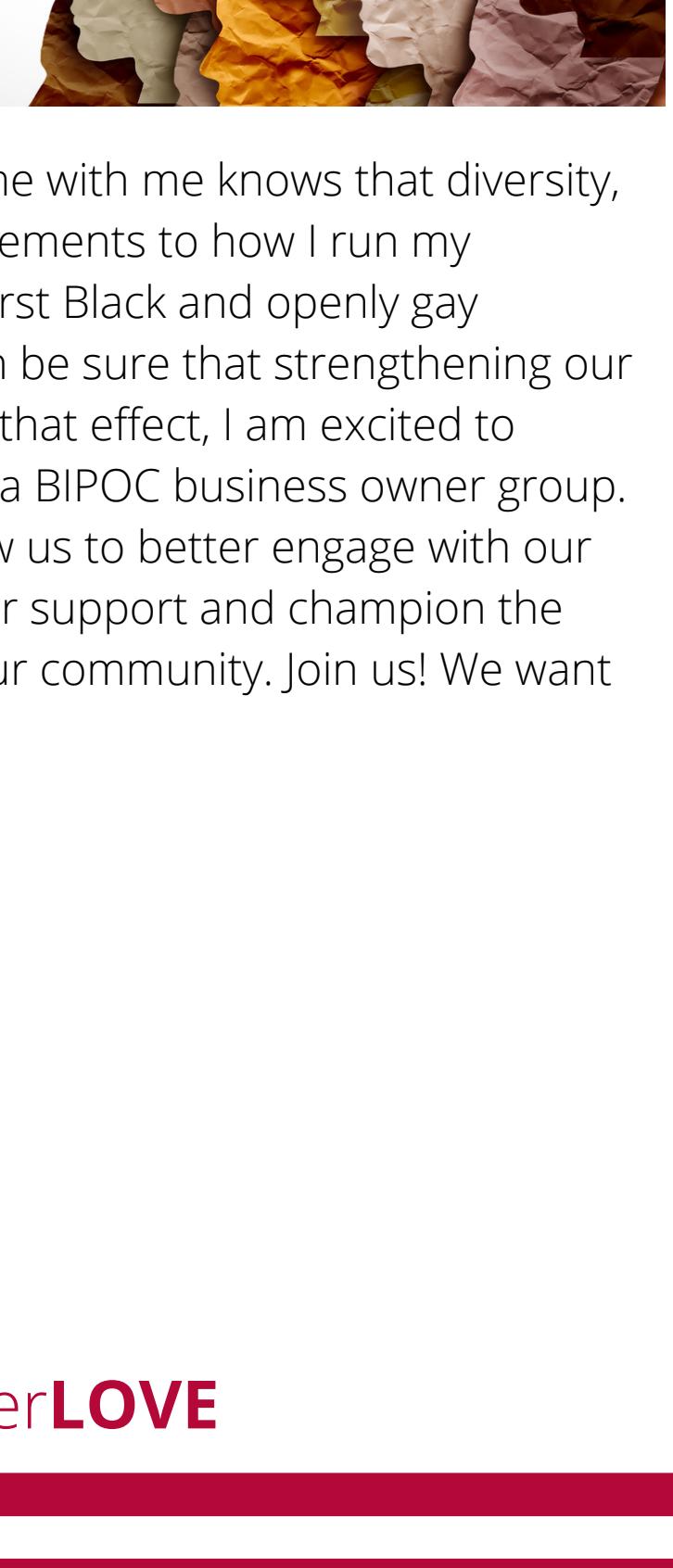




Diversity Equity Inclusion



Anyone who's spent significant time with me knows that diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical elements to how I run my business, and live my life. As the first Black and openly gay president of the Chamber you can be sure that strengthening our DEI initiatives will be a priority. To that effect, I am excited to announce that we have launched a BIPOC business owner group. My goal is that this group will allow us to better engage with our BIPOC owned businesses to better support and champion the amazing work they are doing in our community. Join us! We want to hear your voice!



Darien Marion-Burton
Board President

#chamberLOVE



Tuesday February 8, 5-7pm - Business After Hours at West Suburban Medical Center

Our February Business After Hours (BAH) will be hosted by **West Suburban Medical Center**. Join us for a night of networking and hors d'oeuvres, and check out this longtime Oak Park institution, while making connections for your business or organization! All members and non-members are welcomed. Connecting business to business, business to community.

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Friday February 18, 12-12:30pm - Inter-Chamber Takeout Stakeout at Madison Park Kitchen

