



The Pennsylvania Black Conference  
on Higher Education, Inc.

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my hope that you and your family are safe and well during this COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing. PBCOHE has been closely monitoring Pennsylvania's response and speaking with colleagues around the state to forecast next steps. Due to the current sheltering-in-place order, and the financial implication that institutions of higher education are facing across the State, PBCOHE has made the decision to cancel the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference which was to occur June 7-9, 2020 in Pittsburgh at Station Square. PBCOHE will provide a full refund of all conference registration cost upon written request by May 31, 2020. If you wish, your registration can be rolled over to the 2021 Annual Conference.

If you would like your registration refunded, please contact Ms. Karla Roach at [karj6367@aol.com](mailto:karj6367@aol.com). It is important to note that our current online payment system is not set up to reverse charges for registration fees paid by credit card. You will receive your refund in the form of a check. In addition, PBCOHE is extending annual membership for all current members and those with full and one-day conference registrations for the 2020 conference until 2021.

As we continue to journey through this uncharted territory, and return to our campuses, PBCOHE will work to keep you connected through regional engagement in the Fall. It is our hope that you will join us in Harrisburg February 25-27, 2021 for our 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (celebrated during our 51<sup>st</sup> year). The mission of the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education, Inc. is to provide programs and services which help ensure that the post-secondary educational needs and aspirations of African Americans, in particular, are met, and to work in concert with members of other underrepresented groups in the Commonwealth. Our mission is accomplished when we fully utilize our individual and collective talents and resources, and there has been no greater time in our history when we have needed to support one another than now!

As we continue to shelter-in-place, and as we return to our campuses, remember that the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education is here to serve you.

In Your Service,

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