



NBMBAA® BROADENS CAREERS: KIM HARRIS JONES BECOMES THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN FEMALE VICE PRESIDENT IN CHRYSLER HISTORY

SOURCE: The Glass Hammer
March 2, 2009, By: Tina Vasquez
LIFE CYCLE: 3/2/09 – 3/16/09

The “Motor City” as it’s affectionately called, is home to Motown, the American automobile industry, and to Kim Harris Jones, the first African-American female Vice President in Chrysler history. “I was born and raised in Detroit and when you’re born and raised in Detroit, Michigan it’s not hard to be brought into the auto industry. [Read more...](#)

CHAPTER MEMBERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SOURCE: PittsburghLive.com
February 22, 2009, By: Tim Puko
LIFE CYCLE: 2/22/09 - 3/16/09

When Susan Jackson watched the presidential inauguration, she sat in a dimly lit Downtown lounge with a group of people from the National Black MBA Association's Pittsburgh Chapter.

She joined the group last fall, three years after moving to Southwestern Pennsylvania from Louisiana. She had been a member of a chapter in Louisiana and thought rejoining in Pittsburgh would be a good way for her to network in a new city and, more importantly, volunteer in the group's scholarship program for children, she said.

The local MBA association and Jackson represent what leaders of the region's minority organizations hope will be a larger trend. [Read more...](#)

2009 MULTICULTURAL FORUM EXPECTED TO BE LARGEST EVER

Source: Barbara L. Thomas
Life Cycle on Web: 3/1/09 – 3/10/09

Board Chairman, Bill Wells, is one of the event producers for the upcoming Multicultural Forum on Workplace Diversity begins on March 3 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn. He joined DiversityInc Partner and Cofounder Luke Visconti to talk about the forum and the National Black MBA Association. [Click here](#) to view Bill's interview.

NBMBAA® PARTICIPATES IN THE 10TH ANNUAL STATE OF BLACK UNION

SOURCE: BARBARA L. THOMAS
LIFE CYCLE ON WEB: 2/1/09 – 3/9/09

President and CEO, Barbara Thomas, is among the more than 30 African-American leaders, opinion makers, scholars, analysts, elected officials and entertainers who have joined PBS commentator Tavis Smiley in Los Angeles for a symposium entitled “The State of the Black Union: Making America as Good as Its Promise.”



The one-day symposium which will be held on February 28th focuses attention on the economic and social disparities in the Black community.

The 10th annual “State of the Black Union” event includes speakers such as Princeton professor Cornel West, Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, actor and civil rights activist Danny Glover, the Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., National Urban League president Marc Morial and U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, among others.

NBMBAA® PARTICIPATES IN WHITE HOUSE SIGNING ESTABLISHING PRESIDENT OBAMA’S ECONOMIC RECOVERY BOARD

SOURCE: BARBARA L. THOMAS
LIFE CYCLE ON WEB: 2/28/09 – 3/1/09

Our national president and CEO Barbara L. Thomas, and Board Chairman, William Wells attended the February White House ceremony for the signing of the executive order establishing the President’s Economic Recovery Board.

We applaud President Barack Obama for moving quickly to establish a working team of leaders, planners and strategists to immediately jumpstart job creation and lay the foundation for long-term growth.

We also applaud his stance on accountability, participation and fair access for all Americans – from senior executives to the struggling homeowners and wage earners – at this critical juncture. Our own motto is empowering visionaries and we support his visionary approach to leading our nation and the world toward recovery.

We agree that education, access and innovation are the keys to recovery and future growth for the average American and our economy as a whole.

For more, please go to www.whitehouse.gov and www.recovery.gov, two interactive sites maintained by the Obama Administration where you can get informed and involved.