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**SPEAKER BIOS**



**Dr. Dario Altieri**

*President & Chief Executive Officer, The Wistar Institute*

Born in Milan, Italy, and educated at the University of Milan School Of Medicine, Dario C. Altieri, M.D., became a practicing clinician at the University, where he would later earn a postgraduate specialty degree in clinical and experimental hematology. In 1987, he joined the Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, California, first as a research fellow and later as a member of the faculty.

In 1994, Dr. Altieri became an associate professor at the Yale University School of Medicine, was named professor with tenure in 1999, and served in that role until 2002 when he was recruited as the founding chair of the Department of Cancer Biology at the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

In 2005, he co-founded both the National Cancer Biology Training Consortium, which promotes scientific excellence in the next generation of cancer researchers; and the Pancreatic Cancer Alliance, an all-volunteer patient advocacy organization devoted to supporting pancreatic cancer research and education.

Dr. Altieri joined The Wistar Institute as the Cancer Center Director and its first Chief Scientific Officer in September 2010. He succeeded Russel Kaufman, M.D., as President and Chief Executive Officer of Wistar in 2015. In addition to his leadership role, Dr. Altieri leads an active investigation program, studying how tumor cells continuously adapt to an ever-changing microenvironment and acquire critical traits of disease progression, in particular resistance to therapy and the ability to disseminate to distant organs, or metastasis. Employing a collection of cellular, molecular and genetic approaches, the laboratory focuses on the role of mitochondria in tumor adaptation, which involves dynamic changes in cellular metabolism, flexible modulation of cell death/cell survival mechanisms and complex intracellular signaling pathways. Elucidation of mechanisms of tumor adaptation, also called plasticity will uncover novel vulnerabilities that can be therapeutically exploited to inhibit primary and metastatic tumor growth.



**James Burnett**

*Executive Director, West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution*

Mr. Burnett is the Executive Director of the West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution (WPFSI). He has worked in the financial services industry for over 29 years, beginning his career with Fidelity Bank 1988. In 1999, Mr. Burnett pivoted to community economic development (“CED”) as Executive Director of the West Philadelphia Financial Services Institution (WPFSI). Because of his CED work, Mr. Burnett became an adjunct professor position at Thomas Jefferson University in the School of Sustainable Design. In addition to his professional focus, Mr. Burnett has served diligently on various community and professional boards and is committed to the promotion of financial education and access to capital.

As Executive Director for WPFSI, a twenty year old non-profit, Community Development Lending Institution, located in the West Philadelphia, Mr. Burnett is responsible for managing and growing WPFSI’s impact in Greater Philadelphia. WPFSI’s business services include commercial lending and financial education. In 2013 WPFSI also Created Progressive Change, CDC to handle its real estate development and social services for the community.

*Mr. Burnett’s accomplishments at WPFSI include:*

- The development of the ParkWest Town Center a 30 acre, 341,000 square foot, \$55,000,000 retail center in West Philadelphia

- The creation of the first non-profit mortgage brokerage company in Pennsylvania
- Supporting the Creation of over 1,800 jobs through loans and other investments
- The development of the WesGold Fellows, a paid summer internship for high school students focused on entrepreneurship, investing and real estate development
- The development of the first youth Individual Development Account program in the state of Pennsylvania.

Finally, Mr. Burnett is a speaker on various community development and lending topics and was a host of “There’s Money Out There” radio show. Additionally, he is a member of various boards including: Philadelphia Parks Alliance, STEAMie Work Space, and Greater Philadelphia Film Office.



**Chellie Cameron**

*Chief Executive Officer, Philadelphia International Airport*

Rochelle (“Chellie”) L. Cameron is the Chief Executive Officer of the Philadelphia International Airport and the Northeast Philadelphia Airport, a large hub airport system which served more than 33 million passengers in 2019. She oversees the planning, development and administration of all activities for the City’s Division of Aviation. Cameron has made enhancing the customer experience, improving current airport facilities and positioning the airport for the future her top priorities.

Cameron has been a member of the Airport’s leadership team since 2011. Previously, she spent 13 years with the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) and served for seven years as an active duty officer in the United States Air Force and one year as an Air Force civilian employee.

Cameron holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from Auburn University at Montgomery. She is a certified public accountant in the Commonwealths of Pennsylvania and Virginia and a Certified Member of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE).

