

BEASLEY MEDIA GROUP, LLC  
Issue and Program Report  
for  
Station WBEN HD2  
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## **WBEN-HD2 PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

FOCUS ON THE DELAWARE VALLEY, Sundays at 6:00AM and 6:30AM

A 30-minute Public Affairs program, hosted and produced by Lora Lewis for Beasley Media Group. Two different episodes air each Sunday, at 6:00 and 6:30AM.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

WBEN HD2 programs recorded Public Service Announcements of general concern throughout the day.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO WBEN-HD2  
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE 1st QUARTER, 2024**

**Government/Regional Development**

Military

Environment

**Economy**

Business

Personal Finance

Economic Opportunity

**Family Issues**

Education

Activities

Relationships

Childcare

**Health & Public Safety**

Crime prevention

Health Information

Home Safety

**Minority / Women's Issues**

## **Issue: Government / Regional Development**

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 7, 2024 6:30AM

20 minutes of a 30-minute program

Paul Steinke, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia discussed the member-supported non-profit, that works to increase awareness and appreciation for the area's historic and significant building and districts, using preservation as a tool for creating and maintaining sustainable, livable neighborhoods. He spoke of their resources and advice for people and communities looking to preserve properties, their workshops and speaker series and their popular walking tours. He spoke about the impact of preservation on the community, retaining the character that makes each neighborhood unique and the long-range impact on climate change and the environment, restoring cost far less in resources than tearing down and rebuilding. We discussed the role of City Council on establishing districts and preserving homes and buildings. He told us of funding available from the city, state and federal government that offer funding for repairing and maintaining homes – including homes not on the protected list. A guide for seeking a designation and information about existing properties can be found on their website.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 21, 2024, 6:30AM

10 minutes of a 30-minute program

Kerry Sautner, President & CEO of Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site discusses her vision for the property. As the second director in the museum's 30-year history, she has inherited a national institution that has been saved from the wrecking ball and established as a destination site for visitors across the globe and a leading facilitator for discussion on criminal justice. Kerry outlined the priorities, expanding its national education leadership and workforce development programming, and creating a reimagined visitor experience. She discussed Eastern State as a national leader in criminal justice education, speaking to the evolution of the prison system, using personal stories from the incarcerated and victims of crime, as well as bringing leading organizations and experts together to discuss critical issues in justice education and reform.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 4, 2024 6:30AM

February 25, 2024 6:00AM

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## **Issue: Economy**

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 7, 2024 6:00AM

30-minutes

Koleen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer for Independence Blue Cross discussed the importance of medical insurance and how to shop for affordable coverage for you and your family. She reminded us the window to buy insurance through the Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange is January 7th for coverage beginning February 1st, miss that date and you cannot enroll again until next November, barring any important life changes such as marriage, divorce, a job change or adoption. We got started with a conversation about insurance and the ramifications of not having it, crippling medical debt follows many Americans. She described the different types of coverage available, including employer, individual, Medicare for older patients and Medicaid for those with chronic illness or disabilities. For the rest there is insurance through the Exchange or private providers. To but through the exchange she tells us to prepare with the names and personal information about yourself and family, income from all sources, where your preferred doctor practices and your prior medical history. Ask yourself if a higher or lower deductible makes more sense, risking higher out of pocket costs against lower monthly premiums. Check to see if there are discounts or any financial assistance available to you. She then discussed HMOs and PPOs, and Essential Health Benefits all providers must cover, including wellness visits, immunizations, screenings and mental health services. All plans are available through the online portal, the PA Health Exchange at pennie.com. and through Independence Blue Cross, at IBX.com.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 14, 2024 6:30AM

March 10, 2024 6:00AM

20 minutes of a 30-minute program

Jeffrey Abramowitz, JD, CEO of The Petey Greene Project, discussed their work in helping the incarcerated and formerly incarcerated access a quality education through volunteer tutors. The PGP is one of few groups focused on the pre-collegiate level and he shared statistics, only 20% of formerly incarcerated people have a high school diploma, one third have a GED, and less than 4% have a college degree. Without a high school credential, unemployment rates among formerly incarcerated people range from 25% to 60%. The PGP works by helping incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people obtain a high school or other credential and prepare for postsecondary success. Working with the incarcerated, they set educational goals, GED, getting into college or a skilled profession, to help them find jobs, regain family and reestablish themselves outside of prison. We discussed the biggest barrier to employment – and higher education – the ‘box’ applicants must check if they have been convicted of a felony. We talked about local programs that lead to skilled jobs and the social/work skills that they need to keep a job, programs including Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Philabundance. We also spoke of the educational work by Eastern State Penitentiary.

