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Biography and Life of Service

Whitney M. Young, Jr. was born on July 31, 1921, in Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky, a middle child with two sisters. His mother was a teacher and his father, the Principal of the Lincoln Institute, an African American preparatory school. He attended Kentucky State Industrial College before working as a teacher himself and then serving in World War II overseas, where he acted as a bridge between black and white servicemen. Young met his college sweetheart, Margaret Buckner, in 1944, and the couple went on to have two children. Upon his return to the states, Young earned his Masters of Social Work from the University of Minnesota. He went to work for a few years with the Urban League of St. Paul, with the organization making strides in placing African Americans in previously whites-only employment positions.

He became Executive Secretary of the League's Omaha branch in 1950 and thus was at the forefront of racial integration in the region. Then in the mid-1950s, Young took a position as Dean of Atlanta University's School of Social Work, remaining actively involved in the Civil Rights Movement and heading the state branch of the NAACP.

Young was appointed Executive Director of the National Urban League in 1961. He was instrumental in saving the League from financial ruin and handling significant overhauls of the organization's structure, grandly increasing its budget, and staff size. The League, at Young's behest and despite reservations from some benefactors, became a co-sponsor of the historic 1963 March on Washington. The League was also a significant factor in the process of racially integrating staff for a variety of big-company jobs nationally.

Young had access to the U.S. President's Office and was a close advisor to Lyndon B. Johnson. Young became known for his Domestic Marshall Plan, which was thought to have helped shape the President's policies, and also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1968.

After visiting troops in the Vietnam War, which he eventually publicly opposed, Young established a Veteran Affairs department for the League. He was also a writer, having penned the books *To Be Equal* (1964) and *Beyond Racism: Building an Open Society* (1969) as well as a popular syndicated newspaper column. His wife was also an author, writing books for children.

Young died on March 11, 1971, at the age of 49, while attending a conference in Lagos, Nigeria. He is believed to have drowned while swimming at a beach, suffering a brain hemorrhage.

Whitney M. Young, Jr. spoke to the 58th National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America. At that time, he challenged the BSA to tackle the "unfinished task of making real the dream of justice and equality" for American youngsters. This challenge led to a more inclusive organization and an Annual Award in his honor.



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DR. CLYDE WILSON PICKETT

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Clyde Wilson Pickett is a distinguished senior leader in higher education, currently serving as the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Engagement and Wellbeing at the University of Pittsburgh. With recognition as a national thought leader in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility strategy, Dr. Pickett is a seasoned champion of culture change management strategy. His lectures have reached audiences across the United States and internationally, sharing his expertise with institutions, organizations, and conferences committed to transformative leadership and equity-centered practice.

In his role at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Pickett advances the institution's mission to cultivate an environment where all can thrive, enriching the university's commitment to diversity and inclusion. He also holds a faculty appointment at the Pitt School of Education.

Prior to his tenure at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Pickett was the Chief Diversity Officer for the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, where he played a pivotal role in developing and executing a comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy across 54 campuses. His extensive experience includes transformative roles at the Community College of Allegheny County and Ohio Northern University, where he significantly enhanced community engagement and student success strategies.

Dr. Pickett earned a doctoral degree in Language, Literacy, and Culture from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Education, a master's degree in Adult and Higher Education Leadership with a focus on Counseling and Multiculturalism from Morehead State University, and a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky.

As the founder of two educational consulting firms specializing in strategic planning, executive leadership development, and diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy, Dr. Pickett's scholarship centers on institutional support for students of color and the strategic development of organizational culture. He has authored numerous journal articles and co-authored "Inclusive Directions: The Role of the Chief Diversity Officer in Community College Leadership" (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), a foundational text exploring leadership roles and DEI practices within two-year institutions.

A native of Louisville, Ky., Dr. Pickett is active on the boards of both local and national organizations, and has recently completed service as the chair of the board of directors for the National Association for Diversity Officers in Higher Education. He is a Life Member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, and proudly resides in Pittsburgh's Northside. Above all, Dr. Pickett is a dedicated father and uncle to two adult children (Destiny Mount and Alexander Pickett) and a niece (Geraill Pickett).