Cameron serves on numerous international, national and local boards and advisory groups. Her leadership roles in the airport industry and local community reflect her passion for the role airports play in connecting communities with the world, growing local economies, and developing diverse and inclusive employee teams.



**David L. Cohen**

*Senior Executive Vice President, Comcast NBCUniversal*

David L. Cohen - is a Senior Executive Vice President of Comcast Corporation. Effective January 1, 2020, David has announced a transition from his leadership roles in the broad portfolio of responsibilities that he has helped to create and overseen since his arrival at the Company, including corporate communications, legal affairs, government and regulatory affairs, public affairs, corporate administration, corporate real estate and security, and community impact. He also serves as senior counselor to the CEO. David also served as the company’s first Chief Diversity Officer. Before coming to Comcast in July of 2002, Mr. Cohen served as a partner in and Chairman of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, one of the 100 largest law firms in the country.

A native of New York, Mr. Cohen graduated from Swarthmore College in 1977 with a BA and with a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School summa cum laude in 1981. From January 1992 to April 1997, Mr. Cohen served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. As detailed in the book *A Prayer for the City*, written by Pulitzer-Prize winning author Buzz Bissinger, Mr. Cohen played a critical coordinating role in significant budgetary and financial issues, in economic development activities, in collective bargaining negotiations, and in a wide variety of other policy and operational issues relating to the city.

David serves as Chairman of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its Executive Committee. He also serves as a member of the Trustee Board and the Executive Committee of Penn Medicine. In addition, David serves on both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Chamber's CEO Council for Growth. He is also Chair of the Philadelphia Theatre Company, is a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission and a member of its Executive Committee, Honorary Chair of Campus Philly, a member of the Kimmel Center President's Leadership Council, and is Chair of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Philadelphia Bid Committee. David also serves as Chair of the national board of City Year and its Executive Committee and Co-Chair of its Governance Committee. He also serves on the national board of the National Urban League and is Chair of its Audit Committee, and is Chair of the Corporate Advisory Board of UnidosUS. Additionally, David is a member of the Board of Directors of FS Global Credit Opportunities Fund and serves as Chair of its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Mr. Cohen has received numerous awards for his civic and charitable activities, including the Americanism Award of the Anti-Defamation League (1993), the American Red Cross Citizen of the Year Award (1999), the National Cable Television Association, Vanguard Award for Leadership and Impact in the Cable Industry (2005), the President's Volunteer Service Award (2007), the MS Society Hope Award (2007), the Drexel University Business Leader of the Year Award (2008), the National Urban League of Philadelphia Business Leader of the Year Award (2008), The William Way Community Center Amicus in Res Award (2009), the William Penn Award from the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce (2012), Spirit of Asian American Award (2012), the Jewish National Fund Tree of Life Award (2012), the Minority Media Telecommunications Council Digital Equality Award (2013), and the Minority Corporate Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award (2017); the 4-H Brand Champion Award (2018), Kappa Alpha Psi's "Distinguished Citizens Award" (2019), and has consistently been named to Black Enterprise magazine's list of top corporate diversity executives. Mr. Cohen also was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Drexel University in 1997; an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Rider University in 2010; and an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Rowan University (2017).

David lives in Philadelphia with his wife.



**Marc Coleman**

*Founder, President & Chief Executive Officer, The Tactile Group*

Marc is the founder, chief executive officer, and president of The Tactile Group. A highly motivated serial entrepreneur, he has more than two decades of experience in creative direction, design, business management, and client relations. Marc serves on the Executive Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia's Board of Directors and serves as the Chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. Marc is a longtime member of the Philadelphia African-American Chamber of Commerce and the Independence Business Alliance. His award-winning agency, The Tactile Group, is

a certified Minority Business Enterprise via NMSDC, and an LGBT Business Enterprise as certified by the National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC). With a diverse staff of 25, the firm’s mission states, “Designed to give a damn, we actively seek work whose goal is to improve the quality of life for all people.”



