



32ND ANNUAL CAREER FAIR AND TRAINING CONFERENCE

**MANRRS: SCULPTING MINDS, NURTURING HEARTS
AND CREATING DIVERSE LEADERS**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM AND
REGISTRATION GUIDE**

**MARCH 29 - APRIL 1, 2017
WYNDHAM GRAND PITTSBURGH, PITTSBURGH, PA**

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Pittsburgh continues to rise to the top of cities worth visiting. Recently named one of the “Best Places to Travel in 2016” by Travel + Leisure, rated the nation’s “No. 1 Food City” by Zagat and named among the “Top Destinations on the Rise” by TripAdvisor, it’s easy to see why everyone’s talking about Pittsburgh. Outstanding attractions and amenities, award-winning restaurants, and world-class accommodations are among the biggest draws. Add to that the friendly people, affordability and walkability, you’ve got the perfect recipe for an ideal getaway.

<http://www.visitpittsburgh.com>

GETTING TO PITTSBURGH!

TRAVEL BY AIR

Transportation from Pittsburgh Airport:

- Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) is designed with the reliability and capacity of a hub infrastructure without the congestion and delays of a hub airport. The catchment area of Pittsburgh captures nearly 9 million people within a two hour drive, a competitive incentive program, and a diverse list of options without scheduled nonstop service.
- Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) to Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown is approximately 17 miles.

Transportation Options:

For ground transportation assistance upon arrival at PIT, please go directly to the Ground Transportation located on the Lower Level outside Baggage Claim.

- Uber/Lyft - Mobile App

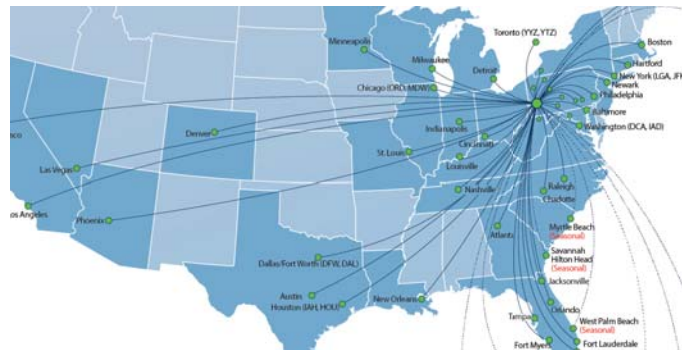
Taxi Services:

- Checkered Cab (412) 664-5600
- Cranberry Taxi, Inc. dba Veterans Taxi (412) 481-8387
- Yellow Cab of Pittsburgh (412) 321-8100
- Port Authority West Busway:
Contact at (412) 442-2000. Departs every 30 minutes outside of Door 6, Baggage Claim, \$3.75 Rate

CITIES WITH NON-STOP SERVICE TO PITTSBURGH:

Atlanta
Boston
Chicago (ORD,MDW)
Dallas (DFW, DAL)
Detroit
Houston (IAH/HOU)
Las Vegas
Louisville
Minneapolis
Newark
New York (LGA, JFK)
Philadelphia
San Francisco
Washington (DCA, IAD)

Baltimore
Charlotte
Cincinnati
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Indianapolis
Los Angeles
Miami
Nashville
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Orlando
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Tampa



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NOTE: A \$2.00 BOOKING FEE will apply to phone reservations booked by a reservation agent.



Wyndham Grand Downtown

~~ DON'T WAIT ~~

Reserve your Guest Room Early!

BY PHONE:

- Contact the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown at (412) 391-4600. Mention “**MANRRS 2017 Annual Meeting**” group in order to receive the \$128 plus tax (currently 14% tax) per night group rate.
- Total Rate with tax: **\$145.92**

BY WEBSITE:

- For online reservation, the link can be accessed on the MANRRS website at www.manrrs.org.
- Make your reservations EARLY! The group rate and rooms will be available until the MANRRS Room Block is full or **Tuesday, March 7, 2017**, whichever occurs first.
- Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown currently recommends Passkey web based reservations.
- Reservations may be made, modified or canceled by individuals on-line.

Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown

600 Commonwealth Place, Pittsburgh, PA

Phone: (412) 391-4600

MANRRS Group Rate: \$128.00 + tax (Currently 14%/night)

Self Parking: options nearby with varying rates

Valet: \$30, Based on first-come, first-serve basis

Internet: Complimentary in sleeping rooms

Check-in: 4:00 PM | **Check-out:** 12:00 Noon

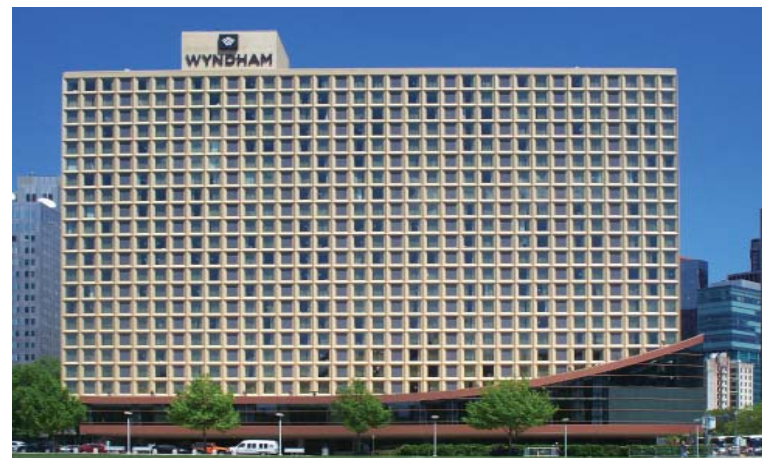
Rollaway beds are available for an additional charge of \$20.

Discover the 90 distinct neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania when you stay at the centrally located Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown. The hotel is located in the Central Business District, also known as the Golden Triangle, at the meeting of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers to form the Ohio River, and conveniently near the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Heinz Field, PNC Park, Consol Energy Center, Rivers Casino, and a short drive to the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT). Where soaring skyscrapers and Pittsburgh’s famous three rivers meet, an upscale hotel experience awaits in downtown.

At the sophisticated downtown Pittsburgh hotel, you’ll experience not only stylish hotel lodging with spectacular river views, but professional, friendly services that cater to your every need. The moment you step into the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown hotel, you’ll be greeted by our exceptional hotel staff that will help assist with luggage, book theater tickets or make dinner reservations. A stress-free business or leisure escape in the heart of Pittsburgh’s Central Business District includes complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and sleeping rooms, ATM services, valet parking and evening turn-down service.

Hotel Cancellation Policy

Reservations must be cancelled at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled arrival date. Any cancellations received after that date would be charged one night’s room and tax. Please contact the hotel directly regarding any room cancellations or changes, with the exception of rooms reserved through Chapter of Excellence. Contact the MANRRS National Office for these rooms to make changes.



DRESS CODE

What to Bring

Professional business attire is expected throughout the conference with the exception of the late night social activities, when casual attire is acceptable. We strongly encourage students and professionals to wear professional attire during the conference. Remember, you only get one chance to make a first impression! The dress code and accepted attire is listed below. Regional vice-presidents will be sending out supplemental information prior to the conference on appropriate attire.

Climate

Springtime visitors to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will find mild with moderate levels of sunshine. With the Pittsburgh weather being cool to cold, medium/heavy weight clothing such as a comfortable pantsuit for women or a jacket for men will be most appropriate. Pittsburgh is usually mild and dry and averages 35/40 degrees Fahrenheit in the Spring. Clothing that can be layered is highly suggested.

RECOMMENDED ATTIRE

Thursday/Sunday

Travel Days Casual Dress; Chapter, Organization or University Shirt

Thursday, March 30th

Pre-Conference Mobile Tours - Casual Dress; Comfortable walking shoes

Opening General Session and Welcome Dinner - Business Casual: Slacks: (Dockers, Khakis), no jeans, School Polo Shirts are acceptable

Friday, March 31st

General Session, Career Fair, Meetings, Workshops, Contests - Professional Women Attire: Suit (pants or skirt) or dress and appropriate dress shoes (no stiletto heels)
Professional Men Attire: Suit or sport coat, tie and dress slacks (no Dockers or Khakis)

Presidents' Reception - Sport teams and jerseys are encouraged

Saturday, April 1st

Meals, Business Meetings, Workshops - Business Casual: Slacks: (Dockers, Khakis), no jeans, School Polo Shirts are acceptable

Gala Dinner & Dance - Semi-formal/Formal Attire or Professional Attire

Friday/Saturday evening

Talent Show & Evening Dance (After Party) - Casual Dress

2017 REGISTRATION AND LODGING COSTS

REGISTRATION FEES:

