

Get to Know the Speakers

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Pittsburgh is a remarkable city - things to do and places to meet. Find out from these professionals about Pittsburgh's path to becoming a hub for major industries and its environmental renaissance to become a top-10 city for certified green building space.

Victoria Bechtold Kush, Shareholder/Civil Litigation Attorney, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney

With her depth of legal expertise, she teaches “The Legal Environment” at Duquesne University and serves as a legal expert on WPXI's Pittsburgh Cable News Channel (PCNC). In 2018, she was recognized as a Woman of Influence by the Pittsburgh Business Times and one of the “16 Pittsburghers You Should Know” by NEXTPittsburgh. She was also named Woman of Distinction in Government & Law by Girl Scouts Western PA. She provides governance as Board Officer for Girl Scouts Western PA, the St. Thomas More Society (including 2 years as President), and Catholic Charities. She has addressed the Pennsylvania Senate on multiple occasions and has been repeatedly named to Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® Rising Stars. Outside of the courtroom, Victoria is a classically trained soprano, headlining chamber concerts throughout the eastern United States. She has extensive training in voice, piano, violin, theatre, dance and earned a black belt in Tang Soo Do karate. Her greatest joy is her time shared with her husband and their two children.

Larissa Hoover, Laboratory Technician, Cranberry Township Wastewater Treatment Plant

Since starting at the plant 10 years ago, Larissa has developed and taught numerous lab related trainings and has been hosting lab group meetings and is both a member and committee chair for the Western Sections Lab Practices Committee. She maintains the accreditation of the treatment plant's lab, helps strain operators in lab responsibilities and provides ethics training annually. She is a graduate of Kutztown University with a B.S. in Biology.

Melissa Urishko, Vice President and Assistant Regional Manager, Zions Bank Corporate Trust, Pittsburgh

Melissa provides Trustee, Paying Agent, Escrow Agent, and Custodial services to municipal issuers on a variety of complex transactions throughout Pennsylvania and the Northeast region. In addition to over a decade of trust services experience, Melissa also previously worked for the Allegheny County Residential Finance Authority as the Program Manager administering the First Time Homebuyers Program where she monitored a program budget of more than \$30 million. Melissa also has prior experience with a municipal bond underwriting firm as a FINRA licensed public finance investment banker. Melissa is an active member of PMAA, WIN, Ladies First, Women in Public Finance (WPF), and holds her Series 7 and Series 63 licenses.

Crystal Sickles, Director of Communications & Events, Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM)

Crystal joined ALOM in September 2015 and has been working in the nonprofit sector for 15 years. She earned an MPA from the University of Pittsburgh and has spent a decade working in the areas of Community Development, Fundraising, and Communications. At ALOM, Crystal takes the lead on all events planning including ALOM's 3 Signature Events, as well as all communications initiatives and sponsor/vendor relations. Crystal is an avid volunteer in her community of Carnegie where she lives with her fiancé. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Written Professional Communication and Grant Writing. Her hobbies include yoga, hiking and gardening.

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, Executive Director, Women for a Healthy Environment

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis has worked in the non-profit field for 20 years. She is the first executive director of Women for a Healthy Environment (WHE). In this role she leads the organization's education and advocacy activities focusing on prevention of human health illness and disease linked to environmental exposures. Prior to joining WHE, Michelle was director of land protection at Western Pennsylvania Conservancy where she managed the Conservancy's real estate transactions (totaling over \$60 million) and oversaw the conservation of over 49,000 acres of land in the commonwealth.

Jan Oliver, Director of Regional Conveyance, ALCOSAN

Leading the Regional Conveyance Division, Jan oversees management, operation and maintenance of the interceptor systems and sewer service provided to ALCOSAN's 83 municipal customers and development of plans and policies for compliance with regulations related to combined sewer overflows and sanitary sewer overflows.

Beth Dutton, Senior Group Manager, Stormwater, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority (PWSA)

Beth leads PWSA's newest engineering department charged with planning designing, implementing, monitoring and maintaining stormwater management projects. She has collaborated with many engineering firms and with 3 Rivers Wet Weather understanding the value of strong partnerships and persistence in solving water quality challenges. She has an undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Vermont and a Master's Degree in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh.

Stacy Hurt

Stacy is a 20+ year health care executive, a stage 4 colon cancer survivor, and proud mother of two sons, one of whom suffers with profound disabilities and special needs. She is a worldwide patient advocate, promoting accessibility and inclusion for those who are unfairly affected by illness or injury and works as a consultant for pharma/biotech companies and health systems. She graduated from the Pennsylvania State University and holds a Master's in Health Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

Holly McIlwain, Talent Development Partner, Winner Partners

Holly leads the Talent Development platform at Winner Partners. She is an expert in behavior based assessment tools as part of executive coaching and development plans, in addition to leading executive search engagements. As a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach, she works with individuals and organizations to build a better world and sustainable business. She serves as the Human Resources Business Partner for Talent Management at Robert Morris University and is the author of For She Who Leads: Practical Wisdom from a Woman Who Serves. She and her husband are raising two young boys and they reside in the greater Pittsburgh area.