

The logo for the OC Career Symposium. It features a stylized 'OC' monogram in a light gray color, positioned above the word 'CAREER' in a large, bold, dark red serif font. Below 'CAREER' is the word 'SYMPOSIUM' in a smaller, dark red, all-caps sans-serif font with wide letter spacing. The entire logo is centered within a white rectangular box that is set against a dark red background.

OC
CAREER
SYMPOSIUM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020
OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome! Guided by the ASCA national standards for school counseling, a strategic plan that specifically calls for more career-oriented exploration and exposure, and an ongoing mission to prepare the young women of Oakland Catholic High School for the future, we are pleased to offer this **OC Career Symposium** to our Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors.

MARY CLAIRE KASUNIC
PRESIDENT

MARISA GRECO
PRINCIPAL

NICOLE POWELL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:15-10:20AM: PRAYER, WELCOME, AND INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PRESIDENT MARY CLAIRE KASUNIC
SYNOD HALL

10:20-10:55AM: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
JANERA SOLOMON, OCHS'93,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KELLY STRAYHORN THEATER

11:05-11:50AM: SESSION #1
(45 MINUTES)

11:55AM-12:35PM: LUNCH

12:40-1:25PM: SESSION #2
(45 MINUTES)

1:30-2:15PM: SESSION #3
(45 MINUTES)

SESSION TOPICS

ALL THINGS TECH
DINARDO LECTURE HALL

CLIMATE/ENVIRONMENT: THE WORLD AROUND US
RHODORA J. DONAHUE CHAPEL IN HONOR OF ST. JOAN OF ARC

ENGINEERS MAKE THE WORLD WORK SMARTER
DONAHUE PAVILION

LIFELONG LEARNING & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION
JOA BUILDING, J-101

OUTSIDE THE BOX: UNIQUE & NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS
JOA THEATRE

WHEN CREATIVITY & CAREER COLLIDE
JOA BUILDING, J-104



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JANERA SOLOMON, OCHS'93
CULTURAL STRATEGIST

Janera Solomon is a cultural leader. After eleven years as the executive director of the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, a historic live arts venue and community cultural anchor in Pittsburgh, Janera is beginning a new journey. Recognized for her transformative leadership and contributions to the revitalization of East Liberty, Janera managed expansive growth of the organization's program and profile while maintaining diverse programs designed to inspire and engage a wide range of audiences.

A nationally recognized thought leader, experienced curator, and creative strategist, Janera has an extensive portfolio of projects with visual artists, independent spaces, museums, and performing arts centers, including collaborative projects with Toronto-based creative and museum consultants, Lord Cultural Resources, including: Museum of the African Diaspora (San Francisco); Brooklyn Museum of Art; Ministry of Tourism in Ontario; and planning and project management, August Wilson Center for African American History & Culture (Pittsburgh). Her curatorial work includes projects with some of the world's brightest stars including: Kyle Abraham, Camille Brown, Thaddeus Phillips, Sidra Bell, Sean Dorsey, Jaamil Kosoko, and Bill Shannon.

An avid community advocate, Janera serves on numerous boards including the Carnegie Museums and The Ellis School. In 2014, Janera formed the August Wilson Center Recovery Committee to rescue the AWC from bankruptcy and restore it to vibrancy. Widely recognized for her leadership contributions, Janera was featured in 2019 by the *Pittsburgh City Paper* as a Pittsburgher of the Year, named a Woman of Influence by *The Pittsburgh Business Times*, and named by *Pittsburgh Magazine* as one of the “50 Most Powerful People in Pittsburgh.”

PANEL PRESENTATIONS

ALL THINGS TECH

Learn about how technology has remained a buzzword across all industries for the last couple of decades. This session, in the *DiNardo Lecture Hall*, documents the journeys of several women who have found their niche in this exciting yet constantly evolving industry—where new jobs and career opportunities for women are growing exponentially!

PANELISTS



ANGELICA ESCOBAR, OCHS'11

SECOND-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT/MEDICAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



SARAH PETERSON, OCHS'07

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, NURELM



MARTA TARTAR, OCHS'07

DATA SCIENTIST, BOOSTR

CLIMATE/ENVIRONMENT: THE WORLD AROUND US

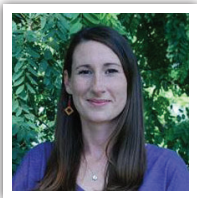
The long-term sustainability of our environment and our role as stewards of this world are hot topics of discussion in more ways than one. Join our experts in the *Rhodora J. Donahue Chapel in Honor of St. Joan of Arc* and hear about the latest efforts to preserve and increase sustainability as they respond to interview questions about what's next and what's expected of each of us.