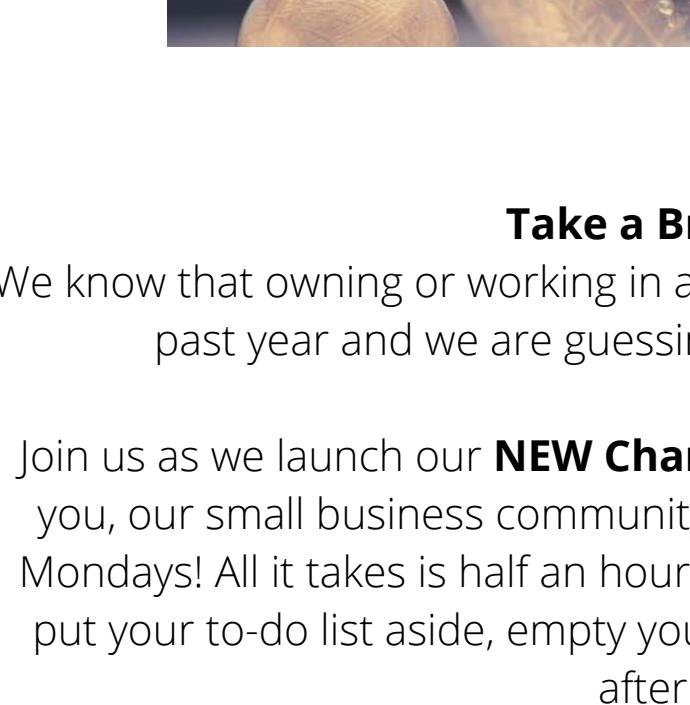
Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout, this time at **Madison Park Kitchen in Forest Park**! In this event, we convene at a designated restaurant to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meetup. Like our Tuesday Tasting lunch series from which this springs, lunch is a flat \$16 including tax and tip.

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Women In Business is excited to continue our monthly series with **Amanda Young, founder of AHY Energy Healing**. In honor of Valentine's Day, Amanda will be speaking on *Love Your Business: How to Shift Challenges and Fears to Your Benefit*. Fall in love with your career, your business, your journey and your company all over again!

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Is access to capital important to you in your business? The OME Business Development Managers invite you to an open online conversation for all OME constituents (racial/ethnic minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and veteran owned businesses as well as all marginalized communities such as Arab, LGBTQIA+, etc.) regarding FINANCIAL RESOURCES. We will provide you with the latest updates on federal, and state programs, share information about other resources, and answer any questions you may have.

Want more information about Professional Development, check out the website! We are adding more events as they become available.

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Welcome New Members! Join us at our New Member Breakfast to tell us all about your business, to meet Chamber staff and board leadership, learn about all of your benefits, and find opportunities to get involved. Board members and staff are on hand to meet new members and answer any questions!

New to the Chamber?

Meet other new Chamber members, staff and Board Members!

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Support Our Local Diversely-Owned Businesses



Did you know that there are a large number of businesses in the Oak Park Area that self-report as a Diversely-Owned? Did you also know that this means that at least 51% of the company must be owned and controlled by African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans or Asian-Indian Americans.

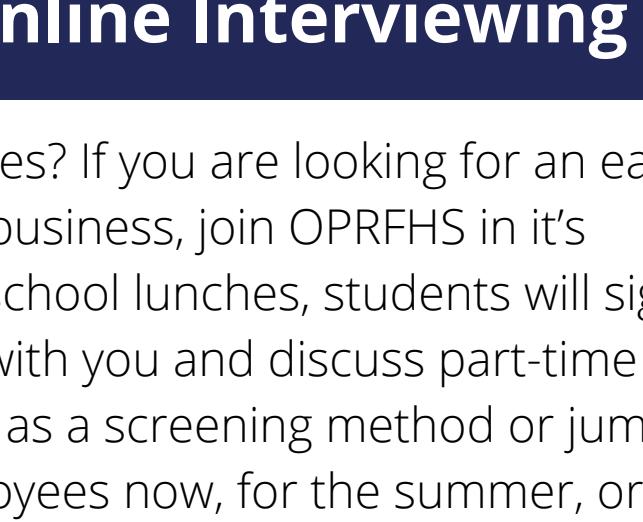
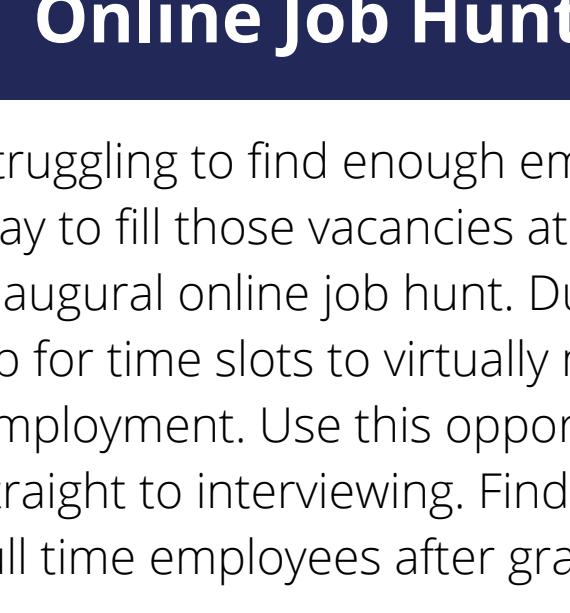
Support our local Diversely-Owned Chamber businesses! Click on the link below to see the list that is being updated regularly.

[LEARN MORE](#)



December 2021 & January 2022 New Chamber Members!

Can't wait to learn more about you and help support your business!



When

- Weekday(s) you are available
- 11:00am - 1:20pm (during school lunch periods)
- Starting in February

Where

- Zoom

Why

- Meet multiple potential high school employees without having to leave your business
- Interview online
- Fill those vacancies quickly
- No cost to you . . . just time

If interested contact:

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