Received by Feb. 28, 2017	Received after Feb. 28, 2017	On-Site
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MEMBERS:

Jr. MANRRS (<i>middle school & high school</i>)		
\$185.00	\$235.00	\$285.00

Collegiate Member (<i>UG & GR</i>)		
\$250.00	\$275.00	\$325.00

Professional Member		
\$435.00	\$485.00	\$535.00

Collegiate One-Day Fee (<i>Meals Included</i>)		
\$75.00	\$100.00	\$125.00

Professional One-Day Fee (<i>Meals Included</i>)		
\$160.00	\$185.00	\$210.00

NON-MEMBERS:

Collegiate Non-Member		
\$285.00	\$335.00	\$385.00

Professional Non-Member		
\$535.00	\$585.00	\$635.00

Professional Non-Member One-Day Fee (<i>Meals Included</i>)		
\$210.00	\$235.00	\$260.00

Online Registration is REQUIRED

Please visit www.manrrs.org
for complete details.

Conference registration questions
can be directed to:

Lisa Hurly, A Meeting Company
411 Washington Avenue
Haddonfield, NJ 08033
Phone: (877) 744-3083
Fax: (877) 744-3084
E-mail: hurlyl@ameetingplace.com





ONLINE REGISTRATION

To register online for the MANRRS 2017 conference, go to www.manrrs.org and click regional and national meetings. Follow the links to complete the online registration.

Complete the online registration with your payment by **February 28, 2017** and save on registration fees. (Payment must accompany registration form to qualify for early rate.)

A full conference registration includes the following:

- Entry to all Workshop Sessions and General Sessions (Wed., Thu., Fri., & Sat.)
- Entry to the Career Fair (Friday)
- The following meals:
 - * Thursday: Dinner;
 - * Friday: Box Lunch, and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the President's Reception; and
 - * Saturday: Lunch and Gala Banquet Dinner.
- Conference Registration Packet with giveaway items

Each participant will receive a Registration Packet containing a MANRRS name badge, Conference Program which lists all organizations participating in the Career Fair, contest participants, and general information about MANRRS. Attendees must be registered participants to attend conference activities. Admission to all activities will require your name badge.

BADGES AND TICKETS

Your name badge is your ticket into the conference. You will receive your conference badge when you check-in at the MANRRS Conference Registration Desk. Name badges must be worn at all times. Meal tickets are provided for the Career Fair Box Lunch, VIP Scholars' Breakfast, and President's Reception. You must present ticket in order to receive food. Special tickets are provided to individuals with dietary restrictions.

INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

MANRRS encourages the full participation of individuals with special needs or disabilities. The Grand Wyndham Downtown is handicap accessible. Please indicate on the registration form if you need special assistance, and the Conference Planner will contact you.

CONFERENCE SHIRTS

Professionals and students may pick up their complimentary conference shirt during registration. Shirt sizes are included on the registration form. Exact shirt sizes cannot be guaranteed.



WORKSHOPS

Conference attendees will be required to attend both workshops in the morning and afternoon. Workshops' acceptance are contingent upon the number of attendees who sign up. Workshops will close once they meet maximum capacity. You are required to attend the workshops selected. All attendees will receive workshop confirmations approximately two to three weeks prior to the conference.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY

All conference cancellations must be received in writing by the following dates to receive a refund:

- 100% refund, less a \$50 administrative fee, when received by January 31, 2017
- 50% refund when received between February 1 and March 10, 2017
- No Refund if received after March 10, 2017



LIABILITY

By attending the MANRRS Career Fair and Training Conference, all participants agree to assume certain inherent risks, which accompany attendance at such events. Participants are expected to comply with the travel policies of the entity(ies) that they represent. This may include completion of release forms, assumption of risk forms, and other required paperwork. All participants accept personal responsibility and liability for their actions while at the conference site in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area, and while traveling to and from the conference site. The MANRRS organization may not be held liable for individual acts of negligence or unlawful activity on the part of conference participants. The MANRRS organization may be held liable only for incidents in the case of gross negligence on the part of its agents. All MANRRS conference participants

are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner during the conference. Chapter Advisors are requested to help ensure that their students represent their institutions professionally and that they adhere to the expectations of conference attendance.

