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Today, we highlight the region's commitment to advancing the industry through research and innovation.




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Welcome to Pittsburgh Chemical Day! We're excited to have you join us for a celebration of innovation and collaboration in the chemical industry. This year, we're thrilled to welcome you to our new venue, where we'll explore cutting-edge developments, share insights, and connect with fellow professionals who are passionate about advancing our field. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated volunteers, insightful speakers, and generous sponsors—your support makes this event possible. Whether you're here to network, learn, or simply enjoy the vibrant atmosphere, we hope you find inspiration and valuable connections. Let's make this day a memorable one together!

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# 2024 PROGRAM

**Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**5 PM - 7 PM**

**Pre-Event Networking Mixer**  
Held in the Three Rivers Ballroom

**Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Philadelphia Room**

**Three Rivers Ballroom**

**8:30 AM - 9 AM**

**Registration and Breakfast**  
Held in the Pittsburgh & Erie Ballroom

**9 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Steve Kratz** | PA Chemical Industry Council  
**Advanced Recycling**  
and its Role in Advancing a More Sustainable Circular Future in Chemistry Advanced Recycling

**9:30 AM - 10 AM**

**Dr. Marta Pazos** | Department of Defense  
**Securing the Future**  
Strategic Investments in Critical Chemicals for National Defense

**10 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Ryan Russell** | U.S. Commercial Service  
**Going Global**  
Leveraging Exports to Fuel Your Growth

**10:30 AM - 11 AM**

**Networking Break**  
Held in the Pittsburgh & Erie Ballroom

**11 AM - 12 PM**

**Sean Coyle** | Sandler  
**Modern - Day Prospecting**

**12 PM - 1 PM**

**Lunch**  
Held in the Three Rivers Ballroom

**KEYNOTE**  
**1 PM - 1:20 PM**

**Samir Hifri** | Chairman/President Covestro, LLC  
**Bridging the Gap**  
Chemicals, Manufacturing, AI Technology, & Process Innovation

**EXECUTIVE PANEL**  
**1:20 PM - 2 PM**

**Frederique van Baarle** | CEO - Lanxess  
**Samir Hifri** | Chairman/President Covestro, LLC  
**Sandy Cernick** | CEO - Pressure Chemical

**2:30 PM - 3 PM**

**Neil Merchant** | Kearney  
**Regenerative Supply Chains**  
and the Role of Re-Shoring

**SOCMA**  
**EXECUTIVE PANEL**  
**3 PM - 4 PM**

**MODERATOR**  
**Joe Dettinger** | Vice President SOCMA  
**Kate Hampford Donahue** | CEO - Hampford Research, Inc. Socma Board of Governors  
**Brian Burkhardt** | VP - Fine Chemical Products Milliken & Company  
**Steven Hedrick** | Chairman, President, & CEO AVN  
**Supercharging Onshoring Success**  
The Game-Changing Impact of Contract Manufacturing Strategic Partnerships

**4 PM**

**Networking Mixer**  
Held in the Three Rivers Ballroom

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**Samir Hifri**

Chairman/President of Covestro, LLC



Mr. Samir Hifri is the 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.

In 2008, Samir relocated to Asia Pacific where he assumed the commercial responsibility for Japan and Korea located in Osaka, Japan. In 2011, he was appointed Senior Vice President and APAC BU Head and re-located to Shanghai, China. With the flotation of Covestro as an independent company on the German stock exchange, Samir assumed the role of Managing Director for Covestro in ASEAN and member of the global Covestro Executive Leadership Team.

Samir is married with four children and besides his professional responsibilities, he is active in a number of community and academic functions.