**Chris Gheysens**

*President & Chief Executive Officer, Wawa*

Chris Gheysens is President and CEO of Wawa, a chain of more than 890 convenience stores located in five Mid-Atlantic States, Florida and Washington, DC. Wawa is a family and associate-owned, privately-held company with more than 36,000 Wawa associates providing convenient and friendly experiences for over 1.6 million customers every day. Wawa ranks 25th on Forbes’ annual ranking of Largest Privately Held Companies and also ranks among the top ten Employee Stock Ownership Plans in the country. The company began in the early 1800’s in New Jersey with an iron foundry and a cotton and textile mill, and eventually migrated to Pennsylvania with the opening of a dairy plant in 1902. Wawa’s original dairy was built on land located in a rural section of Pennsylvania called “Wawa” which was named from local Native Americans in honor of their favored game – the Canada goose. As home delivery of dairy declined and supermarkets became more abundant in the early 1960’s, the concept to open Wawa convenience stores became a reality with the first store opening in Folsom, PA on April 16, 1964.

Chris is proud to have served Wawa associates for more than twenty-two years, previously holding the position of Chief Financial and Administrative Officer from January 2007 to December 2011, with responsibility for all Financial, Legal and Human Resource functions. As President and CEO since 2013, Chris is committed to protecting and fostering the Wawa culture of private ownership and shared ownership, and carrying on the strong tradition of servant leadership. Prior to joining Wawa, Chris worked in the audit practice at Deloitte and Touché, LLP in Philadelphia. During his four years with Deloitte, he focused primarily on the retail industry, serving clients such as Reading China and Glass, The Wall Music, Pep Boys, and Wawa.

Chris graduated from the Villanova University School of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy in 1993. He obtained his Master of Business Administration from Saint Joseph’s University and was a Certified Public Accountant in New Jersey. He graduated from Saint Augustine Preparatory School located in Richland, New Jersey. In 2019, Chris was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Leadership from Saint Joseph’s University.

Chris served on the Retail Board of Directors for the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS) from 2013 - 2019. He is the chairperson of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the Villanova School of Business and serves on the WSFS Bank Board of Directors, where he chairs the Audit Committee. Chris joined The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Board of Trustees in 2017; in 2019 he was appointed as the current Vice Chairman and Chairman elect, and he led the formation of their first Corporate Council.



**Claire Greenwood**

*Executive Director, CEO Council for Growth*

As the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia’s regional CEO Council for Growth, Claire Greenwood leads the work of more than 60 business, higher education, and civic leaders who commit their time and efforts to enhancing economic growth and prosperity

in the tri-state region. She also oversees the Chamber's Select Greater Philadelphia Council which tells the powerful story of Greater Philadelphia's unique business assets to inspire talent and companies to make the community their home. Both are critical parts of the Chamber's strategy to improve the region's global competitiveness and economic vitality. Through Greenwood's direction, these efforts harness the power of business and civic leaders to attract and retain talent, capital and companies and advocate for policies and initiatives that strengthen the regional economy to make Greater Philadelphia one of the global first-tier 21st-century innovation economies. In addition, she is currently leading the Philadelphia Regional Recharge and Recovery Task Force, overseeing the work of the Cell and Gene Therapy and Connected Health Initiative, and serving as a member of the Board of Directors for Campus Philly.



**Jeff Guaracino**

*President & Chief Executive Officer, Visit Philadelphia*

As president and CEO of VISIT PHILADELPHIA®, Jeff Guaracino is charged with building the region's image, driving visitation and boosting the economy. In 2019, the Greater Philadelphia region welcomed 46 million people. These visitors injected \$7.64 billion into the economy, supported 105,000 jobs and generated \$1.01 billion in state and local tax — leading to \$12.33 billion in economic impact.

Guaracino has a 20-year track record of success in tourism and organizational management with expertise in growth, change and crisis leadership — areas of strength that are particularly useful as he works with industry leaders, elected officials and regional partners to rebuild the hospitality and tourism sector in the wake of COVID-19. The pandemic presents the greatest challenge the travel industry has faced, with 70,300 industry jobs lost through June 2020 throughout the five-county region. Under Guaracino's leadership, VISIT PHILADELPHIA has continued to fulfill its mission in new and innovative ways: developing virtual programming to support local businesses, launching a comprehensive online hospitality job resource, and educating residents and visitors about traveling safely and responsibly again.

Before being named to lead VISIT PHILADELPHIA, Guaracino spent 11 years — from 2001 through 2012 — on the company's communications team, first serving in a director role and later as a vice president. During his time at VISIT PHILADELPHIA, Guaracino was part of the leadership team working on many of the organization's groundbreaking marketing campaigns, including Philly's More Fun When You Sleep Over®; With Love, Philadelphia XOXO®; With Art Philadelphia®; Philly Homegrown; and Philadelphia – Get Your History Straight And Your Nightlife Gay®.

