



WESTERN PA VETERANS ACADEMIC ALLIANCE

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University of Pittsburgh



Meeting Moderators



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Meeting Agenda

- Host Institution Welcome Remarks
- Western PA VAA Updates
- Topics of Discussion
- Open Floor Discussion
- Closing Remarks



Host Institution Welcome Remarks



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Western PA VAA – Who we are and What We Do



- What does the Alliance do?

- **Champion our strengths**

We create an impactful message that reflects our strengths. This is reinforced by developing strategic alliances with appropriate military-based organizations, and other university groups throughout the region

- **Shape student success**

We maintain connections with all University representatives. We work together to establish a robust engagement strategy, and use this to strengthen the Western Pennsylvania veteran and military dependent student population

- **Collaborate**

We facilitate collective activities focusing on areas that showcase our strengths, and support our individual and collective efforts

Academic Institutions Currently Participating in the Alliance

- Butler County Community College
- California University of Pennsylvania
- Carlow University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Chatham University
- Clarion University
- Community College of Allegheny County
- Community College of Beaver County
- Duquesne University
- Edinboro University
- Indiana University of Pittsburgh
- La Roche College
- Penn State University
- Point Park University
- Robert Morris University
- Saint Francis University
- Saint Vincent College
- Seton Hill University
- Slippery Rock University
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Pittsburgh - Bradford Campus
- University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg Campus
- University of Pittsburgh - Titusville Campus
- University of Pittsburgh - Johnstown Campus
- West Virginia University
- West Virginia University – Parkersburg Campus

Western PA VAA- 2nd Anniversary

- First meeting: March 16th, 2017 at Duquesne University
- Held meetings at: Duquesne, Pitt HERL, Slippery Rock, IUP, RMU, WVU, and Point Park
- Membership includes: 27 higher education campuses, Dept of VA, Non-profits and employers
- What does the future hold for WPA VAA?
 - Same format and goals
 - Strong core of members and attendees
 - New strategic partnerships to assist our Veterans with their goals

Pittsburgh Veterans Employment Coalition (PVEC)

- Tony Groff- Highmark Health, Steering Committee Co-Chair
- Anthony Cosby- Syracuse IVMF
- Megan Andros- Heinz Endowments



Corporate America Supports You (CASY)

- Crystal McFadden- Program Manager, US Navy Veteran



Pennsylvania Army National Guard- Education Services

- Sean M. Stricek- PA National Guard Education Services Specialist



Open Floor Discussion

- PA Career Link- Stefanie Doyle
- Adagio Women's Health- Sandy Soloski
- PA Serves
- Regional Institutional News, Events, Updates, and Additional Thoughts
- 2019 Meetings:
 - Summer 2019-
 - Fall 2019-
 - Winter 2019-



Announcements



Isla Mae Bengele

Born March 8, 2019

10:20 pm

9lbs 3oz

21.5 inches

Congrats to Caitlyn and Chuck!



CLOSING REMARKS

REMEMBER:
NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 2019
(DOODLE SCHEDULING POLL WILL BE SENT OUT SOON)

