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## Event Guide

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 ■ Acrisure Stadium

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## Event Floor Plan



### Event Locations

1. Registration
2. Networking Breakfast
3. Lunch/Keynote/Executive Panel
4. Day Speakers/Afternoon PPG Panel
5. Networking Space
6. Cocktail Reception
7. Seating Bowl Access

### Hall of Honor Museum Entrance - 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

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# Program

<b>OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>6:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b>	<b>Pre- Event Networking Mixer</b> Hosted at Southern Tier Brewing	
<b>OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup></b> <b>9:00 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Breakfast</b> Welcome Sponsor - Wolf Container	
<b>9:30 AM - 10:00 AM</b>	<b>Neal Rothchild</b> Enterprise Development-International Logistics, Penske	
Presentation Title:	Global Supply Chain & the Impact on the Future of Chemical Markets	
<b>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM</b>	<b>David E. Callahan</b> President, Marcellus Shale Coalition	
Presentation Title:	Water Recycling for Sustainable Energy Production in the Marcellus	
Beverages Sponsored by Schutz Container 		
<b>11:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Andrew Peck</b> Founder and CMO, VAULTe	
Presentation Title:	Energy is Life: The Future of DC Powered Technology Electrification & its Impacts on Business & Communities	
<b>11:30 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Ryan Russell</b> Director, U.S. Commercial Service	
Presentation Title:	International Trade: Leveraging U.S. Competitiveness to Drive Economic Growth and Improve Sustainability in Global Markets	
<b>12:00 PM - 1:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Desserts Sponsored by FBC Chemical Corp.	

<b>KEYNOTE</b> <b>1:00 PM - 1:20 PM</b>	<b>Chris Jahn</b> President and Chief Executive Officer, American Chemistry Council
<b>EXECUTIVE PANEL</b> <b>1:20 PM - 2:15 PM</b>	<b>Chris Jahn</b> President and Chief Executive Officer, American Chemistry Council
	<b>Mark Nikolich</b> CEO, Braskem America
	<b>Samir Hifri</b> President & Chairman, Covestro
	<b>Hilary Mercer</b> Vice President, Marcellus Shell Coalition
	<b>John Thayer</b> SVP Sales & Marketing, NOVA Chemicals
<b>2:15 PM - 2:30 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:30 PM - 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Ravi Srivastava</b> President, New Technologies of CNX Resources Corporation
Presentation Title:	How Corporations Can Increase Profitability While Reducing Emissions
<b>PPG PANEL</b> <b>3:15 PM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Keith Moquin</b> Manager of Strategy, Science & Technology, PPG
	<b>Joe Szul</b> Global Low Temperature Process Design Engineer, PPG
	<b>Nathan Silvernail</b> Global Technology Platform Leader, Mobility, PPG
	<b>Paul Holcomb</b> Research & Development & Resin Plant Manager, Springdale, PPG

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# Keynote Speaker

## Chris Jahn

President & Chief Executive Officer,  
American Chemistry Council



As President and CEO of the American Chemistry Council (ACC), Chris is responsible for driving a pro-growth, science-based public policy agenda that fosters the development of groundbreaking products to improve lives; creates jobs and economic expansion; and enhances public and environmental health and safety.

In 2021, Chris partnered with Harris County officials in Houston to expand an extensive state-of-the-art air monitoring system to continuously track and evaluate air quality. The partnership included a \$1 million donation from ACC's foundation for mobile and stationary monitors.

Under Chris' leadership, in 2020, ACC launched the Future of STEM Scholars Initiative (FOSSI) in partnership with Chemours, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, and HBCU Week Foundation. The program provides scholarships for students pursuing preferred STEM degrees at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In the first two years, FOSSI raised more than \$17 million for over 350 scholars.

Also in 2020, Chris oversaw a strategic review of Responsible Care®, the chemical industry's environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance initiative, resulting in enhancements to the Responsible Care Process Safety Code and Responsible Care Security Code.



Chris joined ACC in 2019 after serving six years as President and CEO of The Fertilizer Institute (TFI), where he advocated for policies and regulations focused on enhancing security, free trade, environmental protection, worker health and safety, and farm bill and conservation programs to promote the use of fertilizer.