Guaracino also served as president and CEO of Welcome America, Inc., a 501c3, nonprofit organization in public-private partnership with the City of Philadelphia. Prior to joining Welcome America, Guaracino was the executive director of the Atlantic City Alliance, a private, nonprofit, destination-marketing organization for Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he led the destination's recovery strategy after Superstorm Sandy.

Guaracino sits on the board of directors for the U.S. Travel Association, Global Philadelphia Association, Independence Visitor Center Corporation, Philadelphia International Airport, Welcome America, Inc., Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Fund and Temple University STHM Board of Visitors.

Guaracino, a Philadelphia native, resides in Society Hill and is a graduate of Rowan University and Camden County Community College.



**Dr. Amy Gutmann**

*President, University of Pennsylvania*

Dr. Amy Gutmann, president of the University of Pennsylvania since 2004, is widely recognized for her transformative leadership. In 2018, Fortune magazine named her one of the “World’s 50 Greatest Leaders.” Dr. Gutmann’s Penn Compact 2022 has championed inclusion, innovation, and impact for the University, now ranked by Reuters as one of the four most innovative universities in the world.

The first in her family to graduate college, Dr. Gutmann has championed educational access, tripling financial aid, providing all-grant, no-loan aid packages, and more than doubling the number of Penn students from low-income, middle-income, and first-generation college families at the university. Seventy-five percent of Penn students now graduate debt-free. She has created a robust innovation ecosystem on a vibrantly expanded campus, which includes the 23-acre Pennovation Works and its flagship Pennovation Center business incubator and laboratory. Dr. Gutmann has also helped spearhead Penn to expand civic minded partnerships with Philadelphia public schools including the Penn Alexander School, a National Blue Ribbon school, along with programmatic support for hundreds of other local public schools.

Under Dr. Gutmann’s leadership, Penn has become a globally preeminent research university and health care system that annually attracts more than \$1 billion in sponsored research and generates over \$10 billion in economic impact to Philadelphia and over \$14 billion annually to the region. Penn is Philadelphia’s largest private employer and its No. 1 health care provider.

Global engagement has been a centerpiece of Dr. Gutmann’s presidency, highlighted by the creation of the Perry World House on campus, Penn Wharton China Center in Beijing, and the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement in Washington, D.C. Each marks major university-wide initiatives designed to bring the world to Penn and Penn to the world.

A pathbreaking scholar, too, Dr. Gutmann most recently wrote “Pandemic Ethics,” the Afterward to the paperback edition of her 17th book (with Jonathan Moreno) entitled *Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven but Nobody Wants to Die: Bioethics and the Transformation of Health Care in America*. At Penn, Dr. Gutmann is the Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science in the School of Arts and Sciences and professor of communication in the Annenberg School for Communication.

In 2019, Dr. Gutmann was awarded both The Pennsylvania Society’s Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement and the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia’s William Penn Award.



**Osagie Imasogie**

*Co-Founder & Senior Managing Partner, PIPV Capital*

Osagie Imasogie has over 30 years of experience in the field of law, finance, business management, healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry. He is a co-founder and the Senior Managing Partner of PIPV Capital, a Private Equity Firm that is focused on the Life Sciences vertical. Prior to co-founding PIPV Capital, Osagie conceptualized and established GlaxoSmithKline Ventures and was its founding Vice President.

Osagie has held senior legal, commercial and R&D positions within pharmaceutical companies such as GSK, SmithKline, DuPont Merck and Endo. Osagie has also been a Price Waterhouse Corporate Finance Partner as well as an attorney with a leading US Law Firm.

Osagie is a serial entrepreneur and investor. He serves as Chairman and Founder of Ilera Therapeutics and a number of other pharmaceutical and biotech companies. In addition, he serves on the Board of several financial institutions such as FS-KKR (NYSE: FSK), Haverford Trust and StoneRidge Investments.