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Kerry Sautner, President & CEO of Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site talked about their ongoing Workforce Development programming, the historic site offers a pathway to economic mobility for returning citizens, starting with the Preservation Trades Center, which provides training and connections to sustainable-wage paying union jobs in masonry and carpentry. We also discussed the Lived Experience Activating Dialogue (LEAD) Fellowship supports people coming home from prison to career opportunities in the museum field.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 18, 2024 6:00AM

10 minutes of a 30-minute program

Matt Radar, President of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society discussed the 195th Philadelphia Flower Show, the nation’s first and the world’s largest indoor flower exhibition March 2 through March 10 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. We discussed the impact of the show which is expected to pump 60 million dollars into the local economy through hotels, restaurants, transportation and other local attractions, it also serves as an inducement for international travel to the Philadelphia region. It also underwrites their Work Force Development that teaches low income and the formerly incarcerated participants horticultural and job skills. He notes they have a 90% job placement record for its graduates.

Focus on the Delaware Valley  
February 25, 2024 6:30AM  
30 minutes

Monica Fawzy Bryant, Esq. Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder of Triage Cancer and Triage Health discusses the financial perils of a cancer or other life-threatening illness. Triage Cancer is a national, nonprofit organization that provides free education on the legal and practical issues that may impact individuals diagnosed with cancer and their caregivers, through events, materials, and resources. Because these all apply to everyone, Triage Health, was established to encourage anybody looking for financial, estate and insurance planning to visit the site for information. We talked about the parts of a diagnosis that doesn't come up in the doctor's office, employment, insurance coverage and personal finances; all can impact your care. Just as you are advised to gather all of your medical information about treatment, doctors and hospitals, you should also collect your insurance policies, job leave policies and income sources. Make sure that your treatment plan is covered by your insurance, look beyond your doctor and hospital, also consider labs, imaging, infusion sites and other providers. Are they covered? She discussed job protections, noting many want or need to continue working during treatment. Disclosing a diagnosis is a personal decision, but there are job protections in the Affordable Care Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act for employees at larger companies or at government jobs. Ms Bryant also encourages everyone – from age 18 on – to have an estate plan. It's a fact of life, she notes, we all will eventually pass. Having a plan for your healthcare decisions and your estate should be a priority for us all. Triage offers worksheets and forms for all fifty states to help with the process. While planning ahead for a life-threatening or chronic disease is difficult, she advises us to consider total costs when choosing insurance, instead of choosing only by the monthly cost, look for the lowest yearly cost by adding the monthly premiums and the maximum out-of-pocket cost. While the ACA is not comprehensive, it does prevent you from being denied coverage based on pre-existing conditions so you can shop around at enrollment time. Triage Cancer's free educational materials can help you navigate legal and practical issues that arise after a cancer diagnosis like health insurance, finances, disability insurance, work and cancer, estate planning, and more. Services are free to the public and offered in short videos, checklists and webinars.

Focus on the Delaware Valley  
March 10, 2024 6:30AM  
30 minutes

Jeff Ronald, MS Co-Founder & Chairman of the Board and Judson Malone, Co-Founder and Volunteer Executive Director of The Springboard Collaborative, Inc. discussed the statewide Delaware nonprofit dedicated to building dignified dwellings and real communities for the homeless. Inspired by Denmark and Finland's housing solutions and the Stanford's Collective Impact, they provide simple, pod housing that offers privacy, security, and that important physical mailing address. Working with area social service providers, TSC provides disadvantaged Delawareans low or no cost interim shelter in a small community that offers 'wrap around' services that focus on food security, education and employment opportunities, substance abuse and mental health

treatment and primary and specialized healthcare. They help our marginalized neighbors stabilize, achieve self-reliance and pursue their full potential, all aimed at achieving financial wellness toward getting and keeping permanent housing. TSC goal by 2029 is ultimately achieving 'Functional Zero' homelessness in Delaware. "We can transform Delaware into a state with near-real-time, sustainable zero homelessness... Join us in making Vision2029 a reality...homelessness is solvable."