PHOTO DISCLAIMER

All photographs sent to or taken by MANRRS become the property of the National Society. By completing this registration, you understand that you are giving all rights and titles in and to all photographs taken to the National Society for MANRRS. As owners of the photographs, MANRRS will have all rights to use and publish the photographs, and no compensation is made or owed for use of the photographs. Photographs will not be given or sold to any other company or individual.

PEOPLE POWER

Volunteers are an intricate part of the conference success. Numerous volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of tasks during the conference. One Conference Host is assigned to arrange for and coordinate the work of volunteers, our "People Power" program.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Student Officer Bag Stuffing
 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Executive Committee Meeting
 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Advisory Committee Meeting
 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM Registration Opens
 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Diversity Summit

THURSDAY, MARCH 30th

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Diversity Summit
 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM Jr. MANRRS Mobile Tours
 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM Conference Registration
 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon
 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Student Workshop I
 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM Resume and Mock Interviewing
 Power Hour

 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM Linked: Chapter Photos
 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM Career Fair Setup
 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM Student Workshop II
 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM New Members’ Orientation and
 Induction Ceremony
 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Jr. MANRRS Pep Rally
 4:15 PM - 5:00 PM Contest Superintendents and
 Judges’ Meeting
 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Opening General Session &
 Welcome Dinner
 8:00 PM - 8:30 PM Contest Participants report to
 designated contest rooms
 8:15 PM – 9:00 PM Business Card Exchange -
 Exclusive Networking Event
 (Elite Scholars Only)
 8:30 PM – UNTIL Contest: Public Speaking
 8:30 PM – UNTIL Contest: Chapter of the Year
 8:30 PM – UNTIL Contest: MANRRS Bowl
 8:30 PM - UNTIL Contest: Impromptu Speaking
 9:00 PM - 10:30 PM Student Mixer – Cultural Line
 Dance Challenge
 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM Cocktails and Conversations
 (Graduates & Professionals)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31st

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM Roundtable Scholars
 Breakfast w/ National Partners
 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM Call to Serve - National
 Committee Interest Meeting
 (Students & Professionals)
 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Contest Participants report to
 designated contest rooms
 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM Industry Professional Workshop
 8:00 AM – 5:30 PM Conference Registration
 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM Contests:
 GR Research Poster - Div. I & II
 GR Oral Research - Div. I & II
 Research Discussion
 UG Research Poster - Div. I & II
 UG Oral Research - Div. I & II

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Contest: Elevator Speech
 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Jr. MANRRS Contests
 8:45 AM - 9:50 AM My MANRRS Journey – Jr.
 MANRRS & FR Workshop
 8:45 AM - 9:50 AM My MANRRS Journey – So & Jr
 8:45 AM - 9:50 AM My MANRRS Journey – Sr & Gr
 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Jr. MANRRS Workshop I
 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM Career Fair Opens
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Professional Workshop I
 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM MANRRS Bowl
 12:00 PM – 1:15 PM Career Empowerment Lunch w/
 Industry Executives
 1:30 PM – 2:20 PM Jr. MANRRS Workshop II
 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Contest: Business Pitch
 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Biological Sciences Oral
 Research Symposium
 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM Social Sciences Oral Research
 Symposium
 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Contest: MANRRS Bowl
 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Professional Workshop II
 2:30 PM - 3:20 PM Jr. MANRRS Workshop III
 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Ice Cream Social
 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Graduate Student Meeting
 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Undergraduate Student Meeting
 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Professional & Exhibitor
 Appreciation Cocktail Hour
 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM President’s Sports Reception
 9:30 PM – 11:00 PM MANRRS Got Talent & After
 Party - featuring Professionals &
 Students
 10:00 PM – 12:00 AM National Partner and Professional
 Hospitality

SATURDAY, APRIL 1st

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM 5K Run and One-Mile Walk
 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM Yoga and Exercise
 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Professional Meeting
 8:40 AM – 10:00 AM National Leadership Forum &
 Business Meeting
 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Jr. MANRRS High School
 Symposium
 10:10 AM – 11:00 AM Workshop Session A
 11:10 AM – 12:10 PM Workshop Session B
 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM Award Luncheon
 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM Workshop Session C
 3:25 PM – 4:25 PM Workshop Session D
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Gala Banquet & Awards Cremony
 8:30 PM – 11:00 PM Formal Dance

SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd

8:00 AM - 9:15 AM National Officer Meeting –
 Newly Elected & Current Officers
 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM EC Small Breakfast Meeting