Prior to joining TFI in 2013, Chris served as president of the National Association of Chemical Distributors for seven years and president of the Contract Services Association for three years. He began his career on Capitol Hill, including time as chief of staff to U.S. Senator Craig Thomas (R-WY).

Chris earned an MBA from the University of Maryland and holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University in New York.

# Master of Ceremonies

## Bill Flanagan

Chief Corporate Relations Officer,  
Allegheny Conference on  
Community Development



Bill Flanagan serves as Chief Corporate Relations Officer for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its affiliated regional development organizations: The Pennsylvania Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh LLC, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. In this role, Bill guides the development of regional and organizational messaging strategy and supervises Investor Relations activities, including membership development and programming, as well as fundraising.

An experienced broadcast journalist, Bill has told the story of the transformation of the economy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for more than 30-years. He serves as host and producer of "Our Region's Business," a weekly business public affairs program on WPXI-TV in Pittsburgh, PA, the Pittsburgh Cable News Channel (PCNC), and YouTube.

As President of The Pittsburgh G-20 Partnership in 2009, Bill helped to organize the public/private partnership of organizations from across

southwestern Pennsylvania that came together to welcome the world for the Pittsburgh Summit. As Executive Director of Pittsburgh 250, the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the naming of Pittsburgh in 2008, Bill supervised a multi-year, 14-county initiative.

Bill came to work in southwestern Pennsylvania in 1982 as a reporter for KDKA-TV. He served as the station's Money Editor for 13 years and has written about personal finance for The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and KDKA- AM.

Bill serves on the boards of Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc. and Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area.

A graduate of Northwestern University (B.S. Speech), Bill holds a Master's Degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a native of Dover, Delaware.

# Speakers



## Neal Rothchild

### Enterprise Development - International Logistics, Penske

Neal Rothchild is a 25-year logistics professional, serving in the International Freight Forwarding industry.

Mr. Rothchild is distinguished by his vast international knowledge on ocean and air logistics and consummate customer service. Neal is very active in several supply-chain related communities including the CSCMP, ACS, ISM and EACC.

Neal is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati where he studied Physics, and Communications.

Neal resides in West Chester, OH with his wife of +25 years and two children attending Washington University in St Louis and the University of Cincinnati in Ohio.



## David E. Callahan

### President, Marcellus Shale Coalition

David Callahan is president of the Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC), a leading trade association focused on unconventional shale development from the Marcellus and Utica plays. A native Pennsylvanian, Mr. Callahan leads the organization, founded in 2008, representing members engaged in all aspects of natural gas development, including exploration and production, midstream gathering, processing and transportation, as well as the suppliers and contractors who work with the industry.



On behalf of the organization's membership, Mr. Callahan engages with elected officials, regulators, civic leaders, allied business interests and the media to advance responsible shale development, enhance the industry's social license to operate, strengthen our economy and better our shared environment.



## Andrew Peck

### Founder, VAULTe

Andy brings more than 30 years of manufacturing experience, beginning in the retail store fixture and point-of-purchase display industries. He has worked with major national account retailers such as Target Stores, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Burlington Coat Factory, and The Finish Line. His creative vision brought him to Degussa/Evonik (CYRO Industries) where he helped to develop the next generation of impact-resilient acrylic display materials used on the retail sales floor.

The past 9 years have been spent in Energy Technology as founder of VAULTe-GLOBAL where he has been part of the team that has created 4G Networked Electricity: a low voltage direct current eco-system that is now being used to power off-grid villages in Africa.



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## Ryan Russell

**Director, U.S. Commercial Service  
Pittsburgh | U.S. Department of Commerce  
International Trade Administration**

Ryan Russell is the Director of the U.S. Commercial Service Pittsburgh Office, where he has supported local Pennsylvania and U.S. exporters since 2013. Prior to returning to his hometown of Pittsburgh to join the U.S. Commercial Service, Ryan spent nearly 10 years working for the U.S. Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer with assignments in Vietnam, Germany, the United Nations in New York City, and Washington, DC. Ryan has a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Pittsburgh, completed post-graduate work in Freiburg, Germany, and holds a Master's Degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University.



