

MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS



Economic Equity & Development

Presented By: Sherice Sledge-Thomas, Vice President of DEIA at Columbus Chamber of Commerce



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As the Vice President of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access (DEIA), Sherrice activates systemic change strategies for equity and inclusion in the business community. Prior to joining the Chamber, Sherrice served as the Director of Change Management at NiSource, one of the largest fully-regulated utility companies in the United States. Sherrice spent 19 years at Nationwide, a Fortune 100 company, holding leadership roles in Organization Effectiveness, Talent Management, and Leadership Development.

Sherrice holds a Master of Business Administration with a focus in Organizational Leadership and Management from Franklin University and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a focus in Women's Studies from The Ohio State University. She cooks with her family and practices yoga in her free time.



Workforce Development

Presented By: Lisa Pat-McDaniels, CEO, Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio



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Lisa Patt-McDaniel joined the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio as the first CEO in November 2016. The Board develops strategies for placing jobseekers on the path to family sustaining careers and works with employers to identify talent pipelines for their businesses. The Board works through its Ohio Means Jobs Center Columbus Franklin County (OMJCFC) and other partner agencies to create innovative workforce solutions for the Central Ohio Business Community. Ms. Patt-McDaniel is a Certified Economic Development Professional (EDP) through the National Development Council. She is an officer on the boards of the Ohio Workforce Association, Midwest Urban Strategies, and the Columbus Next Generation Corporation. She is also on the Board of the US Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council, serving as Co-Chair of the Policy Committee. Ms. Patt-McDaniel is a lecturer at the John Glenn College of Public Affairs where she has taught classes in public policy and strategic management.

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Effective Collaboration

Presented By: Letha Pugh – Co-Founder of Bake Me Happy

Sangeeta Lakhani, Co-founder of Service

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Letha Pugh co-founded Bake Me Happy, a wholesale/retail, gluten free bakery located on the southside of Columbus, with a second location in Dublin with her wife, Wendy. Letha is also a co-owner of Preston's Burger, located in Clintonville, Ohio. She is active in the community with two non-profits: Service! A relief effort for hospitality workers displaced during the COVID-19 pandemic and Black, Out and Proud, an organization that advocates, inspires, and educates the Columbus Black LGBTQ+ community.

Sangeeta Lakhani grew up in Mumbai, India surrounded by a vibrant array of spices and diverse foods. After moving to the U.S. at the age of 17, Sangeeta studied at The Columbus College of Art and Design, followed by The Columbus State Culinary School. With over 25 years of restaurant service experience, Sangeeta became co-founder of Service! alongside Letha Pugh, and together they have been a thriving lifeline to service industry workers impacted by the pandemic.



Driving Policy & Using Data

Keisha Hunley-Jenkins, Principal & CEO of Executive Outcome Resources, LLC

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Executive Outcome Resources, LLC

Dr. Keisha J. Hunley-Jenkins, Esq., serves as the Principal & CEO of Executive Outcome Resources, LLC, a firm that specializes in organizational and initiative comprehensive strategic planning including: from start-up or course correction to measurable continuous improvement. Dr. Hunley-Jenkins approaches her work through an equity lens, assisting clients in closing inequitable outcomes both internal and external to their institutions. In this capacity, Dr. Hunley-Jenkins team was selected to deliver Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) compliance and professional development training to 200+ Columbus City School teachers; established the Equity Now Coalition and the Boys & Young Men of Color Collective (BYMOCC); and led the outreach and engagement efforts for the Columbus Coalition to End Tobacco Targeting, resulting in City Council's unanimous passage of legislation to end the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol, in December 2022.

