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Creating a Community-wide Strategy to Combat the Drop-out Crisis

Featured Speakers

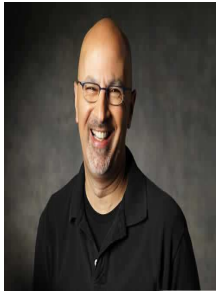
Keynote Speakers



Bill Milliken, founder and vice chairman of Communities In Schools, Inc., is one of the nation's foremost pioneers in the movement to give young people the help they need to graduate from high school and go on to rewarding lives.

The year 2000 marked the 40th anniversary of Milliken's commitment to children, and saw him receive two major national awards. The Edward A. Smith Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership honors one executive each year who exemplifies "extraordinary leadership" over a lifetime of service. The "Champion for Children" award from the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) honors a nationally known non-educator whose contributions have significantly and positively influenced the lives of children.

Communities In Schools is the nation's leading community-based organization helping kids stay in school and prepare for life. Currently, CIS directly serves more than 1.4 million students and their families each year in more than 3,400 schools in 27 states and the District of Columbia. Its grassroots, personalized approach embodies Milliken's long-held philosophy, "Programs don't change children - relationships do."



Saleem Ghubril, a strong and powerful advocate for children and the city of Pittsburgh, is Executive director of **The Pittsburgh Promise**. An ordained Presbyterian minister with a M.Div. from Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, he has devoted his life to serving the people of his community through outreach programs and education.

In 1985, Saleem founded The Pittsburgh Project, a community development organization that fosters a sense of unity between young and old, and creates safe, stable, and dynamic neighborhoods.

He is currently Co-Pastor of the Mosaic Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, and serves as Chair of the A+ Schools: Pittsburgh's Community Alliance for Public Education, Treasurer of The Buhl Foundation, and Vice Chair of the Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development. In addition, Mr. Ghubril is a member of The Grable Foundation Community Cabinet and the Youth Crime Prevention Council Action Committee.

Summit Emcee



Tom Baker, MA, is the Vice President of Programs for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh. He is the President of Baker Leadership and is author of "Get Involved! Making the Most of Your 20s and 30s."

Tom's previous professional experience includes serving as Executive Director of Healthy Teens, Inc., as a Family Recruiter at Three Rivers Adoption Council, as a Career Counselor at Carnegie Mellon University's H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management, and as Director of The Learning Ladder Child Development Center in Lancaster, PA.

Featured Panelists

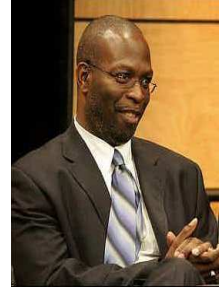


Chief Nathan Harper, the Pittsburgh Police

Nathan Harper, a 29-year veteran of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police was sworn in as Chief of Police on October 31, 2006. He is a member of the Mayor's Youth Commission and the Youth Futures Commission. He has received numerous awards and commendations for his service and has been recognized with a Meritorious Service Award as well as the Spirit of Life Award.

Derrick Lopez, Pittsburgh Public Schools

Derrick Lopez, M.Ed., joined Pittsburgh Public Schools in 2007. Mr. Lopez currently serves as the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools for the Pittsburgh Public Schools. Mr. Lopez is a licensed member of the State Bar of Michigan, and he served as the Principal of Berkley High School located in Berkley Michigan. He, therefore, brings to the District extensive experience as an administrator, organizational director and teacher. Mr. Lopez earned a law degree from Cornell Law School, master's degree from Marygrove College and a bachelor's degree from the Dartmouth College.



J. Mike Schweder, AT&T Mid Atlantic President

J. Michael Schweder is President of AT&T Mid Atlantic and is responsible for developing the overall strategic direction for AT&T's corporate activities in six states and Washington DC. A former Pennsylvania state legislator, Schweder directs the teams responsible for implementing AT&T's legislative, regulatory public policy and philanthropic in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, DC. Schweder received a bachelor of arts in political science from Lycoming College in Williamsport, PA. He lives in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he is an elected member of the Bethlehem City Council.

Dr. Mary Frances Archey, CCAC Vice-President

Dr. Mary Frances Archey is Vice-President of Vice President for Learning and Student Development for the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC). Dr. Archey has been an educator for the last 30 years, serving CCAC students in a variety of roles since 1986 including VP and CEO of CCAC's South Campus, dean of academic affairs at South Campus and the coordinating dean for the natural and social sciences. Dr. Archey earned her doctorate at West Virginia University, a master's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh.



Rev. Monica Hawkins, Living Way Christian Fellowship

Rev. Monica L. Hawkins has been a licensed and ordained minister at Living Way Christian Fellowship in Pittsburgh since March 2003. Presently she serves as the Youth Pastor. Rev. Hawkins is the founder of *Pathways To SUCCESS*, designed to empower youth to become problem solvers as they address life issues, through the vehicles of music and technology. She is a Parent Ambassador for the University of Pittsburgh Social Work Training program and HOPE instructor at the Allegheny County Jail.