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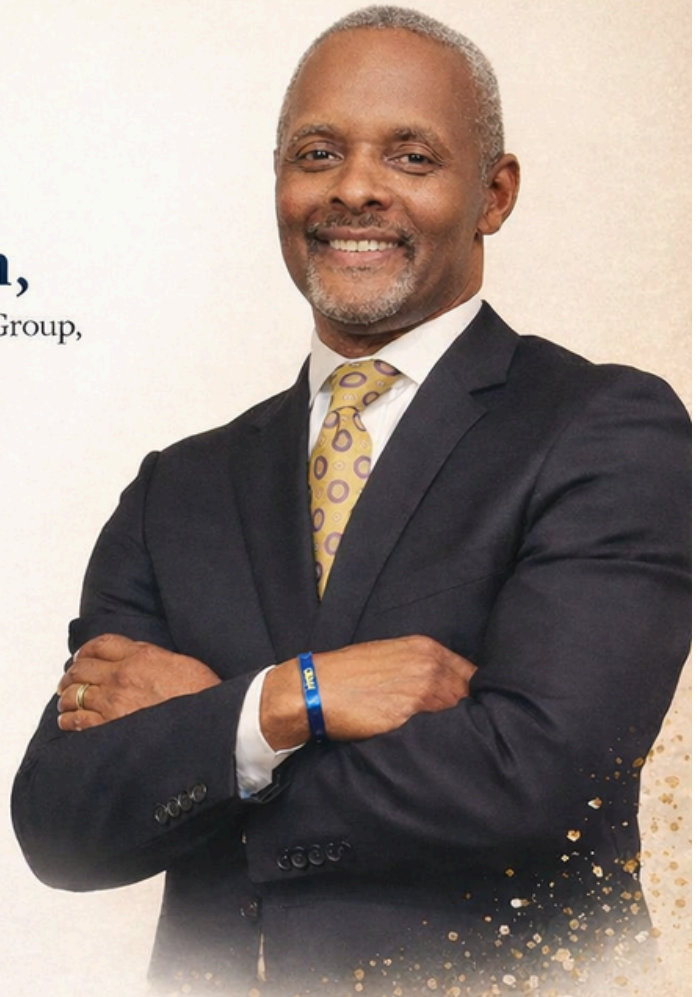
For many years, his dedication to Greater Pittsburgh—and especially to the growth, empowerment, and success of youth in our communities—has been both steadfast and deeply impactful.

Through visionary leadership, integrity, and purposeful action, Derrick continues to set a powerful example of what it means to lead with intention. His work has strengthened communities, opened doors of opportunity, and inspired future generations to strive for excellence and service.

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DERRICK WILSON

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Derrick Wilson has spent more than 30 years in leadership positions in the workflow solutions industry. After decades of working at national chain providers like Global Solutions Group and Xerox, he decided it was time for a change. His goal was to create his own company that could combine the latest technology with elite customer service that only a local company can provide.

In 2012, driven by his values and a desire to build a family-owned business, the Pittsburgh native left Xerox and founded The Wilson Group. Over the past 14 years, TWG has grown into a respected leader in the workflow solutions industry. Under Mr. Wilson's leadership, TWG has been named one of Pittsburgh's Best Places to Work and one of the city's 50 Fastest Growing Businesses!

As an active community leader, Derrick supports numerous nonprofit organizations through sponsorships, serving on boards, and financial contributions. Guided by his belief that "when the Lord blesses you, it is your responsibility to bless others," he is committed to reinvesting in the communities TWG serves. Among his proudest achievements is reaching \$1 million in charitable giving within the company's first ten years.



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EMMAI ALAQUIVA

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Emmai Alaquiva is a 6x Emmy, 3x Webby-winning and NAACP Image Award-nominated film director who crystalized his cinematic poetry creating for Roc Nation, Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood interstitials, Rhianna's FENTY brand, Brooklyn Public Library, AMAZON, BMW, THE ROOTS and more.

Additionally, this poised TEDx speaker has worked with some of the world's most notable icons from Viola Davis, Denzel Washington, Harry Belafonte, Dr. Maya Angelou to Questlove and Colman Domingo.

In 2023, Alaquiva was selected to help oversee the film visuals by Roc Nation for Jay Z's groundbreaking exhibit, The BOOK OF HOV'.