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## Ravi Srivastava

**President, New Technologies of CNX  
Resources Corporation**

Ravi Srivastava has served as the President, New Technologies of CNX Resources Corporation since December 8, 2021. In this role, he is responsible for developing and commercializing emerging technology opportunities. Prior to this role, Mr. Srivastava served as the Vice President of Data Operations overseeing CNX's data and digital transformation journey. He has an extensive tenure with CNX having served in a broad range of leadership roles including Engineering, Research & Development, Drilling and Production Operations, Production Engineering, Information Technology,

and Data Science and Analytics. Mr. Srivastava graduated Summa Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Bluefield State College and holds master's degrees in engineering management and business administration from Penn State University and MIT respectively.



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# Executive Panel



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## Samir Hifri

**President and Chairman, Covestro LLC**

On July 1, 2023, Mr. Samir Hifri became President and Chairman of Covestro LLC. Prior to this, Mr. Hifri was the Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Covestro Hong Kong. In this role, he is also responsible for the Supply Chain & Logistics Center for the Asia Pacific region.

Samir, a US Citizen, holds a degree in International Finance from Duquesne University in the United States and an Executive degree from INSEAD in France.



After initially working in the Investment Banking industry, Samir joined Bayer in 1998 in the U.S as a management trainee. In 2003, he transferred to Bayer's headquarters in Germany as Global Product Manager. Following a 3 year assignment in Germany, Samir was appointed as Director of NAFTA Product Management located in Pittsburgh, USA.



## Mark Nikolich

**CEO, Braskem America**

Mark Nikolich is the Executive Vice President for Braskem's North America business unit based in Philadelphia, PA. His business unit is responsible for the manufacturing and marketing of Polypropylene, Polyethylene, and the UTEC specialty polyethylene brand. Mark has built a career in the Petrochemicals and Polyolefins industry over the past 34 years with leadership roles at Braskem and the heritage companies of Sunoco, Inc., Epsilon, and LyondellBasell.



Mark has led several M&A transitions through the years serving in key transformational roles through Braskem's acquisition of Sunoco Chemicals in 2010, and after the acquisition of Dow's polypropylene business in 2011, Mark established and built Braskem's European operations. Upon returning to the US in 2014, he led Braskem's US Polypropylene business before assuming responsibility for the North American business unit. Mark currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Braskem/Idesa joint venture in Mexico.

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# Executive Panel



## Hilary Mercer

Vice President, Pennsylvania Chemicals Shell

Hilary Mercer was appointed as Vice President Pennsylvania Chemicals on August 1, 2017.

Hilary was previously responsible for the Shell worldwide portfolio of integrated Gas Projects spanning Onshore and Floating LNG, Regassification and other gas related projects. She served as Executive Director for Shell's Prelude project in Geogje Island, South Korea and was instrumental in leading the project to successful sail-away.



Hilary joined Shell in the UK as a Maintenance Engineer at Stanlow refinery in 1987. In 1994, she moved to the Netherlands where she worked in concept engineering developing small scale LNG offerings.



## John Thayer

SVP Sales & Marketing, Nova Chemicals

John Thayer is the Senior Vice President, Sales & Marketing, responsible for driving market leadership and sales strategies for the Polyethylene and Ethylene businesses for NOVA Chemicals. He also is responsible for leading NOVA Chemicals' long-term Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy, working with value chain partners, customers, government officials, industry associations and others to find innovative solutions to advance a plastics circular economy and climate care. He oversees NOVA Chemicals' new



partnerships and development agreements in mechanical and advanced recycling to support the company's rapidly growing portfolio of post-consumer recycled (PCR) resins.

Thayer joined NOVA Chemicals in 1997 and since then has served the company in multiple roles, including positions in Human Resources, Operations and Site Leadership, Global Business Director, and General Manager, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, of, Polyethylene (PE) Business at NOVA Chemicals' U.S. Commercial Center.



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# Afternoon PPG Panel



## Keith Moquin

**Manager of Strategy, Science and Technology, PPG**

Keith Moquin is PPG manager of strategy, corporate science and technology (S&T). He is accountable for disseminating strategic technical information throughout the organization, leading a global, cross-functional intellectual property security team and highlighting the company's vast global innovations. Keith assumed this role in July 2020.