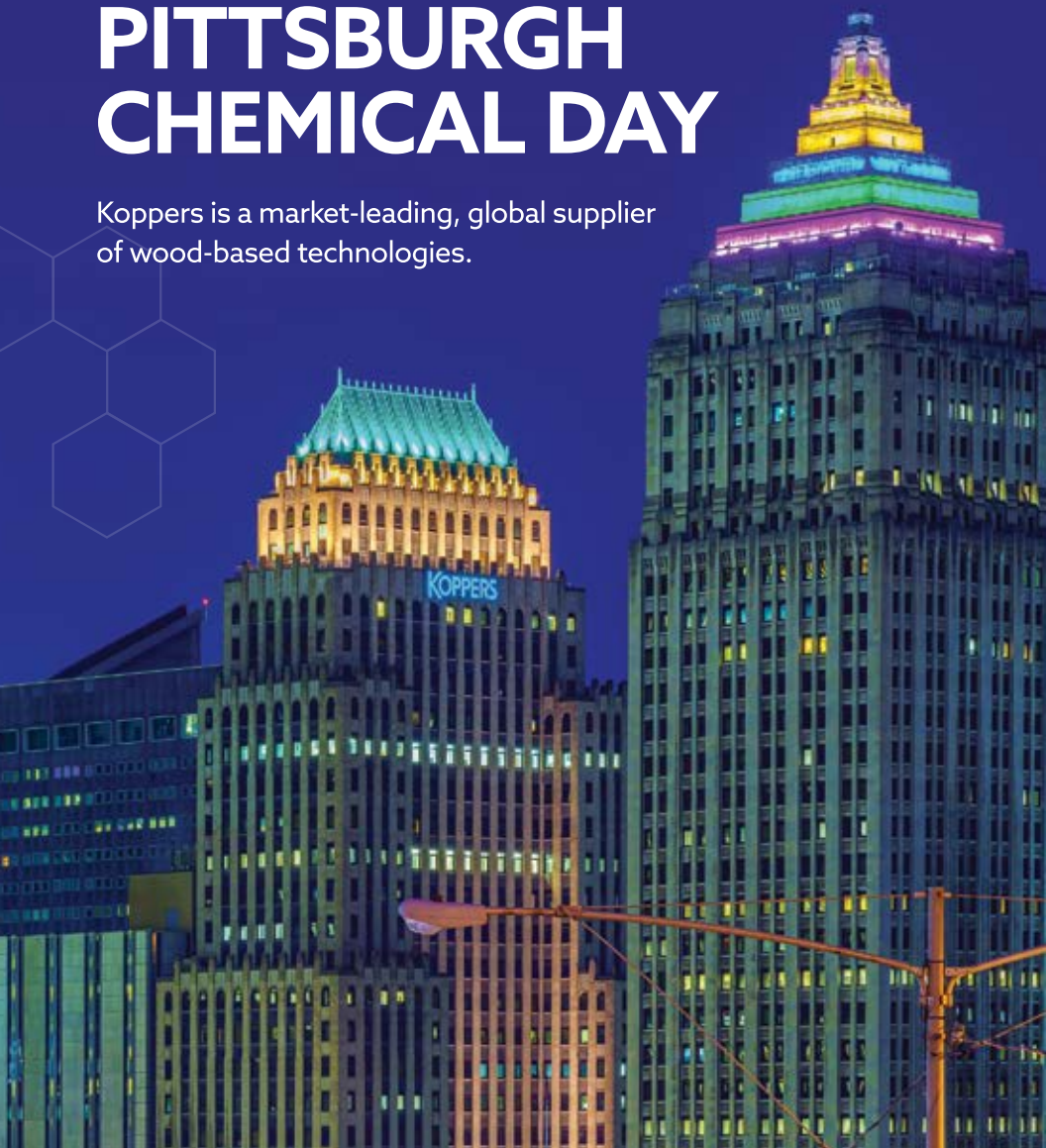




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## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### 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



**Steven Kratz**  
PA Chemical Industry Council

Steven Kratz serves as the president of the Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council (PCIC), the premier statewide business organization representing the commonwealth's chemical industry. Working closely with the PCIC board of directors and council staff, Kratz oversees all operations, advocacy, and initiatives of the council.

Kratz brings more than 18 years of political, advocacy and economic development marketing experience to the council, with an extensive background in advancing projects, policies and initiatives, and leading diverse coalitions.

As PCIC president, Kratz collaborates with members to foster an economic and regulatory environment that

encourages investment and growth in the chemical and related industries.

In addition to his role with PCIC, Kratz is a senior director for Bravo Group, a Harrisburg-based public affairs and communications firm.

Previously, he served as director of communications and press secretary for the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development and led or supported several political campaigns in southeast Pennsylvania and the Lehigh Valley. He is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College.



**Ryan Russell**  
U.S. Commercial Service

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.