Most recently, he was appointed by Governor Josh Shapiro to serve as Vice Chair of the PA Council on the ARTS for the State of Pennsylvania and his philanthropic community impact has been recognized by President Barack Obama. His latest project is a feature documentary film about Black and Brown infant mortality called 'The Ebony Canal' narrated by Academy Award Winner, Viola Davis. With a mission of crystallizing the human spirit through cinematic and purposeful storytelling his palpable work has been seen on Good Morning America, Forbes Magazine and The New York Times.





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Charlie Batch, a former NFL quarterback and two-time Super Bowl champion, carried the resilience and discipline forged on the field into a life devoted to service. When his playing days ended, Charlie didn't step away from the game—he expanded his impact. After a 15-year professional career, he became a trusted analyst for the Pittsburgh Steelers, a respected national voice within the NFLPA, and a passionate advocate for player health and wellness through his work with Harvard's Football Players Health Study and extensive board work. His messages of preparation, resilience, and purpose inspire audiences everywhere, and his greatest wins now come from lifting others long after the cheering stops.

As a graduate of Eastern Michigan and Robert Morris University, he continues to pour wisdom into athletes, organizations, and communities, challenging them to “expect their best” and plan boldly for life beyond the moment. His advocacy for player health, wellness, and life after football reflects a deep commitment to seeing people whole—not just successful.

Latasha Wilson-Batch brings a transformational grace of her own. As Chief Executive Officer of the Best of the Batch Foundation, a therapist, adjunct professor, and award-winning nonprofit executive, she leads with rare balance—heart forward, strategy strong, purpose unwavering. She has raised more than \$34 million, expanded services across nine counties, and built a 33,000-square-foot community hub that empowers over 4,000 youth each year. Her work restores confidence, nurtures dreams, and helps individuals and families imagine what's possible. Latasha is a builder of futures, a healer of hearts, and living proof that when compassion leads, entire communities rise. As a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, University of Tennessee and Carlow University, her influence extends through extensive board service, national recognition, and international charitable work, earning her numerous honors for leadership, advocacy, and impact. A woman who sees potential not as a gift...but as a birthright.

Together, Charlie and Latasha are a lighthouse and a compass—a steady hand and a fearless heart—turning concrete into classrooms, pain into possibility, and dreams into reality. Through the Best of the Batch Foundation, they have built not just programs but pathways; not just buildings but belonging; not just an organization, but a movement grounded in unity, compassion, and the unwavering belief that change is possible when love leads.

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ROBERT A. JAMES

Event Chair

Robert A. James, JD, MBA, MHA is an inclusion and governance executive with deep experience across public finance, healthcare, higher education, and federal regulation, recognized for advancing organizational performance through strategic oversight, inclusive leadership, and strong governance practices.

He currently serves as Director of Inclusion & Engagement at the University of Pittsburgh School of Business, where he leads enterprise-wide belonging strategy and external partnerships and hosts the Bridges Beyond Business podcast. Previously, he served as Chief Diversity & Growth Officer at CGT Staffing, Chief Diversity Officer and Vice President at Allegheny Health Network/Highmark Health, and as an attorney with the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission.

Earlier in his career, Mr. James spent more than 20 years as a practicing attorney, including 15 years as a public finance attorney, structuring hundreds of millions of dollars in municipal and HBCU financings to support capital expansion and economic access.