PFocus on the Delaware Valley

Philadelphia Focus

March 24, 2024 6:30AM

10 minutes of a 30 minute program

Surrey Senior Services President and CEO, Jill Whitcomb discussed the special needs of seniors living in suburban communities, home maintenance is more expensive, food and social activities are not within walking distance and public transportation is expensive and infrequent. Poverty is another problem, many older residents live on fixed incomes and housing and food insecurity are real, but hidden, issues.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

March 31, 2024 6:00AM

30 minutes

Stephanie Gambone, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southeastern PA, discussed the national organization that readies young people to be future-ready for economic mobility and the pursuit of their own ambitions. With a focus on under-resourced communities, JA works within schools with students as young as five, through middle and high school, to provide access to high quality financial education and career-readiness learning experiences to inspire possibilities, prepare them for careers, and build skills to succeed. Programming has expanded through a US Department of Labor 'Workforce Pathways for Youth Demonstration Grant' to support young people through the age 25 to help them build connections through internships and mentoring. She spoke of the need for volunteers, individuals to work with the school programs, and local workforce partners, community organizations, and other nonprofits to offer job internships, business skills and networking.

## **Issue: Family Issues**

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 14, 2024 6:00AM

March 24, 2024 6:00AM

30 minutes

Derrick Pitts, Chief Astronomer at The Franklin Institute discussed the opening of their newest CORE exhibit, Wonderous Space, a two-story interactive installation demonstrating what it is like to live, work, and play in space while also showcasing the rich diversity of science and technology and the innovative people in the space industry. Dr. Pitts tells us that it looks at the universe and our relationship with it, from space



travel to innovations that we use every day, such as satellite communications and microchip technology. With the opening of Wonderous Space the Franklin boasts space science on all 4 floors of the museum, with the Fels Planetarium on floor 1, the Holt & Miller Observatory on floor 4 and the 2-story Wondrous Space exhibit between them. The giant Fels dome—measuring 60 feet in diameter—displays how the actual night sky would look like without the interference of weather, pollution, or city lights. The Holt & Miller Observatory houses the 10” Carl Zeiss Refracting Telescope, one of the largest historical artifacts in their collection and it provides the opportunity to safely view the Sun, including features such as sunspots and prominences, while the rooftop location offers a unique view of the Philadelphia Skyline. Dr Pitts described the programming that will accompany the exhibit, as well as the on-going educational opportunities for students and adult learners. He noted that diversity was an important part of the planning, showing the wide range of jobs and professions within space exploration and then introducing them to the scientists and developers who look like them. He also discussed the importance of STEM to encourage young people to join the field. We talked about membership and how to plan a visit to the Franklin to get the most from the experience, starting with the museum’s website, FI.edu

Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 4, 2024 6:00AM

30 minutes

Chase Trimmer, Senior Development Director, Philadelphia Region for Special Olympics Pennsylvania and Nick McIlwaine, from Beasley’s WMMR Preston & Steve Show and Captain of Team WMMR, discussed the mission of Special Olympics and the upcoming Polar Plunge, February 10 at Citizens Bank Park. The mission of Special Olympics PA is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community. All training and competition opportunities are provided free of charge to the athletes and their families, enabling everyone to experience the benefits of Special Olympics that extend well beyond the playing field. They’re freezin’ for a reason! Help celebrate over 50 years of Special Olympics at the Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 10th. There will be games and a DJ and pools set up for your dip. General Registration is \$50 and all registrants will receive the Philadelphia Plunge T-Shirt. Walk-ups are welcome but you can join Beasley Media Group and plunge with Nick and Team WMMR!

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with the local communities and neighborhoods they work to provide intentional and equitable park investments to welcome people to public spaces where they historically have not been welcome. They note diversity, equity and inclusion are the foundations of a healthy park system. They discussed upcoming projects including completion of the FDR Park Anna C. Verna Playground and Welcome Center, the Trolley Trail opening and the Boathouse Row Relighting in early winter. They also host bike rides, tours of the historic homes on their properties, yoga and organized walking tours.

#### Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 18, 2024 6:00AM

20 minutes of a 30-minute program

Matt Radar, President of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society discussed the 195th Philadelphia Flower Show. This year's theme is United By Flowers and he described the installations that will be presented, new designers, the largest water feature ever on display, and more international participants. We talked about the programming this event supports; this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for PHS. Matt talked about the community gardens that supply fresh produce, Tree Tenders that plants trees that lower neighborhood temperatures and provide shade, and their vacant lot rescues that actually lowers crime numbers and adds to home values. It also funds programming that maintains the city parks and boulevard plantings. We discussed volunteers, over 3,000 are used to produce the show, plus all year they need tree tenders and gardeners to plant, clear and maintain public plantings. Matt invites everyone to come and enjoy the show, there is something for everybody, from interior and patio décor, flowers, bulbs, furnishings and floral art, with class and demos for large projects and window boxes, plus special events such as Member's Day and the Preview Gala March 1st, family Frolic day on March 3rd, Fido Friday March 8th and the Flowers After Hours dance party March 9th. He encouraged us to become members to enjoy discounts and the member's lounge at the show and special programming throughout the year.

#### Focus on the Delaware Valley

March 3, 2024 6:30AM

March 17, 2024 6:30AM

30 minutes

From Autism Delaware, Kris Grant, Development Manager, McKenzie 'Kenzie' Walsh, Marketing and Communications Manager, and Susan Campbell, Community Engagement Specialist, discussed the statewide programming offered by Autism Delaware. With one in 36 kids receiving an Autism diagnosis, families need whole-life, holistic support and Autism Delaware offers help with education, jobs and social opportunities. They discussed their beginnings as a grassroots family group looking for support and ideas for navigating the systems with a child with autism. Today they offer programming statewide with multiple opportunities for families to socialize and support each other. They schedule bowling and skating events, as well as holiday parties for the clients and families. They talked about the job programming and the value of their clients on the job, they are looking for employers who need a reliable, dedicated employee. They also noted they need a lot of volunteers to run their events and there are opportunities across the state to get involved. We discussed the 2023 Walk for

Autism, this year April 13th at Fort DuPont in Delaware City and April 20 at Hudson Fields in Sussex County. There are two start times at each to allow for casual walking and spacing, and teams and individuals can repeat the loops to raise more money. It's family friendly and offers space for kids who need quiet time. Autism Delaware's services are free, thanks in part to the walks. Walk-ups are welcome, but there are t-shirts and other incentives to pre-register.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

March 24, 2024 6:30AM

20 minutes of a 30 minute program

Surrey Senior Services President and CEO, Jill Whitcomb discussed the non-profit that provides aging-in-place services to help navigate and thrive in each of the transitional phases of older life. Founded in 1981 by Jeanne LaRouche on a "neighbor-helping-neighbor" Surrey's mission was to help seniors who needed services and to engage retired seniors in need of a new sense of purpose. Today Surrey operates centers in Devon, Bryn Mawr, Broomall and Media. Each of Surrey's centers offers a range of exercise classes, health screenings, dental work, activities, congregate meals and social events. Surrey delivers and coordinates critically needed services like transportation; healthy lunches and home-delivered meals; center-based and virtual programs and activities; friendly phone calls and CHORE Services—Surrey's Volunteer Network (yardwork and small home repairs). These services enable older adults to remain in their homes and age well and safely in place. When additional support is needed, Surrey is ready to help with RN Care Management; Medical Procedure Escort Services; Telehealth Services; Personal Finance Management; Live-in Care; Personal Care Services; and Social Companions. She described the Surrey operations led by nurses, social workers, experienced staff in the field of aging services, and a loyal volunteer corps, many of whom are older themselves. Jill explains that Surrey is primarily supported through private donations, grants, volunteers, community partners, and a small percentage of government funding, so community support is needed. They host two fundraising events each year, their annual Garden Party, this year celebrating Paris on June 12, and an annual Holiday House Tour and gift bazaar in December. Tickets for the June 12th party will be available – while they last – on their website.

### **Issue: Health & Public Safety**

Public Service Announcement – Ad Council [underagedrinking.samsa.gov](http://underagedrinking.samsa.gov)

January 1 – TFN

:60, Various times

The Ad Council information for parents against driving while intoxicated or buzzed.