**Susan Jacobson**

*President, Jacobson Strategic Communications*

Susan Jacobson is President of Jacobson Strategic Communications, one of the leading public relations and public affairs companies on the East Coast with offices in Philadelphia, Palm Beach, Harrisburg and Boston. Before working in the communications sector, Susan served as Deputy Chief of Staff to then Mayor Ed Rendell and to Chief of Staff David L. Cohen. In 1999, the Mayors of Pennsylvania presented Susan with the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities Award for Outstanding Service. Susan and her company have won numerous awards including a three-time winner of the INC 5000, Stevie Award for Female Entrepreneur of the Year, Women of Distinction Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal, and the Most Admired CEO Award from the Philadelphia Business Journal. Actively engaged in the community, Susan currently sits on the board of the National PBS Foundation and is the Chair Elect of the Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia. She contributes to Forbes.com and was profiled in the New York Times bestseller, *The Real Life MBA*, by Jack and Suzy Welch.



**John J. (Jack) Lynch III**

*President & CEO, Main Line Health*

John J. (Jack) Lynch III has served as president and CEO of Main Line Health since 2005, providing executive leadership to suburban Philadelphia's most comprehensive health care system. Main Line Health is comprised of four of the region's respected acute care hospitals --Lankenau Medical Center, Bryn Mawr Hospital, Paoli Hospital and Riddle Hospital -- as well as one of the nation's premier facilities for rehabilitative medicine, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital; Mirmont Treatment Center, one of the leading addiction treatment programs in the Northeast; the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research; and the Home Care Network, which provides at-home nursing and hospice care throughout the five county region.

During his tenure with Main Line Health, Lynch and his leadership team have been credited with strengthening the organization's commitment to safety, quality and equity and enhancing the technology necessary to support significant advances in those areas. He has also fostered a period of expansion, including the addition of an acute care hospital and six health centers to better serve the needs of the Main Line and western suburban communities, and has cultivated an employee work environment that has garnered recognition from several independent rating organizations.

Prior to joining Main Line Health, Lynch served nearly 20 years as an executive with the St. Luke's Episcopal Health System in Houston, Texas, where he advanced to the position of Executive Vice President and Chief



Operating Officer for the system, as well as CEO of the system's flagship facility, St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital. While residing in Houston, Lynch served on the boards of a wide variety of professional associations, including the Texas Hospital Association, the Greater Houston Hospital Counsel and the United Way.

A native of Washington, D.C., Lynch received his undergraduate degree from the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania and his Master of Health Administration degree from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri.

As former Governor of the American College of Healthcare Executives, Lynch serves on the boards of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey, The Haverford School, the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers and The American Heart Association.

Lynch and his family reside in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.



**Bret Perkins**

*Senior Vice President of External and Government Affairs, Comcast NBCUniversal*

Bret Perkins serves as Senior Vice President of External and Government Affairs for Comcast Corporation. In this role he is responsible for local government affairs, strategic partnerships with state and local intergovernmental associations, and national policy advocacy organizations.

Bret joined Comcast in 2001 and has managed local government affairs while the Company grew from operating in 2,500 communities to 6,000 communities.

Prior to joining Comcast, he served as Vice President of System Services and Assistant to the President at Mercy Health System in Pennsylvania and worked in legislative affairs at Keystone Mercy/AmeriHealth Mercy Health Plan and with the North Philadelphia Health System.

In 2008, Bret received the National Cable & Telecommunications Association's Vanguard Award for Young Leadership, one of the cable industry's highest honors for its next generation of leaders.

Bret is a Trustee of Temple University and serves on the board of Temple University Health System. He is past Chair and a member of the Board of The Committee of Seventy, and a member of the boards of Visit Philadelphia, PIDC, New Deal Leaders, American Council of Young Political Leaders, and the New Leaders Council.

Bret received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Temple University and resides in Philadelphia with his wife and two children.



**Anne Nevins**

*President, PIDC*

Anne Bovaird Nevins serves as President of PIDC where she is responsible for the organization's efforts to develop and implement collaborative strategies designed to drive economic growth to every corner of Philadelphia. In this role, Anne leads PIDC's efforts to strengthen

relationships with the public, private and philanthropic sectors to promote business growth, investment and development across the city and throughout its economy. She also directs internal activities around business development, capitalization, impact assessment, and the development and delivery of real estate and financing products that fill project financing gaps for neighborhood and large-scale commercial, industrial and mixed-use developments, deliver capital to growing businesses, and energize the development of the city's workplaces of the future.