**Dr. Marta Pazos**  
Department of Defense

Dr. Marta is a polymer chemist, a creator, innovator and troubleshooter, who after almost two decades in Corporate, working with some of the World's most recognizable companies and brands, became a founder of DR.MP, a small business that provides contracting services for the Department of Defense (DoD), B2B services in skincare formulations, expertise and knowledge sharing of materials for many different applications, and circular economy best practices.

She is currently leading the Critical Chemicals Sector of Defense Production Act Investments or DPAI (formerly known as DPA TIII), part of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment (OUSD A&S). In that role, she is creating, developing, and managing the portfolio of investments to onshore, modernize and



expand production of chemicals as critical to defense as to many other industries, including pharma, agriculture, consumer goods, energy, automotive and aerospace, amongst others. Dr. Marta is also the technical lead for other programs funded by OUSD (A&S), which promote public/private partnerships and enable/empower small businesses to serve the defense industry, and fulfill the chemical needs of many other sectors, resulting in a strong domestic industrial base and supply chain for chemicals. Prior to that, she served as the SME for polymer binders and alternative packaging materials for missiles and munitions funded by the JEMPT (Joint Enhanced Munitions Technology Program) program, during which she developed several alternative polymeric binders for plastic bound energetic formulations used in solid rocket motors, lightweight and thermal insulating composites to replace metals used in the protection and transportation of ammunition, and high temperature service foams for defense systems packaging.

Dr. Marta has also guided many companies to identify, formulate and optimize utilization of adhesives, coatings, composites, packaging materials, consumer product formulations etc. Her numerous program applications include composites used in prepreps for windmill blades, protective coatings for construction, automotive components fastening, and cosmetics package/formulation compatibility and extended shelf life.

Before starting her own business, she held positions in Ashland, P&G, Estee Lauder, and CocaCola, where she created and developed skincare formulations; identified and tested packaging solutions for consumer products; and formulated adhesives, coatings, and composites for several applications utilizing different chemistries. She holds several patents and patent applications. Her passion for preserving the environment led her to join the board of Regeneration.VC; a fund dedicated solely to the promotion of business centered in circular economy. She is also a co-host of the Pulp Non-Fiction podcast, where interviewees share best practices to reduce and reverse the damage that we humans cause with our daily routine activities.

A native of Spain, where she obtained her BSc. in Chemistry and MS in Polymer Science, she came to the USA as a Fulbright scholar to earn her doctorate in Polymer Chemistry from the University of Akron, in Ohio. Her career has taken her to assignments in North America, Europe, and Asia.



# SPEAKERS



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## Sean Coyle Sandler

Sean Coyle enjoys world-wide recognition as a C-Level executive who embodies the essence of the Sandler™ methodology. Sean is a David H. Sandler Award winner and channels his energy into bringing out the best in top industry leaders from large corporations like Oracle and Mass Mutual and PNC Bank.

He knows all too well that success for Sandler™ Training and their clients requires getting to the boardroom for a decision, because senior executives know the bottom-line value of a top performing sales team. To this end, he leads in prospecting, business-development, and account acquisition.

"The most valuable lesson my clients can take from our relationship," he says, "is to reach decision makers and get to a decision efficiently, whether it be a 'no' or a 'yes.'"

He consults with clients from helping to boost their new-account acquisition and overall sales process, strategizing for effective sales-management, to recruiting take-charge salespeople who deploy their talents in these areas and win. The strategies he offers creates measurable growth and increases clients' market shares in their industries.

Sean is a highly sought after and real-world presenter who uses unlimited energy and humor to bring to life the messages he hopes his clients take and consistently use for the entirety of their career.

The Sandler™ organization has recognized Sean's far-reaching expertise in sales and sales management by admitting him into its prestigious Key Opinion Leaders group. He participates in this body of Sandler's top executives by bringing his expertise to bear on the direction of the worldwide Sandler™ organization.

On a related note, Sean remains committed to coaching and training new Sandler™ associates and franchisees in the United States and worldwide. In the last 16 years, he has trained thousands of sales and sales management professionals as well as hundreds of Sandler™ principles and associates in the art and practice of Sandler™ selling.

Never one to take second place, Sean rounds out his prowess by delivering keynote addresses to business associations, industry groups and corporations here and abroad.