Prior to this, Keith served in a variety of analytical, chemistry, portfolio management and strategy roles of increasing responsibility over his decade-long career with PPG, including global portfolio manager, group leader and senior research chemist. Prior to PPG, Keith served as postdoctoral research associate for Carnegie Mellon University's biology and chemistry department.



## Joe Szul

**Global Low Temperature Process Design Engineer, PPG**

Joe Szul is PPG global low temperature process design engineer. Since 2015, he has been working with the resin production, technical and development community to identify, vet and implement opportunities for productivity, energy, water and waste savings. Joe has been with PPG for 37 years, holding multiple engineering roles in both the paint and resin productions areas as well as operations management. He also led the process technology research and development group at PPG



for many years. Joe earned a Bachelor degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.



## Nathan Silvernail

**Global Technology Platform Leader, Mobility, PPG**

Nathan J. Silvernail is a leader in the materials science industry with over 15 years of experience in the development of novel materials for the automotive and industrial coatings segments. His expertise and management have led to numerous patents, publications and the commercialization of new innovative products. In his current role at PPG, Nathan leads a team focusing on coatings for the electric vehicle market as PPG's global technology platform leader for mobility. He earned a Bachelor



of Science in chemistry from North Dakota State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame.



## Paul Holcomb

**Research and Development and Resin Plant Manager, Springdale, PPG**

Paul Holcomb is the research and development and resin plant manager at PPG's Springdale facility. He is responsible for all standard operating procedures, environmental health and safety, and manufacturing activities on the 5-acre, 150-person resin manufacturing site. Paul assumed this role in December 2020.



Prior to his current role, Paul served in various positions in PPG's procurement, operations and engineering functions. Prior to PPG, he worked for Kimberly-Clark. Paul earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Akron and his Master of Business Administration from Duquesne University.

