_and\\_recreation/festivals\\_and\\_special\\_events/proudly\\_pa.php](https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/departments/parks_and_recreation/festivals_and_special_events/proudly_pa.php)

**06/12/22 – 6/19/22**

#### **Young Professionals of Color - Greater Harrisburg Juneteenth Celebration**

A weeklong commemoration of Juneteenth through recreational activities, educational programs, career development and economic impact.

For more information visit <https://ypoc-hbg.org/%23juneteenthhbg>

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/juneteenth-hbg-2022-registration-320861795267>

**06/17/22**

#### **Clarion University of PA 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Juneteenth Celebration**

Gemmell Student Complex Multi-Purpose Room, 840 Wood Street, Clarion

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public

This year's theme is "Together in Service". Guest speaker is Mr. Bill Strickland. Mr. Strickland has earned the MacArthur "Genius" Award for his contributions. He is also author of *Make the Impossible Possible*.

**06/17/22 – 6/18/22**

#### **PBCOHE Retreat (Hybrid)**

Lock Haven University of PA, 401 North Fairview Street, Lock Haven

Time: Friday, June 17, 12:00 noon – Saturday, June 18, 12:00 noon

Open to all members.

Registration fee: \$60 in person, \$20 virtual via Zoom

For more information visit <https://www.pbcuhe.com/annual-retreats.html>

To register online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-pbcuhe-annual-retreat-tickets-342735971517>

**06/17/22 – 6/19/22**

**Chester County Juneteenth Celebration**

The guest speaker is Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University and the author of several books, including *Democracy in Black*. The celebration will also feature a street festival in Kennett Square with unique vendors, vibrant music, delicious food, and drinks from African American breweries and a ticketed barbecue feast.

For more information and to purchase barbecue tickets visit <https://www.vuproject.org/>

**06/17/22 – 6/19/22**

**Western Pennsylvania (WPA) Juneteenth Homecoming Celebration**

Point State Park, 601 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh

Hours of operation: Daily 11:00am - 9:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public

Featuring local and national recording artists, cultural activities, free outdoor events, speakers and vendors.

For more information visit <https://www.wpajuneteenth.com/>

**06/18/22**

**Williamsport Juneteenth – Living Free & Healthy**

Brandon Park, Middle Drive, Williamsport

Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public

The day will start with a Freedom Prayer Vigil and Walk starting at the Freedom Road Cemetery at 9:30am. Events on the stage at the park will run from noon to 4pm. There will be physical fitness intro sessions, yoga, meditation, drumming, food, music, dance, spoken word, and more.

**06/18/22 – 6/19/22**

**Imani Edu-Tainers African Dance Company Juneteenth Weekend Celebration**

The Ware Center, 42 North Prince Street, Lancaster (location for all events)

**Imani's 25th Annual Concert presents: The Calabash: The African Gourd**

Performance date/time: June 18, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Admission fee: Adults \$25 - Seniors & Students (except MU students) \$15 - MU students FREE

**Juneteenth Free Celebration**

Event date/time: June 19, 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public

For more information and to purchase concert tickets visit <http://imaniafricandance.org/>

**06/25/22**

**Women's Expo Dauphin County**

Hershey Lodge, 325 University Drive, Hershey

Hours of operation: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Admission is free and open to the public

The Women's Expo brings together women of all ages to shop, enjoy mini spa treatments, watch demonstrations, learn about products and services, and be entertained. Exhibitors will be on hand representing beauty, home, health and wellness, fashion, nutrition, shopping, finance, technology, and more.

For more information and to register for this free event visit <http://www.agreatwaytospendmyday.com/>

**July**

**07/02/22 - 07/10/22**

**Kutztown Folk Festival**

Kutztown Fairgrounds, 450 Wentz Street, Kutztown

Daily Hours of Operation: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Daily Admission fee: \$16

Featuring 200 folk artists and craftsmen, five stages of entertainment, antique dealers, PA Dutch food, beer and wine, specialty gourmet packaged foods, and tons of kids' stuff!

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.kutztownfestival.com/>

**07/09/22 - 07/10/22**

**Lancaster Roots & Blues Festival**

Multiple indoor venues in downtown Lancaster

Hours of Operation: Check website for venue performances times

Admission fee: General, VIP, Lifetime Membership – Check website for costs

Featuring 50 musical artists at multiple venues 3 blocks apart in downtown Lancaster and an Art Expo in the Lancaster County Convention Center located at the Lancaster Marriott.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://lancasterrootsandblues.com/>

**07/15/22**

**The Commodores**

William Penn Bank Summer Music Fest, Bristol Township Outdoor Amphitheater, 2501 Bath Road, Bristol

Show time: 8:00pm – 10:00pm

Admission fee: General \$45, Premium \$75

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.brtstage.org/shows/the-commodores/>

**07/16/22**

**Russell Tompkins, Jr. & The New Stylistics with Special Guest Eddie Holman**

William Penn Bank Summer Music Fest, Bristol Township Outdoor Amphitheater, 2501 Bath Road, Bristol

Show time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Admission fee: General \$35, Premium \$75

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.brtstage.org/shows/russell-tompkins-jr-the-new-stylistics/>

**July - August**

**07/27/22 - 08/07/22**

**Fences**

Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, DeSales University, 2755 Station Valley Avenue, Center Valley

Hours of operation: Check website for performances times

August Wilson's groundbreaking Pulitzer Prize-winning drama set in 1950s Pittsburgh against the backdrop of a rapidly changing America. Directed by Ryan Quinn.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.pashakespeare.org/shows/fences/>

**August**

**08/05/22 - 08/07/22**

**Erie's Blues & Jazz Festival**

Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park – Labyrinth, 1501 West 6th Street, Erie

Admission fee: FREE - Donations Accepted

Featuring national, regional, local blues and jazz entertainment in a beautiful outdoor, family-friendly setting.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/BluesandJazzFestival/>

**08/19/22 - 08/21/22**

**Celebrate Erie**

Downtown Perry Square/State Street, Erie

Admission fee: FREE

CelebrateErie is a three-day festival designed to bring people together for a regional showcase of all things Erie: local art, food, culture, music and most importantly, the people that make Erie worth celebrating.

For more information visit <https://www.celebrateerie.com/>