Sean is a Pittsburgh native residing in Upper St. Clair with his wife and three children and is regularly involved in their various scholastic and athletic endeavors. Sean has also been active as member of EO (The Entrepreneur's Organization) and Vistage and has served in various volunteer and leadership positions for the United Way, the National Kidney Foundation, The Magee Women's Hospital 25 Club and the American Heart Association.



KEARNEY

## Neil Merchant Kearney

Neil Merchant is a Principal at Kearney, based in the firm's New York office. With extensive experience of advising leading companies in the chemicals and industrial sectors, Neil specializes in operational excellence. He is passionate about helping clients harness the power of digital technologies and advanced analytics to strengthen their supply chains and manufacturing networks, making them more resilient and cost-efficient.



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# EXECUTIVE PANEL



## Frederique van Baarle Member of the Board of Management and Labor Director - Lanxess

Frederique van Baarle was born in Geleen, the Netherlands, in 1971.

After completing her Bachelor and MBA in Utrecht and Enschede, the Netherlands, she started her professional career in the chemical industry in 2000 at Royal DSM, where she held various management positions.

In 2011, Frederique van Baarle joined LANXESS and took over the management position Global Marketing and Supply Chain for EPDM rubber in the then business unit High Performance Elastomers (now ARLANXEO).

From 2013 to the end of 2018, she headed the Engineering Plastics business line for the EMEA region within the High Performance Materials business unit. In

addition, she completed an executive training at the French business school INSEAD.

After being responsible for the Global Procurement and Logistics Group Function from December 2018 to May 2020, Frederique van Baarle took over as Head of the High Performance Materials business unit in June 2020.

LANXESS spun off this business unit from the Group on 1 April and placed it in a joint venture with the private equity firm Advent. On the same date, Frederique van Baarle took up her position as a member of the Board of Management and Labour Director of LANXESS AG. Her contract runs until 31 March 2026.

Frederique van Baarle is married and has four children.

Responsibilities: ▪ Human Resources ▪ Region Americas



## ALSO FEATURING THE Keynote Speaker

## Samir Hifri Chairman/President - Covestro



## Sandy Cernick CEO - Pressure Chemical

Ms. Cernick joined the Minafin group, as President & COO of Pressure Chemical Company, one of 7 separate business entities within the Minafin group. Sandy has over 30+ years of commercial and business development experience in both custom manufacturing as well as portfolio product management. Sandy has held executive level positions at TEVA API, Callery LLC, Siegfried- USA LLC, and Lanxess, formerly Bayer Corporation working in a variety of API, specialty, and fine chemical business segments. Sandy has a BS degree in Chemistry & Biology, and a Master's in Business Administration and Environmental Science.



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## SOCMA PANEL



### MODERATOR

**Joe Dettinger**  
Vice President, SOCMA

Joe Dettinger is Vice President of Manufacturing & Commercial Programs at SOCMA. Joe joined the association in 2018, bringing nearly 20 years of industry experience to support the specialty chemical community. Drawing from his demonstrated technical expertise, Joe was instrumental in modernizing SOCMA's environmental, health, safety and security program, ChemStewards®, as well as ChemOps Training, the go-to source for training chemical operators.



In directing SOCMA's Commercial Programs, Joe strategically builds and supports commercial growth programs, including SOCMA's Lead Sheet Service and Member Services Directory, for companies across the specialty chemical sector. He also spearheads SOCMA's Contract Manufacturing Outlook Report and keeps the industry apprised of key trends and data critical to their business and operations.

Joe plays a vital role as part of SOCMA's membership recruitment team, utilizing his depth of industry knowledge to foster deeper understanding of member company capabilities and needs and applies that knowledge to support association growth.

Prior to coming to SOCMA, Joe served as Director of EHS&S and Government Relations at Bimax. He began his career with Bimax as a chemical operator and quickly advanced into a supervisory role. Within two years, he was promoted to Regulatory Affairs Manager and tasked with building and leading Bimax's EHS&S program. This position required oversight of activities in all departments throughout the company, as well as staff training and implementation of the EHS&S program.