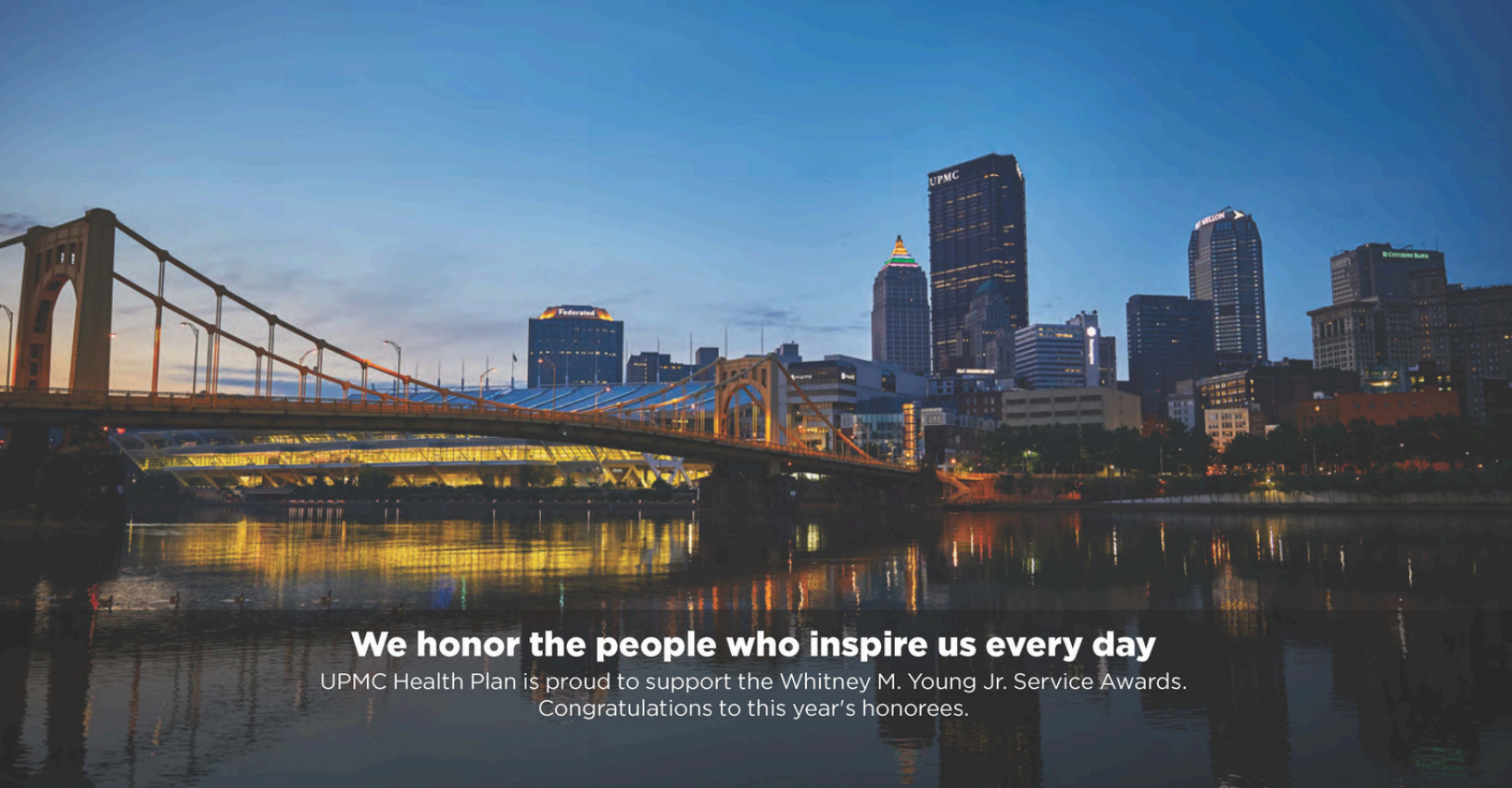
His recognitions include the Procurement Leaders' Americas Supplier Diversity Award, induction into the MWDBE Hall of Fame, and designation as a Top 30 Champion of Diversity by Diversity Plus Magazine.

Mr. James holds a JD from Georgetown University Law Center, an MBA and MHA from the University of Pittsburgh, and a BA from Boston College. He has also completed executive education programs at Wharton, Carnegie Mellon Tepper/TALI, and Northwestern University, and is a graduate of Leadership Washington and Leadership Pittsburgh.





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THE IMPACT

Michael Hairston, Jr. is a freshman honor student at City Charter High School who thrives on challenge, leadership, and adventure. In addition to his dedication to Scouting, Michael holds a Black Belt in Karate and is currently training for long-distance bike riding. He is also learning cross-country skiing and horseback riding, and he enjoys spending time fishing whenever he can. Michael approaches each new experience with determination and a desire to grow.

“Being an only child, my grandma thought Boy Scouts would be a good place for me. I loved putting on the Scout uniform and hanging out with the guys, but it didn’t take long for me to realize that there was more to it and that my grandma was so right.

I’ve come to know that being a Boy Scout is not just a uniform and hanging with the guys, it’s a lot of learning about honesty and duty and helping others and learning new skills from caring Scoutmasters.

I told my grandma that if I have kids, I’m sure that I’ll put them in Boy Scouts so they can know what it’s like to hang out with lots of great guys and girls!”

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