Public Service Announcement – Ad Council 'Don't Drink and Drive'

January 1 – TFN

:60, Various times

The Ad Council warning against driving while intoxicated or buzzed.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 21, 2024 6:00AM

January 28, 2024 6:30AM

30 minutes

Monica Vaccaro, Director of Programs, and Dr. Drew Nagele, Neuro-psychologist and research site investigator, discussed the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania. We talked about the types of brain injuries, from the common blow to the head that makes you see stars, traumatic injury from accidents, and now, the rising number of brain impairment from Opioids misuse. The Vision of the Brain Injury Association of Pennsylvania is a world in which all people with brain injuries and their supporters are leading fulfilling lives and are empowered to participate in their communities. They spoke of the Intersection of Brain Injury and Opioids Misuse; persons who have sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are more likely to misuse substances because of their brain injury, while persons with opioid use disorder are more likely to sustain a brain injury as a result of their opioid use. In both cases the ability to seek and follow treatment is impaired; what might look like lack of motivation, poor performance in treatment, or a mental health disorder might be untreated brain injury. They spoke of the need for healthcare professionals to be more aggressive in screening for injury and to approach treatment geared to the impairment. We also spoke of the work Dr Nagele is monitoring - researching and screening persons incarcerated for brain injury, the numbers are greater than expected and impact the individual's success after release. For more information on BIA programming for caregivers, persons with brain injury and their advocacy work, go to [BIAPA.ORG](http://BIAPA.ORG) or call the Brain Injury Resource Line: 800-444-6443

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 28, 2024, 6:00AM

30 minutes

Romy Braunstein, a Rare Disease patient, advocate and a founder of [GettingUp.org](http://GettingUp.org) discusses the over 10,000 rare diseases that impact over 35 million worldwide. A 'rare' disease affects fewer than 1 in 2,000 people, they can be genetic or develop later in life for an unknown reason, although trauma can trigger symptoms. Romy encourages everyone to pay attention to the adult-onset symptoms such as blurred vision, muscle weakness and unexplained falls - all could be a warning sign of an autoimmune or other disease. She explained these fairly common symptoms often overlap, so initial misdiagnosis is common. In addition, symptoms differ not only from disease to disease, but also from patient-to-patient suffering from the same disease so getting an accurate diagnosis can take up to eight years. Romy notes that symptoms come and go so patients need to be vigilant and advocates for themselves, keeping track of symptoms, and asking for testing. She warns us about 'medical gaslighting' – symptoms being dismissed or given being passed off as part of aging or even psychological. Rare Disease Day is February 29 in 2024. This global movement works for awareness, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease.

## Focus on the Delaware Valley

March 3, 2024 6:00AM

March 31, 2024 30AM

30 minutes

The first week of March is National Consumers Protection Week and Philadelphia Division Postal Inspector George Clark of the US Postal Service returned to discuss the many ways we can be duped out of our money. We discussed this year's theme, Investment Fraud and the signs that you are being fleeced. Inspector Clark reminds us that if a real estate or business start-up deal is guaranteed, there are investment companies who would be funding the project, not grassroots investors attending a free breakfast or dinner. He talked about another current scam, a fake notification that you are under investigation and that you must either fund the investigation to clear your name or pay a fine to stop further prosecution. He wants us to always remember investigations are not revealed to a suspect until they are ready to be charged – 'When we're ready we'll knock on your door,' and that no agency would ever ask a private citizen to pay for it. He gave us 'red flags' to watch for, including rushing you. Demanding a payment immediately and offering payment methods that are not cancelable such as bit-coin, grocery-store debit cards and gift cards. He also asks us to pay attention to poor English or grammatical errors that suggest you are not dealing with a native English speaker. Discussing recourses for after fraud he's tells us, once the money has gone overseas, it virtually impossible to get it back. He also touched on romance and lottery schemes, and 'work from home' offers that are actually money laundering plots. He offered tips on safe-guarding your bank account when offered a deal or opportunity too good to be true. His advice, wait before sending money or buying gift cards to forward, a real deal can wait. He also recommends that any offer or request be discussed with a trusted friend or family member.

## Focus on the Delaware Valley

March 17, 2024 6:30AM

20 minutes of a 30-minute program

Robb Reichard, Executive Director AIDS Fund Philly and Ronald G. Collman, MD, Director of the Penn Center for AIDS Research discussed the latest news for Philadelphia on HIV. There are just over 20,000 people living with HIV in Philadelphia, 10,000 in the surrounding area, up to a third of which are not in treatment. Many do not know they are infected. They discussed Philadelphia's current rate of just over one new transmission each day, well above rates for other major cities. They attributed it to the city's high poverty rate, drug use and access to healthcare. Dr. Collman talked about PREP, now available by monthly injection, PREP can prevent infection; new treatments can reduce the HIV to undetectable which means non-transferable. They spoke of the need to get more people willing to seek out PREP and to know their status. He described his work in research, finding new social paths for better treatment within vulnerable communities, and ultimately, a cure for HIV. He invites people interested in research studies, treatment options or other information to visit his website by searching for PENN CFAR.