Joe has a B.S. in Environmental Engineering and an MBA from Pennsylvania State University. He also holds a CSP designation from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

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# SOCMA PANEL



## Kate Hampford Donahue

CEO - Hampford Research, Inc.  
SOCMA Board of Governors

Kate Hampford Donahue is CEO of Hampford Research, Inc., a family owned, custom chemical manufacturing firm specializing in high-purity specialty chemicals used in the electronics, dental, cosmetics, engineered materials and printing/lithography industries and located in Stratford, CT. Donahue took over leadership of the company, after 10 years on its Board of Directors, a few months prior to her founding father's death in January 2007.

Prior to joining Hampford Research, Donahue spent over 25 years in the cable television and new media industries in a variety of executive sales, marketing and strategic development roles including stints at American Movie Classics and C-SPAN.

Over the course of her career, Kate has served on numerous industry and business association boards and currently is chairman of the Board of Governors of SOCMA (Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates) and Past Chair of the Bridgeport Regional Business Council. She is the recipient of the 2013 Women of Innovation Award from the Connecticut Technology Council and the 2015 President's Leadership Award from SOCMA. In 2019, Junior Achievement inducted Donahue into their Business Hall of Fame and she was named a Woman of Distinction by the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame in 2024.

Kate has a B.A. from Manhattanville College, and she resides in Connecticut with her husband. They have three children and their first grandchild on the way.



## Brian Burkhardt

VP - Fine Chemical Products Milliken & Company

Brian is Vice President of Fine Chemicals for Milliken & Company, a role he has held since 2018. He has served in a series of other roles within Milliken since 2000, including researcher, R&D leadership, product leadership, and commercial director. The Fine Chemical Products business produces, markets, and sells customized products for silicones and silanes, semiconductor precursors for CVD/ALD, specialty alkoxylates, API precursors, metal carboxylates, PVDC emulsions, and many other products.

Brian has served on the SOCMA Board of Governors since 2021. He also has served on the Board of Directors for the SC Governor's School for Science & Mathematics Foundation (2018 - 2024). He lives in South Carolina with his wife Julie. They have two grown children, a son Danny and daughter Rachel.



## Steven Hedrick

Chairman, President, & CEO AVN

Steve Hedrick is Chairman, President & CEO of AVN Corporation in South Charleston, W.Va. AVN is an innovation partner in research, technical engineering, technology commercialization, and manufacturing for the chemical, energy, environmental, and advanced software sectors. AVN delivers solutions to hard problems from concept to commercialization.

Mr. Hedrick has more than three decades of broad-based leadership experience, with more than 20 years of experience in the petrochemical industry, leading businesses, chemical manufacturing and health, safety, environment and quality (HSEQ). Prior to AVN, he held numerous roles of increasing responsibility at Lyondell, Bayer Polymers, Bayer MaterialScience and Bayer CropScience and has led multiple regional and global teams to improve business results, reliability and safety systems. His entry

into the chemical industry followed service as an officer in the United States Army.

In addition, Mr. Hedrick currently serves on a number of boards of directors, including Discover Real West Virginia Foundation, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the West Virginia Manufacturers Association. He is a board member at the West Virginia Regional Technology Park and chairman of its governance committee and serves as chairman of the YPO Mountain State Gold board. He also sits on the Business Roundtable of West Virginia.

A native of West Virginia, he holds a B.S. in chemical engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.



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# PAST KEYNOTES

**2023**

**Mitchell Toomey**

Vice President of Sustainability and Responsible Care®, American Chemistry Council

**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**

**Teressa 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 Product 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

# COMMITTEE



## GENERAL CHAIR

### Olivia Mazey

Olivia is an Account Manager at Americhem Sales Company, which serves the Midwest as a premier chemical distributor and lubricants manufacturer. Olivia started in the chemical industry 9 years ago while completing her B.A. in Chemistry from The University of Akron. She attended her first PCD event in 2019 and began volunteering in 2020 on the Ads & Sponsorship Committee, where she later served as Committee Chair.

Olivia lives in the Akron, OH area with her husband, daughter, and blue heeler.



## FINANCE

### Justin Jamison

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 been a past General Chair twice and is now the President of the JCG.



