



Pier A.H. Blake
Howard County

Pier A.H. Blake has over three decades of experience in the public and nonprofit sectors. She has been the Executive Director of the Jack and Jill of America Foundation since 2008 and has led the organization through a strategic plan that built the Foundation to national recognition for its grants and programs in three philanthropic focus areas: education, health and wellness and strengthening Black families.

From the University of Maryland, Pier has earned a B.S. degree in Political Science, a Master's in Information Systems and an M.B.A. in Financial Management.

Maggi G. Gaines
Baltimore City

Margaret "Maggi" G. Gaines came to Maryland from New York City to attend Goucher College. She studied Political Science and completed coursework in a doctoral program at Johns Hopkins University in American Government. She earned a master's degree in education from Johns Hopkins School of Education, and a Master's degree in Jewish History and Philosophy from the Baltimore Hebrew University. She also studied at the Kennedy School of Harvard University in a program for senior leaders in state and local government.

Maggi's career included leadership positions as Executive Director of the Baltimore Jewish Council; Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; founding Executive Director of Baltimore Reads/Baltimore City Literacy Corporation, and later founding Executive Director of Spark/Partnership for Service and Vice-President for Partnerships and Service Learning at Jewish Funds for Justice. Maggi was Director of Development and Communications at Maryland Family Network and Senior Vice-President for Philanthropy at the Maryland Food Bank. Maggi served as Director of Development and Strategy at Pearlstone Center.

Linda Han
Prince George's County

Linda Han is an entrepreneur who has made significant contributions to empowering women and minority-owned businesses and Korean immigrants. She is the CEO of Cash and Carry, Inc. and Global Hanin Yundai, Inc. A successful entrepreneur, she is one of the top business and community leaders in the Korean American community. In 2006, she founded and was elected the first President of the Korean American Women's Chamber of Commerce-U.S.A. Under her leadership, the Chamber played an important role in promoting and supporting small businesses owned by women. She was subsequently elected the 37th President of the Korean American Association of the Washington Metropolitan Area. As President of this Association, she organized voter registration drives to increase participation of Korean Americans in politics, town hall meetings with elected officials to address concerns of the Korean American community in the Greater Washington area, and KORUS events to promote better cultural understanding between different races and different ethnic communities. Ms. Han served as Commissioner on the Maryland Governor's Commission on Asian-Pacific American Affairs, and she is currently President of the Global Minority Women Empowerment Organization.

Sarah A. Klein
Montgomery County

Lawyer and consumer advocate Sarah Klein has dedicated her career to consumer protection issues ranging from financial and credit issues to foodborne illness to product safety. Many of these consumer protection issues disproportionately impact women and families, including particularly vulnerable young children and older consumers. Sarah most recently served as Chief of Staff to Acting Chairman Robert S. Adler at the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, the federal regulatory agency that protects the public against unreasonable risks of injury or death from consumer products. Prior to joining CPSC, Sarah was Senior Staff Attorney with the Food Safety Program for the Center for Science in the Public Interest. She was twice appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the National Meat and Poultry Advisory Committee, and served on the Executive Board of the Conference for Food Protection. She also served on the Steering Committee of a multi-stakeholder initiative developing standards for the ethical production of food.

Early in her legal career, Sarah was an Assistant Attorney General with the District of Columbia Office of the Attorney General and has also worked with U.S. PIRG on consumer protection issues, and the National Whistleblower Center. She is currently Vice-Chair of the Maryland Consumer Council.