

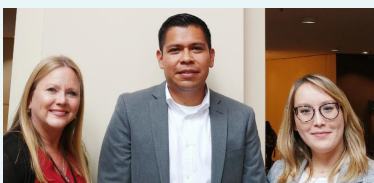


## Thought Leadership Blog Series



### [Mentoring changes lives: the top four reasons you should become a mentor](#)

by Taneshya Williams, Program Manager, PA Women Work



### [Four recommendations to keep your social media professional](#)

By Kim Macey, Program Manager, Jose Ramirez Moran, Group Manager; and Sara Shingozhina, Senior Analyst, BNY Mellon

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## When it comes full circle



PA Women Work partners with local employers and invites them to interview graduates of our programs. At a recent hiring event following our Customer Service First-

Class graduation, we were delighted to see a familiar face!

Gloria Hahn, one of our Women of Courage from last year's Circle of Hope, participated this year as an employer with UPMC.

Who better to understand the challenges and uncertainties our clients feel than Gloria, who went through our New Choices and Customer Service First-Class programs in 2016. "It is so exciting to come back to PA Women Work and see the success of this program," Gloria said.



During her interview with UPMC as part of our Customer Service employer interview sessions, Gloria was hired as a customer service representative. Since then, she has been promoted three times to her position today in their onboarding and recruitment department.

## Upcoming classes

### New Choices

#### **PA Women Work, Downtown**

Tuesday & Thursdays

July 23 - August 22

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

*\*\*Basic computer class same day from 1-3 p.m.*

For more information, call us at 412-742-4362. [Click here](#) for more details on upcoming classes.

## Upcoming events



### **June 27: A Celebration of Wine and Women at Casbah**

Join us at Casbah for an evening of celebration. Enjoy a gourmet five-course meal with wine pairing, and help us recognize and say farewell to our long-time board president, Jill Patterson.

When: June 27, 6 p.m.

Where: Casbah  
229 S Highland Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

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“The classes here built my confidence and helped me get back into the workforce. The people here helped me reinvent myself and encouraged me to get back out there,” Gloria explained. “Now, as an employer, I feel a sense of kinship with the job-seekers today.”

For more information about becoming an employer partner, contact Kristin Ioannou at [kioannou@pawomenwork.org](mailto:kioannou@pawomenwork.org) or 412-742-4365.

## Thank you, Jill!



As Jill Patterson’s tenure as our Board President comes to a close after more than six years, we want to offer our sincere appreciation to her for her

dedication to PA Women Work. Jill has given countless hours and supported us in launching new programs, initiatives and events. She helped impact thousands of women’s lives by sharing her employer expertise, mentoring through 3 Cups of Coffee®, and making connections for clients. We have been so fortunate to have had her on our team.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Board President, Leslye Herrmann. Leslye, Senior Associate Counsel, UPMC, has been a member of our board for more than two years and has shown a true passion for helping women in our community by supporting our organization in many capacities.

We are looking forward to working with Leslye to continue expanding our mission!

## Another successful Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community



Thank you to everyone who participated in this year’s Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Because of your dedication to our cause, we



### October 22: Circle of Hope Awards

Don't miss our annual fall awards dinner where we will recognize women in our community who exemplify our mission and celebrate empowerment, employment and economic independence.

When: Oct. 22

Where: Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel,  
510 Market St.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Want to get involved? Help plan? Contact Kristin Ioannou at [kioannou@pawomenwork.org](mailto:kioannou@pawomenwork.org) or 412-742-4365.

[Click here](#) to stay up-to-date on upcoming events!

### Your generosity makes a difference.



Give today and help local women transform their lives through empowerment, employment and economic independence.

raised more than \$10,000 to support our mission to empower women with the tools they need to find success both personally and professionally.

A special shout-out to Karl Sparre's Highmark Health Talent Solutions team who raised \$2,735!

Thank you to all of the supporters for your hard work and for walking with us on May 11!

A reminder that it's not too late to donate! [Click here to contribute.](#)

## New Choices, Customer Service graduates leave job-ready



This spring, 17 job-seekers graduated from our New Choices class Downtown. The graduation was full of smiles, cheering and of course, cake!

Throughout the class, clients learned valuable work readiness skills to help them obtain family-sustaining employment.

"This class has been so enlightening. I have been given many tools to use in all aspects of my life, not just the workplace," said Alicia Lattanzi, New Choices graduate.

We also graduated 17 clients through our Customer Service First-Class program where participants learned valuable skills and earned professional certificates. At course completion, clients participated in job interviews with employers from across the region to help in their job search.

"With the training and knowledge I received, I feel more confident in my employment search. I look forward to being gainfully employed and implementing what I have learned," said Courtney Morgan, a New Choices and Customer Service participant.

We're here to help you get back on track and find a job. Our next New Choices class begins Downtown on July 23. If you or someone you know is experiencing a career transition, call us today at 412-742-4362 to learn more.

## Northview Heights program in full swing



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Northview Heights.

As part of our effort to support underemployed immigrants  
and refugees through our RISE initiative, we are offering  
our portfolio of career development programs to residents  
of the area. Through one-on-one meetings and  
introductions to local employers and career mentors, we  
are helping participants plan their careers, build computer  
skills, learn customer service best practices, develop a  
winning resume, and discover their transferable  
experiences.

Since the start of this effort, we have helped 25 job-seekers  
and underemployed individuals work toward a brighter  
future. If you or someone you know lives in the Northview  
Heights area and is interested in learning more, contact us  
at 412-742-4362.

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