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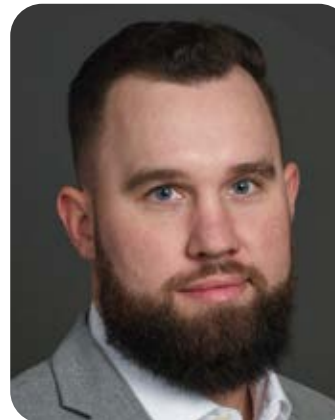


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#### **Matt Doman**

Matt is a Sales Representative at PVS Nolwood. He serves various markets including Water Treatment, Energy, HI&I, Food, and Paints/Coatings. Prior to PVS, he was a Business Development Manager at LHH, as well as a Public Accounting/Tax Consultant. He is a Pittsburgh Native and graduate of Duquesne University where he studied Accounting with a minor in Supply Chain Management. Matt is serving his first year as Chairperson for the Ads & Sponsorships Committee.



### MOBILE APP

#### **Leah Singerling**

Leah is the Account Manager in the greater Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Buffalo areas for Brenntag Northeast, LLC. She has been with Brenntag since 2012, serving various markets including Food and Nutrition, Water Treatment, HI&I, CASE, Personal Care, and more. Brenntag is the global market leader in chemical and ingredient distribution.

She has been involved with Pittsburgh Chemical Day since 2012, volunteering on various committees and serving as General Chair in 2015. Leah has also served as the President of the Chemical Association of Pittsburgh in 2015 and 2016.





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### Heather Rayburg-Smith

Heather Rayburg-Smith is an account manager for the BASF Corporation, Industrial Petrochemicals business. She is responsible for the growth of the acrylic monomer, oxo-alcohol, and plasticizer portfolios through the direct channel to market.

Heather has more than 26 years of experience with a solid track record of success in leading business development initiatives and executing plans to achieve exceptional revenue growth in the chemical industry. She has worked for both global and multinational companies such as Shell Chemical LP, Brenntag, and Chemcentral.

Heather is currently a board member of the Joint Chemical Group of Pittsburgh, a volunteer on the Pittsburgh Chemical Day planning committee (2003-present; General Chair 2011), a member of the Chemical Association of Pittsburgh, and a board member of the National Charity League Pittsburgh Linxx chapter.

Heather holds a BS in Biology/Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh. A Pittsburgh native, she resides in Leechburg, PA with her husband Chad and their daughter Logan.



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### Lizz Sanguinito

Elizabeth (Lizz) Sanguinito is a Senior Project Manager with Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, where she leads projects that cover the full suite of environmental services, including compliance, due diligence, construction support, decommissioning, and remediation. She supports projects both locally in the Pittsburgh region and across the nation. Lizz is excited to be serving as the 2024 Pittsburgh Chemical Day Arrangements Chair—particularly because it gives her the opportunity to curate the event's menu selection. Come check the event out for yourself!

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### Andrea Robinson

Andrea Robinson is a seasoned executive with experience leading organizations across distribution and manufacturing industries.

In her professional career, she has served in executive level capacities as the former CEO of a Global energy firm. Currently, Andrea was the CEO of ARCLS CORP, a strategic consulting and management firm. She has held prestigious positions in chemical distribution and manufacturing firms at Ashland Distribution (now Univar Solutions) and Solvay.

Andrea's leadership extends to various board roles, including Honorary Consulate Member for the Consulate of Barbados in New York, former President and current member of Chemical Association of Pittsburgh, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Board at Point Park University.

Her achievements have been recognized with numerous awards, including the Jefferson Award for Multiplying Good, Dr. Cyril H. Wecht Humanitarian Award, and 40 Under 40 Award by Pittsburgh Magazine and PUMP. She holds certifications from The Advanced Leadership Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, an MBA in International Business from Point Park University, and a Bachelors from Edinboro University's School of Communication.



## DAY PROGRAM

### Mike Palmer

Mike has spent the past 3 years at the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance as a Business Investment Manager.

Responsible for overseeing the 10-county regional effort for marketing and growing Pittsburgh economic development to bring prosperity to southwestern Pennsylvania, the Pittsburgh Regional Alliance assists companies at various stages of the location decision-making process, including help with economic research and data, access to talent partnerships, funding opportunities, and site development.



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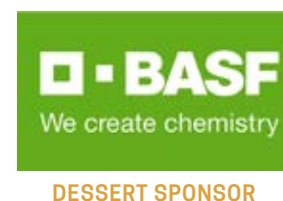
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