Prior to her appointment as President in January of 2020, Anne served as PIDC's Chief Strategy and Communications Officer, a key member of the executive team where she oversaw capitalization, product development, strategic communications, and partnerships. Prior to this role, Nevins served as PIDC's Senior Vice President for Marketing and Business Development for six years where she led a team that transformed PIDC's brand identity, developed new lending products, and generated 360 loans to small, diverse, and growing businesses investing over \$117 million dollars located in 94% of Philadelphia's zip codes. Anne has served on the Mayor's Refinery Advisory Group for the City of Philadelphia, co-managed Philadelphia's Amazon HQ2 bid, and has created and led PIDC and ULI Philadelphia's partnership advisory committee on the future of work and its impact on industrial and commercial land.

From 1999 to 2001, Anne served in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs, which is responsible for coordination between the President and all cabinet agencies. She then joined the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and managed the logistical and hospitality arrangements for all U.S. dignitaries attending the Olympics. Anne then managed corporate sponsorships for the Kimmel Center, the regional performing arts center in Philadelphia. She next served as Director of Development for Historic Philadelphia, Inc. and raised substantial funds to renovate Franklin Square, an 8-acre urban park in the center of Philadelphia's historic district. Anne has a Masters in Business Administration from the Wharton School and a Bachelors Degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania. She lives with her family in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia and serves on the Board of Directors of the Friends of BacheMartin, supporting the neighborhood public school.



**Nicole Tranchitella**

*Senior Managing Director, Accenture*

Nicole Tranchitella is a Senior Managing Director within Accenture's Northeast Products practice and is the Global Client Account Lead for a Fortune 50 corporation. With over 26 years of consulting experience, Nicole's primary expertise is enabling business transformation programs which she has done across multiple industries including Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture, Chemicals, and Energy.

Nicole is also the Philadelphia Office Managing Director for Accenture focusing on our market and community presence and supporting our 2300+ Accenture personnel. She is a member of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and the CEO Council for Growth. Nicole is a past recipient of the 40 Under 40 award from the Philadelphia Business Journal and a YWCA Women of Distinction honoree.

Nicole is married with three children and lives in the Philadelphia suburbs. A lifelong resident in the area, she is an avid Philly sports fan and enjoys spending time with her family (and dog) particularly at the shore, reading, and recently completed her first triathlon last year. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Saint Joseph's University and a Master of Science in Information Systems from the University of Maryland.



**Aaron Walton**

*President, Cheyney University*

President Aaron A. Walton, a proven, results-driven leader with 40 years of experience in corporate level management, was appointed as Cheyney University of Pennsylvania's Interim President on May 31, 2017. Because of the unprecedented progress he spearheaded during his first five months, President Walton was elected as permanent President by the Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) on November 13, 2017.

President Walton is a fearless champion for Cheyney University and its students. He brings expertise in strategic planning and organizational turnarounds, and has addressed the University's challenges head-on while leading the effort to define a new trajectory for the University. In his inaugural address to Cheyney's faculty and staff in June 2017, President Walton outlined a clear vision for the University — to produce students who excel in academics, character, and social responsibility. Through the University's strategic planning process, these three pillars ultimately became the foundation of Cheyney's new Vision [link the word Vision to Vision, Mission and Values page]: to be known as the premier educational model for academic excellence, character development, and social responsibility.

A former Senior Vice President of Highmark, Inc., one of the nation's leading healthcare providers, President Walton was one of nine principal officers responsible for providing overall management and direction of all corporate activities nationally. During his tenure at Highmark, he established and implemented a number of strategic healthcare initiatives that yielded community and company-wide growth and advancement, including an award-winning program that was one of the first programs in America to address childhood obesity and bullying. He was also instrumental in establishing the Children's Health Insurance Program, better known as C.H.I.P., which has become a national model.

While a senior executive at Highmark, and in his subsequent retirement, he served as Vice Chair of the PASSHE Board of Governors, where he was also Chair of Academic & Student Affairs, and Chair of Human Resources. President Walton was also a longtime member of California University of Pennsylvania's Council of Trustees, and chair from 1999 to 2003.

Prior to being tapped to lead Cheyney University, President Walton served as co-chair of the Cheyney Task Force appointed by the Board of Governors. The Task Force developed and approved, a "conceptual framework" for a new business model for Cheyney which included the creation of the Institute For The Contemporary African American Experience (Icaae). On July 31, 2018, Governor Tom Wolf joined President Walton and other officials on Cheyney's campus to announce the official launch of the ICAAE.