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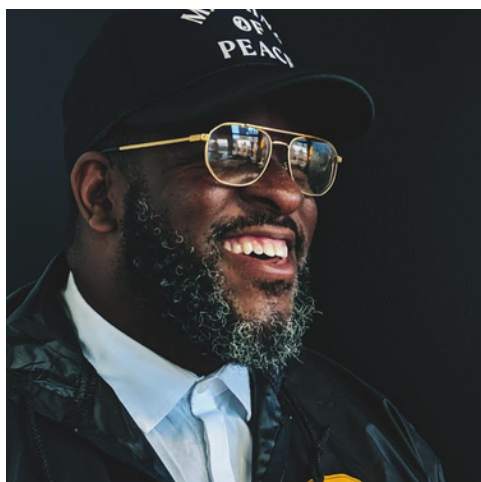
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Dr. Elizabeth Joy, CEO of Joy Society Enterprises & President and CEO of Columbus CEO Collective

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Founder and CEO of Joy Society Enterprises, Dr. Elizabeth Joy is a human behavior and business expert who lends her leadership in various initiatives and organizations beyond her own to improve individual, organizational, and societal outcomes. She provides consultative and advisory guidance to numerous entities and high-profile individuals to enhance performance by providing solutions designed to account for individual needs while solving organizational and societal problems. As the President and CEO of the Columbus CEO Collective, Dr. Joy partners with organizations, including the Columbus Partnership, Intel, and the Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council, to address inequities in Black business and economic wealth. In addition to leading efforts to institutionalize the minority business ecosystem, Elizabeth provides coaching and training for emerging leaders and entrepreneurs.



Workforce Development

Yohannan Terrell, CEO of Warhol & WALL St

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Yohannan is an award-winning marketing professional with over 15 years of progressive experience in all aspects of successful traditional, nontraditional, experiential and digital marketing, and multi-media. He excels in developing and implementing impactful campaigns and strategies built for success. He is also accomplished in team building, project management, and collaborating effectively with stakeholders, vendors and clients. Yohannan serves on many impactful boards in Columbus including GCAC Board of Trustees, Short North Alliance Board of Directors, The Lincoln Theatre Board of Trustees, Nationwide Children's Hospital Development Board, Formerly on the Create Columbus Commission, and also co-founding member of BLK hack, a platform focused on exposing and educating minority entrepreneurs in technology, entertainment, and trends. Yohannan is also the proud publisher and founder of FlyPaper Magazine, an online media network that has serviced the local community with news and information relevant to the urban millennials and their interests for 10 years! Yohannan is a true innovator on the move with a passion for helping others.

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Effective Collaboration

Presented By: Densil R. Porteous, Executive Director of Stonewall Columbus



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Porteous has over 20 years engaging in nonprofit work as a volunteer and leader, at local and national levels, primarily working with organizations focused on issues of equity and access. Porteous' nonprofit service work has been with groups like Advocates for Youth (Board Secretary), Human Rights Campaign (Board of Directors; former national Board of Governors), Equitas Health (Board Vice Chair), the Legacy Fund of the Columbus Foundation, and Create Columbus Commission (Chair). Alongside his engagement in the nonprofit social service space Densil has had a notable career in [higher] education administration which encompassed a mixture of admissions/enrollment management; strategic marketing and communications; and development/advancement with roles at Kenyon College, Stanford University, Columbus College of Art & Design and the Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University.



Driving Policy & Using Data

Presented By: Charles Noble, General Counsel at Columbus State Community College



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Charles Noble III, Esq. proudly serves an integral role on the Leadership Team of Columbus State Community College as the General Counsel. This position allows Noble to serve as the chief legal advisor on all college matters, with management responsibility of the Legal Office, Compliance, and Enterprise Risk Management. Prior to this, Noble was the Director of African American Male Initiatives at the Columbus Urban League, and the Program Manager for Boys and Men of Color Initiatives at the Kirwan Institute – where he helped to start the Franklin County My Brother's Keeper Initiative. Noble's work focuses on systems alignment, health equity, and designing strategies and initiatives for health and human services organizations. Noble has delivered two TEDx talks, and has been featured on CNN. Noble holds a JD from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University and a Masters In Urban Planning and Design from the University of Maryland.