PANELISTS



ALISSA BUCK, OCHS'13

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIST, DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL;
WRITER, *OUTDOOR DELAWARE* MAGAZINE



MEGAN HIGGINS PALOMO, OCHS'03

HERITAGE NURSERY DIRECTOR, TREE PITTSBURGH



LAUREN SCHRICKER, OCHS'10

ECOLOGIST, RESEARCH ASSISTANT AND PHD STUDENT,
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

ENGINEERS MAKE THE WORLD WORK SMARTER

Engineering offers a plethora of job possibilities and an opportunity to touch people's lives in more ways than you may have imagined. Hear from current engineers in the *Donahue Pavilion* as they share their journeys and present the work they carry out in rapidly changing industries.

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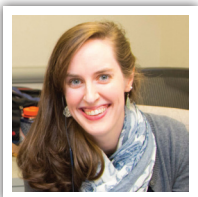
MAURA CARROLL, OCHS'07

OPERATIONS ENGINEER, ORACLE



ALEXANDRA DELAZIO, OCHS'13

RESEARCH ENGINEER, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH,
DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY



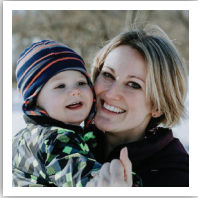
MEGHANN WYGONIK KINKLEY, PE

WATER RESOURCES ENGINEER, U.S. ARMY CORPS
OF ENGINEERS, INSTITUTE FOR WATER RESOURCES,
RISK MANAGEMENT CENTER

LIFELONG LEARNING AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION

Like many career fields, education is evolving under the influence of new discoveries, improved technology, and a changing world. In *J-101* broaden your perception of what it means to work in education as you engage in conversation with current professionals as they present trends and map out a future vision in the education arena.

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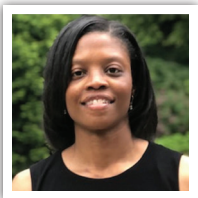
KATE WARD BARNES

TEACHER OF THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AT THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN



JESSICA HATHERILL, EDD, OCHS'97

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND THE COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES, DIETRICH SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH



MAISHA KELLY JOHNSON, OCHS'95

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, BARACK OBAMA ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

OUTSIDE THE BOX: UNIQUE AND NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS

There are a multitude of careers and many ways to ensure a better society for all. Not every job is easily classified and most career paths are circuitous. Join our panelists in the *JOA Theatre* and learn about the work of these female leaders who pursued emerging, unique, and non-traditional career opportunities.

PANELISTS



LAURA DONALDSON

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC ADVISOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY; “SECRET AGENT L”



MELISSA RUGGIERO, OCHS'95

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL, ALLEGHENY COUNTY OFFICE OF CONFLICT COUNSEL



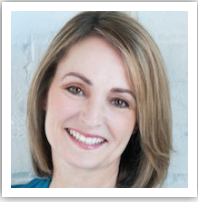
LISA WASHINGTON

ANCHOR/REPORTER, KDKA

WHEN CREATIVITY AND CAREER COLLIDE

Creativity fuels and sustains us as individuals and a society. It serves as a catalyst for careers in various art forms, a reflection of experiences in our lives and our society, and an essential aspect of successful creation from a book, a film, or a business. Discover how the spark of creativity sustains the careers of our panelists as they converse in *J-104* about how creativity and work are integrated in their career endeavors.

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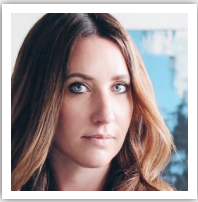
CAROLINE COLLINS

OWNER, 13 FILMS PRODUCTION COMPANY; ACTOR, WRITER, PRODUCER, AND DIRECTOR



AYISHA MORGAN-LEE, OCHS'01

FOUNDER, CEO & ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, HILL DANCE ACADEMY THEATRE (HDAT)



MIA TARDUCCI

ARTIST/ENTREPRENEUR

LORD, WATCH OVER US TODAY
AS WE GATHER AS A COMMUNITY FOR
OUR OC CAREER SYMPOSIUM.

HELP US KEEP OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS AS WE
LISTEN TO THE DEDICATED WOMEN WHO HAVE WILLINGLY
COMMITTED TO SHARING THEIR KNOWLEDGE, INSIGHT, AND
EXPERIENCE WITH US. GUIDE US AS WE EXPLORE POSSIBLE
CAREER PATHS, CONSIDER OUR OWN FUTURES, AND BEGIN
THE PROCESS OF DREAMING AND PLANNING.

WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, WE STRIVE
CONFIDENTLY TO DISCERN WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO
BECOME AND HOW BEST TO SERVE YOU.

WE ASK ALL THIS IN YOUR NAME,
AMEN

SPECIAL THANKS

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE TODAY'S OC CAREER
SYMPOSIUM POSSIBLE. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE MANY
WOMEN WHO SO READILY SHARED THEIR EXPERTISE,
INSIGHT, AND ENTHUSIASM WITH OUR STUDENTS. TOGETHER,
WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO EMPOWER THE
NEXT GENERATION OF FEMALE LEADERS.



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