

**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
GUEST SPEAKER AT CHAMBER MONTHLY LUNCHEON**



Lindsay Maliqi
U.S. SBA

The Gary Chamber of Commerce will hold its Monthly General Membership Luncheon on Monday, February 10, 2020, 12:00 Noon at Majestic Star Casino Event Center, One Buffington Harbor Drive, Gary. We welcome Lindsay Maliqi, Economic Development Specialist of the U.S. Small Business Administration, Indiana District Office, as our special guest speaker.

The SBA has worked to ignite change and spark action so small businesses can confidently start, grow, expand, and recover. The only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small business that provides counseling, capital, and contracting expertise for small businesses, entrepreneurs and business owners. Please join us.

RSVP early, \$20 in advance or \$22 at the door. Call the Chamber office (219) 885-7407. We accept all major Credit/Debit cards.



Above: Mayor Jerome Prince & Chuck Hughes. **Below:** Leslie Skinner & Roosevelt Haywood III, Haywood and Fleming Assoc.

The January 2020 General Membership Meeting/Luncheon was a celebration two-fold. Well over 300 business leaders, partners and communities were in attendance to welcome the newly elected City of Gary Mayor Jerome Prince who gave attendees a preview of the State of the City Address which is scheduled for February 28, 2020, and also the 35th Anniversary Celebration of Haywood and Fleming Associates, our Luncheon Signature Sponsor. As a special treat, following the luncheon guests were treated to a Champagne and Cake Reception in Majestic’s Lakeshore Lounge all compliments of HFA (**below left**).



Above: January luncheon’s Signature Sponsor (l-r) Roosevelt Haywood III, Haywood and Fleming Assoc., Mayor Prince, and sponsors: Cindy Findley & Palmer Myers of Meridian Title Corp., Bill Critser, Jr. of Gary Material Supply, Inc. and Chuck Hughes.



Right: Back Home Again in Indiana were 3 members of the famous Jackson 5 Group; Marlon, Jackie and Tito in town for the groundbreaking of Majestic Star Casinos new Hard Rock Casino. Also pictured: Former Gary Mayor Karen Freeman-Wilson, Retired Senator Earline Rogers and Gary Chamber Pres/CEO Chuck Hughes.



Picture compliments of The 411 News

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY: A SALUTE TO BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What's Up Chuck?



Chuck Hughes
President/CEO

I would like to thank our January luncheon sponsors for their undying support of the Gary Chamber of Commerce. The luncheon showcased how working together for the greater good of Gary and all of Northwest Indiana can REALLY WORK!

THANK YOU Signature Sponsor **Haywood and Fleming Associates**, and sponsors **Meridian Title Corporation** and **Gary Material & Supply, Inc.**



Introduction of #Civility Counts Resolution at State House in Indy.

GARY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gary Chamber of Commerce Activities

All of the following meetings are held at the Gary Chamber of Commerce

February 10, 2020	<u>GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/LUNCHEON</u> Majestic Star Casino Event Center One Buffington Harbor Drive, Gary	12:00 Noon
February 19, 2020	<u>Economic/Business Development Committee Meeting</u>	9:00 a.m.
February 24, 2020	<u>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING</u>	11:30 a.m.
February 25, 2020	<u>Public Policy Committee Meeting</u>	9:30 a.m.
February 27, 2020	<u>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING</u>	8:30 a.m.



Member Activities

- ▶ **JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM**—APPLY: 2020census.gov/jobs or (855) JOB-2020 (see flyer).
- ▶ **NorthShore Health Centers of Indiana** is celebrating the opening of its new \$18 million flagship facility at 6050 Sterling Creek Road, Portage, Indiana. NorthShore is a federally funded health care facility with centers in Hammond, Lake Station, Chesterton and Merrillville. For available services information contact Laura Lovell (219) 476-5732 or visit
- ▶ **Goodwill Industries of Michiana's Gary Community Career Center**, 4610 W. Ridge Road is offering classes for the month of February in Basic Computer Skills, Home Ownership 101, and Resume writing. For additional information and dates call (219) 595-0652.
- ▶ **Electrify Your Savings 2.50% with Centier Bank!** For information call your nearest Centier Bank branch or visit: www.centier.com/connect (see flyer).
- ▶ For extraordinary career styles visit **Rose's Closet Boutique**, 7608 Broadway, Merrillville. Monday: consignment appointments only, Tuesday-Friday 10am—5pm, Saturday: 9am-2pm. For info call Rose at (219) 616-3912.
- ▶ **February 1-29, 2020—Purdue University Northwest Black History Month** schedule of events (see flyer).
- ▶ **February 5, 2020—Mayor's Breakfast benefitting UNCF.** Join Mayor Jerome Prince, 8:30am, Genesis Convention Center, One Genesis Center Plaza, Gary. For more information or sponsorships, contact bryan.kelley@uncf.org or (317) 283-3920 (see flyer).
- ▶ **February 7, 2020—Dr. Janet Seabrook**, CEO/Founder Community HealthNet will be the guest speaker for #National Wear Red Day at Black Girl Magic Shoppe, 601 S. Lake St., 6pm—10pm. #Go Red (see flyer).
- ▶ **February 21-22, 2020—The 9th Annual Bill Johnson Black Film Festival**, the Glen Theater, 20 West Ridge Road, Gary. Featured will be a wide variety of films created by Black producers and directors (see flyer).
- ▶ **February 22, 2020—Marquette Park Pavilion** is the place for the 2nd Annual Superhero and Princess Brunch on the Lagoon, 12pm—3pm, 1 North Grand Blvd., Gary. A fun filled and action packed event for families and kids up to age 12 years. For info contact Keyanna Ezell, (219) 938-7362 (see flyer).
- ▶ **February 25, 2020—Genesis Convention Center Mardi Gras Celebration** featuring a New Orleans Buffet. Contact the Genesis Convention Center for details & tickets (219) 882-5505 or visit: www.genesisconventioncenter.com
- ▶ **February 28, 2020 – State of The City Address**, City of Gary Mayor Jerome Prince. Genesis Convention Center, One Genesis Center Plaza, Gary. Call (219) 882-5505 for details.
- ▶ **February 29, 2020—A Toast to Black Excellence: A Salute to Black Entrepreneurship**, 6pm, Purdue University Northwest, Alumni Hall, 2200 169th St., Hammond. Shania Mitchell, PNW Black Student Union as host, **Chuck Hughes, President/CEO, Gary Chamber of Commerce** will serve as guest host and Dwayne Walker, Chicagoland Popcorn delivering the keynote talk. A FREE ticketed event. RSVP for info and tickets: www.pnw.edu/black-history-month (see flyer).
- ▶ **March 19, 2020—Urban League of NWI Diversity & Inclusion Luncheon.** For information call Deb Black: (219) 887-9621.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTHWEST

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



FEBRUARY 1 - 29, 2020 • THE ART OF PRESTON JACKSON EXHIBIT

All Day • 3rd Floor Student Union & Library Building (across from Dean of Students Office - Hammond Campus), SULB 313

Jackson's work reflects a personal look at history as an examination of life in the United States, particularly the South, from slavery on. He intends for his work to preserve cultural history and illuminate attitudes within and outside of the African American community.



FEBRUARY 3, 2020 • THE BLACK HISTORY 101 MOBILE MUSEUM

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • Room-With-A-View & Concourse (Student Union & Library Building)

An interactive exhibit that offers audiences a fresh and creative lens to view history while developing a broader appreciation for museums in general and providing a "safe space" to have honest conversations about race and social justice.

10:00 a.m. – Remarks & Ribbon Cutting (Room-With-A-View)

- Welcome, Roy L. Hamilton
- Remarks, Omari Barksdale - Regional Executive, Director of the Black History 101 Traveling Museum
- Ribbon Cutting

10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Museum Exhibit (Concourse)



FEBRUARY 27, 2020 • NIA BOWL: AN ACADEMIC COMPETITION

6:00 p.m. • Gyte 107

The NIA BOWL is an academic competition where high school and college teams answer questions based upon African American history, life and culture. Nia is one of the several principles of Kwanzaa: "Purpose or Nia, is for the fifth day. We work to restore the greatness of our people. We learn of our leaders and our proud history. We dress like our African ancestors of long ago."

Host



Shania Mitchell
President
Black Student Union

FEBRUARY 29, 2020 • A TOAST TO BLACK EXCELLENCE: A SALUTE TO BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP

6:00 p.m. • Alumni Hall (Third Floor Student Union & Library Building)

A Toast to Black Excellence is an annual dinner sponsored by the Purdue Northwest Black Student Union, Brother 2 Brother, National Society of Black Engineers, Sisters With A Purpose, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. that acknowledges those people in the community who have contributed and made a difference on all levels of Black students. This event will toast those that teach, lead, and serve our community in efforts to protect and uphold the banner of excellence. This year's Toast will celebrate and honor the Black entrepreneurial spirit and Black business owners. Dwayne Walker, co-founder – ChicagoLand Popcorn will deliver a keynote talk. Shania Mitchell – member of PNW Black Student Union will serve as host and Charles "Chuck" Hughes – Executive Director of the Gary Chamber of Commerce will serve as Guest Host. There is no fee to attend this event; however, a ticket is required for entry to the event.

Keynote Speaker



Dwayne Walker
Co-Founder,
ChicagoLand Popcorn

Guest Host



Charles "Chuck" Hughes
Executive Director
Gary Chamber of Commerce

For more information and to RSVP for free tickets visit
pnw.edu/black-history-month

This year's Black History Month is being sponsored by the Black Student Union, Brother 2 Brother, National Society of Black Engineers, Sisters With A Purpose, and Alpha Phi Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. with generous support from the Creating a Climate of Inclusion Team (CCI) and the Office of University Art Collection & Special Programs.

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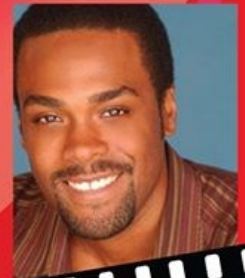
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Guest Speaker
Dr. Janet Seabrook
 CEO/Founder
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WILLIAM L. JOHNSON



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Hollywood Star

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