



WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022
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Improving the health of a community, sometimes takes more than medicine. We are proud to support Women for a Healthy Environment and this year's May Day Celebration.



UPMC HEALTH PLAN

Program

RAISING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS THROUGH CHAMPIONS OF EQUITY

6:15 PM VIP RECEPTION

6:30 PM ARRIVALS & PUBLIC RECEPTION

7:00 PM WELCOME BY ANN MCGUINN

BOARD CHAIR, WOMEN FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

7:10 PM INTRODUCTIONS BY DIANE HOLDER

PRESIDENT & CEO, UPMC HEALTH PLAN

7:15 PM LEAH THOMAS

7:35 PM Q&A

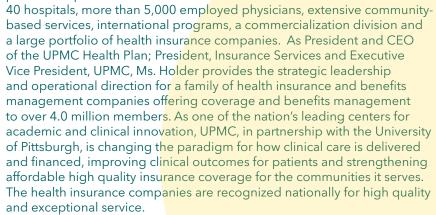
7:45 PM CLOSING BY MICHELLE NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WOMEN FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Diane Holder

Diane P. Holder brings over 30 years of health care and health insurance expertise to her role leading the health insurance enterprise of UPMC. As one of the largest Integrated Delivery and Financing Systems, UPMC's





As a health care professional and advocate for people with mental illness, Ms. Holder previously served as the President of UPMC's Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic. She was the founding CEO of UPMC's Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, a recognized thought leader in policies and benefits management for people with mental health and substance use disorders.

Ms. Holder received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and graduate degree from Columbia University. She serves as a faculty member of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and as adjunct faculty, University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health. Ms. Holder serves on numerous boards including the Alliance of Community Health Plans, the Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania, Evolent Health, the Senator John Heinz History Center, and the University of Pittsburgh, amongst others. She is a frequent speaker on the subject of health care quality and financing, and the role of the community in addressing disparity in health outcomes.





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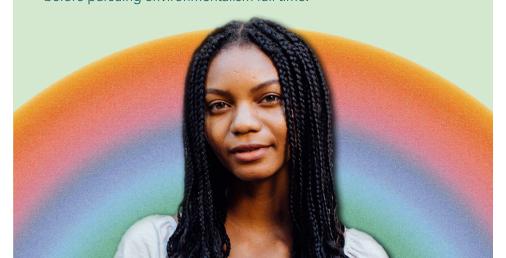
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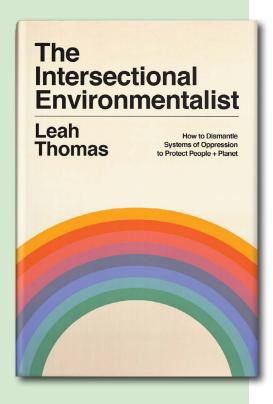
Leah Thomas

The theme of Women for Healthy Environment's flagship annual fundraising event this year is raising environmental awareness through champions of equity. WHE is excited to host **Leah Thomas** who will present on the intersection of environment and racism. Thomas promotes awareness of the fundamental truth that we cannot save the planet without uplifting the voices of its people -- especially those most often unheard. She looks to the future as the voice of a movement that will define a generation, advocating for and exploring the relationship between social justice and environmentalism.

Thomas is the founder of eco-lifestyle blog **@greengirlleah** and **The Intersectional Environmentalist Platform**, which is a resource media hub that aims to advocate for environmental justice and inclusivity within environmental education movements.

Leah wrote several articles this month for Earth Day 2022, including articles in Vogue and Elle. She was also featured this spring in the Washington Post. Additional articles have appeared in The Good Trade and Youth to the People and she has been featured in Harper's Bazaar, W Magazine, BuzzFeed, Domino, GOOP and numerous podcasts. She released a new book this spring entitled The Intersectional Environmentalist. She has a B.S. in Environmental Science and Policy from Chapman University and worked for the National Park Service and Patagonia headquarters before pursuing environmentalism full time.





Leah's Book

The Intersectional Environmentalist examines the inextricable link between environmentalism, racism, and privilege. Written by Leah Thomas, a prominent voice in the field and the activist who coined the term "Intersectional Environmentalism," this book is simultaneously a call to action, a guide to instigating change for all, and a pledge to work towards the empowerment of all people and the betterment of the planet. Click here to purchase the book.

Thomas shows how not only are Black, Indigenous and people of color unequally and unfairly impacted by environmental injustices, but she argues that the fight for the planet lies in tandem to the fight for civil rights; and in fact, that one cannot exist without the other. An essential read, this book addresses the most pressing issues that the people and our planet face, examines and dismantles privilege, and looks to the future as the voice of a movement that will define a generation.

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