# Past Keynotes

**2022**

**Leroy Ball**  
President & CEO, Koppers

**2020**

**Eric Byer**  
President & CEO, NACD.

**2019**

**Hilary Mercer**  
Vice President,  
Pennsylvania Chemicals  
Shell

**2018**

**Markus Klaehn**  
President & CEO,  
Brenntag North America, Inc.

**2017**

**Dr. Antonis  
Papadourakis**  
President & CEO,  
LANXESS Corp.

**2016**

**Teresa Szelest**  
President, BASF

**2015**

**Michael McGarry**  
President and CEO,  
PPG Industries

**2014**

**George Biltz**  
Chief Strategy Officer,  
Axiall Corporation

**2013**

**Dennis Yablonsky**  
CEO, Allegheny  
Conference on Community  
Development

**2012**

**Leonard Dolhert**  
CEO, Aither Chemicals

**2011**

**Randy G. Woelfel**  
CEO, NOVA Chemicals

**2010**

**Gregory S. Babe**  
President & CEO,  
Bayer Corporation and Bayer  
MaterialScience LLC

**2009**

**Dr. Kurt Bock**  
Chief Financial Officer,  
BASF SE; Chairman & Chief  
Executive Officer, BASF  
Corporation

**2008**

**Stacy Methvin**  
President & Chief Executive  
Officer, Shell Chemical Co. LP

**2007**

**Randall S. Dearth**  
President & CEO,  
LANXESS Corporation

**2006**

**Madeleine Jacobs**  
Executive Director & CEO,  
American Chemistry Council

**2005**

**Charles E. Bunch**  
Chairman & CEO, PPG  
Industries

**2004**

**Gregori Lebedev**  
President & CEO, American  
Chemistry Council

**2003**

**Myron Galuskin**  
President, Rhodia Inc

**2002**

**Jeffrey M. Lipton**  
President & CEO,  
NOVA Chemicals

**2001**

**Paul W. Chellgren**  
Chairman & CEO,  
Ashland Inc.

**2000**

**William S. Stavropoulos**  
President & CEO, The Dow  
Chemical Company

**1999**

**Harold A. "Hap" Wagner**  
President & CEO, Air  
Products and Chemicals

**1998**

**J. Roger Hirl**  
President & CEO, Occidental  
Chemical Corporation

**1997**

**John A. Krol**  
President & CEO, DuPont

**1996**

**G. Richard Wagoner, Jr.**  
President, General Motors  
North American Operations

**1995**

**Jon M. Huntsman**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, Huntsman Group

**1994**

**Thomas L. Gossage**  
Chairman President & CEO,  
Hercules Inc.

**1993**

**Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr.**  
President, Eastman  
Chemical Company

**1992**

**Helge H. Wehmeier**  
President & CEO, Miles, Inc.

**1991**

**James W. Kinnear**  
President & CEO,  
Texaco, Inc.

**1990**

**The Hon. Peter K. Nune**  
Assistant Secretary, USA  
Department of Treasury

**1989**

**H. Eugene McBrayer**  
President, Exxon Chemical  
Company

**1988**

**Robert D. Kennedy**  
Chairman of the Board  
& CEO, Union Carbide  
Corporation

**1987**

**Dr. Konrad Weis**  
President & CEO,  
Bayer USA, Inc.

**1986**

**Vincent A. Sarni**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, PPG Industries, Inc.

**1985**

**Ray R. Irani**  
President, Occidental  
Petroleum Corporation

**1984**

**Alexander F. Giacco**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, Hercules Corporation

**1983**

**Edward L. Hennessy**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, Allied Corporation

**1982**

**Richard E. Heckert**  
Vice Chairman & CEO,  
DuPont

**1981**

**J. Peter Grace**  
President & CEO, W. R.  
Grace & Co.

**1980**

**Richard J. Mahoney**  
President, Monsanto  
Company

**1979**

**Paul F. Oreffice**  
President & CEO, Dow  
Chemical Corporation

**1978**

**Gerhard Dittmar**  
Director, Bayer AG

**1977**

**David M. Roderick**  
President,  
U.S. Steel Corporation

**1976**

**Werner C. Brown**  
President & CEO, Hercules Inc.

**1975**

**J. P. St. Clair**  
President & Executive VP,  
Shell Chemical Co.,  
Shell Oil Co.

**1974**

**Z. D. Bonner**  
President & CEO &  
Executive VP, Gulf Oil  
Company & Corp.

**1973**

**Charles H. Simpson**  
President, Airco  
Industrial Gases

**1972**

**Fletcher L. Byrom**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, Koppers Company

**1971**

**Robinson F. Barker**  
Chairman of the Board &  
CEO, PPG Industries, Inc.

**1970**

**Carl A. Gerstacker**  
Chairman of the Board  
& CEO, Dow Chemical  
Corporation

**1969**

**James G. Baldwin**  
Executive Vice President,  
Hooker Chemical Company



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# J.C.G. President

**JOINT CHEMICAL GROUP PRESIDENT**

**Laura Augustine**

**FBC Chemical Corporation**



Laura Augustine is a sales representative for FBC Chemical Corporation, an independent, regional distributor of chemical raw materials. She has over 20 years of experience in the Western PA and Northeast OH markets, selling to small companies, multinational corporations, and everything in between.

Laura started volunteering on committees for Pittsburgh Chemical Day in 1998 and was General Chairperson in 2008. A past president of the Chemical Association of Pittsburgh (2004), she

actively serves on the Board of Governors. This is the second year of her two-year term as President of the Joint Chemical Group.

Laura resides in Butler County with her husband and enjoys distance running, camping, and knitting.



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# Committee



## GENERAL CHAIR **Justin Jamison**

Sales, Wolf Container & Chemical

Justin Jamison is in Sales with Wolf Container & Chemical. Previously, he has had roles in Supply Chain with U.S. Steel and Johnson & Johnson, as well as in Consulting with Accenture. He now sells performance minerals and packaging at Wolf. He has accepted the role of General Chair for the second time to continue the long tradition of support from Wolf Container & Chemical.