President Walton has held both leadership and advisory roles on more than 35 community boards. Some of his affiliations include the August Wilson Center for African American Culture (Chair), Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Polemarch Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter, the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund (Founding Board Member), NEED (Negro Emergency Educational Drive) where he served as Chair, The 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania, and Sire Archon, Rho Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

President Walton earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology from California University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Public Management (MPM) from the Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University. He and his wife, Dr. Gloria M. Walton, have two adult children and two grandchildren.



**Rob Wonderling**

*President & Chief Executive Officer, The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia*

Creating economic opportunities for all is the focus of Rob Wonderling's life work.

As President and CEO of The Chamber of Commerce for Greater Philadelphia, Rob leads a business advocacy organization of member companies that promotes growth and economic development in the 11-county Greater Philadelphia region.

Rob joined the Chamber in 2009 with an agenda to advance the region's businesses, particularly by strengthening opportunities for entrepreneurs and minority-owned businesses. During Rob's tenure, the Chamber has initiated new Councils working to establish Greater Philadelphia as a global leader in healthcare innovation, a premier talent hub, and link our existing energy assets with renewables and pioneering technologies to further advance a diversified, low carbon energy economy, among other efforts.

In addition, Rob initiated a city-wide advocacy initiative called the Neighborhood Growth Project that focuses on a multi-faceted, pro-growth policy agenda to build prosperity in every corner of the City of Philadelphia, helping to lift people out of poverty and making needed investments in the city's people and its future.

He is committed to inclusion and excellence in management of all diverse people irrespective of differences. Shortly after his arrival, he greatly expanded the Chamber's highly successful CEO Access Network to connect CEO's and minority entrepreneurs in order to drive business growth and create economic opportunity.

In addition to his responsibilities as head of the Chamber, Rob also serves as Chairman of the CEO Council for Growth, a business and civic leadership organization working on federal advocacy, as well as overseeing the Select Greater Philadelphia Council, the economic development marketing arm of the Chamber.

From 2002 to 2009, Rob served in the Pennsylvania State Senate, where he first served as Chairman of the Communications and Technology Committee and then as Chairman of the Transportation Committee. He also served in the executive branch of state government in the Ridge-Schweiker administration as Deputy Secretary of Transportation, where he was responsible for improving the operation and efficiency of PennDOT's 5,000-employee highway maintenance workforce.

Rob also has an impressive record of private-sector executive experience as well as distinguished public service.

Previously, Rob worked for Bentley Systems, Inc., a privately held software firm based in Exton which provides software solutions to engineers and architects on projects ranging from bridges to clean water. Earlier in his career, he worked for Allentown-based Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., in an Air Products division for energy environmental systems that included clean coal and alternative energy products. From 1984 to 1991, Rob served as President of the PENJERDEL Council, working closely with the Chamber on issues involving the region's economic and environmental prosperity.

Rob also serves on numerous boards and commissions. He currently serves on the boards of the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation (PIDC), the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Advisory Council, UNIVEST Corporation of Pennsylvania, and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) Corporate Council. He is also Chair of the Board of Trustees at Ursinus College.

Previously, Rob served as a member of the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority and on the board for Congreso de Latinos Unidos, PA Parks and Forests Foundation, Philadelphia School Reform Commission Search Committee for a new Superintendent of Schools, on the search committee for the new President of the Community College of Philadelphia, as well as serving as Chair of the Pennsylvania Governor's Commission on Postsecondary Education during the Corbett Administration.

In recognition of his extensive community involvement, Rob was awarded the 2011 Service to Humanity Award at the March of Dimes Transportation, Building and Construction luncheon, and received the 2010 Century Club Good Scout Award for his civic and business leadership by the Boy Scouts of America. He was also given the 2011 Penn Foundation for Behavioral Health Citizen of the Year Award and named "State Public Official of the Year" by Pennsylvania Bio in 2009. In 2014, Rob was honored by the Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia during their annual Celebrate Hope event for his commitment to helping those in need. In 2016, Rob received the Cliff Jones Keystone Legacy Award from the Pennsylvania Parks and Forest Foundation in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the protection and enhancement to the park and forest system in Pennsylvania. In November 2017, he was the recipient of the Anti-Defamation League's Americanism Award. In 2007, Rob published *Talking Pennsylvania: 21 Conversations for the 21st Century*.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Allegheny College in 1984 and a Master's degree in Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania in 1991. He attended the program for Senior Executives in State Government at Harvard University in 1997.

Rob and his wife Kristin have three adult sons, Sam, Mark and Ben.