Robb talked about his work with AIDS Fund, raising private dollars to fund small grants directly to clients of local non-profits to help them stay in treatment. Averaging just \$440 each, they go for rent, appliance repairs, transportation, anything that could impact a person's ability to stay on their medical plan. We talked about fundraising efforts, including the October 20th AIDS Walk Philly, the monthly Gay BINGO, and their annual 'Formal, Festive or Fabulous' gala, Black-tie Gay BINGO April 6 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel. Featuring dinner, dancing, auctions, six rounds of BINGO and Drag Queen performances, it's one of the biggest social events of the year. Dr. Collman will be honored this year with the Fierce and Fabulous Award for his ongoing volunteer work and his commitment to AIDS Walk Philly.

### **Issue: Minority / Women's Issues**

Focus on the Delaware Valley

January 7, 2024, 6:30AM

10 minutes of a 30-minute program

Paul Steinke, Executive Director of the Preservation Alliance of Greater Philadelphia described their work to preserve the ethnic communities of Philadelphia using two main historic designations: Local Historic, granted by the Historical Commission by nomination application, that protects the exterior of the property from demolition or alterations, and the Federal National Register of Historic Places and Districts, which only restricts modifications to a property that also receives Federal funding for operation or restoration or one that sits on Federal property. Reasons for designation can include architecture or unique engineering, age or a significant story about the property's use, such as Black Doctors Row in South Philly, the first neighborhood to be recognized based on Black history.

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Jeffrey Abramowitz, JD, CEO of The Petey Greene Project, discussed their work in helping the incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated access a quality education through volunteer tutors. He discussed the inherent racial disparity of the justice system and their work with the public and their volunteers who they've learned, are inspired by making a difference and doing something about a system that funnels people, especially Black people, from failed schooling to prison. Jeff spoke of two initiatives, their HBCU Forward Initiative that looks to elevate Black college students as volunteer tutors and criminal justice advocates and their Justice Education Series, which educates volunteers and the public on the need and opportunity to effect systemic change in the criminal legal system.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

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10 minutes of a 30-minute program

Kerry Sautner, President & CEO of Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site discussed Justice 101 where special guests to foster dialogue about a different topic in criminal justice. Justice 101 programs are free, take place virtually via Zoom, and last 45 minutes: a 30-minute program followed by a 15-minute Q&A. Topics include women behind bars, civil rights in prisons, and in-equal justice. Finally, a conversation on the Visitor Experience Reimagined: We will provide ways for Eastern State's visitors to engage with the space, incorporating art installations, theater and film; providing educational experiences that encourage and support the different methods of learning; and creating informative and entertaining events that entice people of all ages to visit and engage with Eastern State and the team. She is also looking forward to a website refresh that will allow people to interact with Eastern State from around the world.

Public Service Announcement – Beasley Best Community of Caring

February 1 – 29

:60, Various times

Companywide public service campaign discussing Black History month.

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Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 11, 2024 6:00AM

30 minutes

Ayanna Khan, Founder, President and CEO of The Delaware Black Chamber of Commerce returned to give us an update on the three year old chamber, which was honored as Best Chamber of the Year for 2023 for its impact and commitment to empowering Black businesses. Like other business chambers DEBCC offers a hub for connecting Black owners and entrepreneurs with education and training, grants and

other funding sources, and entre to opportunities within the state and surrounding areas. She works to ensure that Black, minority and other disadvantaged entrepreneurs are not left behind due to lack of knowledge of processes or access to capital and decision makers. The chamber offers help with staffing, insurance and healthcare issues these businesses face. She is proud that, thanks to their advocacy, the state now does demographic tracking on businesses, identifying Black, woman and minority ownership, making it easier to track both success and also deficiencies in opportunities. She discussed the benefits of belonging, beyond the business support, the Chamber offers social and other networking opportunities throughout the year creating a forum to share best practices, create partnerships and support new endeavors.

Focus on the Delaware Valley

February 18, 2024 6:30AM

30 minutes

30-minutes

Jean Sachs, Chief Executive Officer with Living Beyond Breast Cancer, begins a new monthly series on breast cancer and other chronic or life-threatening diseases. We discussed the programming at LBBC, from research and treatment information, peer matching, counseling, financial aid grants, and advocacy.

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