## ADS & SPONSORSHIP **Olivia Mazey**

Representative for North Central Ohio,  
PVS Nolwood Chemicals

Olivia is the sales representative for North Central Ohio at PVS Nolwood. She serves various markets including wastewater treatment, HI&I, agriculture, and metal treatment. Olivia started with PVS in 2015 as a technical service intern while she finished her B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Akron. Olivia started volunteering for Pitt Chem Day in 2020. She has served on the Ads & Sponsorships committee for the past two years.



## ARRANGEMENTS **David Miller**

Director of Operations & Sales, WKM, LLC

David has worked in Sales and Operations with W.K. Merriman for 16 years. His role focuses on Industrial Waste Water Treatment applications that target Water Treatment facilities, Steel production, Chemical plants, the Food Industry, and Mining Operations while also growing the Energy Sector with their subsidiary, WKM LLC established in 2013. David has volunteered on multiple planning committees for Pittsburgh Chemical Day since 2015 and is a graduate of Robert Morris University.



## MOBILE APP **Leah Singerling**

Food Industry Specialist, Brenntag

Leah is the Food Industry Specialist in the greater Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Buffalo areas for Brenntag Northeast, Inc. Brenntag Northeast is the world's largest full-line chemical distributor. She has been involved with Pittsburgh Chemical Day for several years, serving General Chair and the Sponsorship and Arrangements committees. Leah has also served as the President of the Chemical Association of Pittsburgh in 2015 and 2016.



# Committee



## PROMOTIONS

### Adam J. Murphy

Account Executive, Brenntag Northeast

Having started with Brenntag in 2010 at the Reading, PA headquarters, Adam has transitioned to Account Executive in Chemical Distribution in the local Pittsburgh area.

Adam is a Pittsburgh native who joins Pittsburgh Chemical Day for his 5th year. He is this year's Chair for the Promotions Committee.

Adam is a graduate of East Carolina University where he studied Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Sociology. Adam is also an avid

volunteer, serving as a founding Director for a non-profit, the Reading Skatepark Association. This organization has successfully raised over \$2 million dollars through fundraising and grants, ensuring the skatepark gets built. This world class 20,000 square foot facility will be opening in the summer of 2024.



## DAY PROGRAM

### Andrea Robinson

President, ARCLS Corporation

Andrea M. Robinson, President of ARCLS CORP a minority lead Consulting Firm is now the incoming CEO for VAULTe Global an energy producer providing DC electrification in US and Africa. Andrea, is a native to Pittsburgh and a proud TALI Executive Leadership Academy Alumni at Carnegie Mellon University. Miss Robinson was awarded the PUMP and Pittsburgh Magazine 40 Under 40 Award and was recently nominated for Pittsburgh Change Makers Jefferson Award for Multiplying Good in our communities. She has extensive experience in business to business transactions and



management. With a background in Distribution and Manufacturing she has been supplying materials to Fortune 500 companies for years. This experience has increased her drive to be more quality conscious and customer service oriented while still enabling her to obtain EBITDA initiative. In the corporate culture, Andrea has held prestigious positions within the distribution industry from product management to Analyst for executive leadership teams, to managing multi million dollar portfolios across North America and some in Europe.

Her role within manufacturing companies has increased her analytical ability to understand and analyze market trends to better execute efficient supply chains. With her entrepreneurial spirit, She advanced her career in the retail industry as Owner and Operator of a Full Service Restaurant that became a hit in the community. She was recently featured in Marie Claire Magazine's Spring edition that highlights young professional start up companies. As a Principal of a start up consulting firm, she is focused on aiding small to mid sized corporations in project management, organizationally structuring processes, and capital stacking to achieve higher initiatives, while focusing on being inclusive. Andrea achieved her MBA in International Business from Point Park University where she was on the Dean's advisory board and is aiding in developing hospitality programs, connecting students to continued education, empowering their communities, and giving exposure to innovative technology. After obtaining a Bachelor's degree from Edinboro University she served as a member and former President to Chemical Association of Pittsburgh, a not for profit organization focused on providing scholarships to students, mentoring youth, and connecting chemical/manufacturing professionals.

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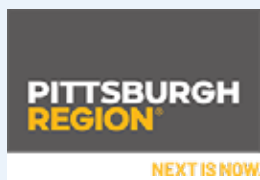
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