



## August 2023 Newsletter

### PMUW Board Member & Staff Member Appointed to Governor's Advisory Commission

We are thrilled to announce that PMUW board member, Christa Caceres and Tobacco & Vape Free Program Manager, Nasaiah Hoskins have been appointed to the Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs!



The commission gathers information on the experiences and needs of African Americans in PA and reports their findings and recommendations to address these needs to the governors office. Christa will serve as the vice chair for the Commission and Nasaiah is serving as a Commissioner.

**\*\* [Read a special Op-ed from Nasaiah on our website](#) \*\***

### Over 3,000 Backpacks Distributed to Monroe County Students

PMUW and local partners helped distribute over 3,236 backpacks to local students this summer!

We want to thank our sponsors for making sure that thousands of students are ready for school this year: *Aetna Better Health, Blue Ridge Cable, ESSA Bank & Trust, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Monroe County Transit Authority, Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau, Sanofi, St. Luke's Hospital – Monroe Campus, Rotary Club of the Stroudsburgs - District 7410, and UGI Utilities, Inc.*



## Generation Next: New Coordinator & New School Year

We want to welcome our new Generation Next Coordinator, Ariel Pagan. Ariel, originally from the vibrant streets of NYC, found a new home in the serene landscapes of the Poconos in 2017. He offers 20 years of experience working with students from diverse backgrounds in Rochester, New York City, and Pennsylvania. [Read More About Ariel](#)



Generation Next will soon begin a 2nd year at Pocono Mountain West High School. Generation Next is a college preparation program that guides students, who have been historically impacted by disparities in education, to build a successful path to college. PMUW is actively recruiting students for the upcoming school year and anticipate a total of 60 students. [View Photos from their Penn State Visit in August!](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Day of Caring September 13, 2023

Start the day off with breakfast at Barley Creek before going out to help local non-profits! Sign-up today at

[www.VolunteerMonroe.org](http://www.VolunteerMonroe.org)

### 12th Annual Dario Belardi Hospitality Scholarship Golf Tournament

Hideaway Hills Golf Club  
September 28, 2023

[Visit the PMVB website to register](#)

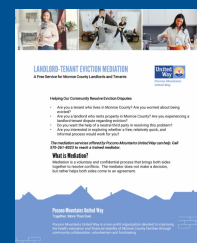
## Other United Way Programs



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