

## Keynote Speaker

### Jennifer Liptak



Jennifer Liptak began her career in county government in 1998 when she accepted a position with the Office of District Attorney Stephen Zappala Jr., where she ultimately ascended to the position of Finance Manager. In March of 2004, Jennifer joined the Office of County Council as Budget Director and in January of 2012, Jennifer was appointed to the position of Chief of Staff by County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

In addition to being charged with facilitating the implementation of the County Executive's countywide vision, Jennifer represents the County Executive at various meetings, and on several boards and authorities. Jennifer currently serves as a Board Member/Trustee of the following organizations: the Allegheny County Retirement Board, the Allegheny County Professional Services Review Committee, the Allegheny County Jail Collaborative Cabinet, the Riverlife Board of Directors, Pittsburgh Film Office Board of Directors, Carnegie Science Center Board, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees, the Port Authority of Allegheny County (Vice Chair), Chatham University Women's Institute Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics Advisory Board, the International Women's Forum, the Government Financial Officers Association, and the First Night Advisory Board. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and a former board member/treasurer of the Allegheny County Airport Authority.

Jennifer, a graduate of North Hills High School (1992), attended the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a minor in Political Science (1996). While in Johnstown, Jennifer served as a Congressional Intern for the late Congressman John P. Murtha, of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District. After graduating from Pitt Johnstown, Jennifer attended the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) where she earned a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, and a Professional Certification in Personnel and Labor Relations Management (1998). Next, Jennifer attended Duquesne University's School of Leadership and Professional Advancement where she received a Professional Certification in Advanced Accounting (2002).

Jennifer, a lifelong resident of Allegheny County, was born and raised on the City of Pittsburgh's Northside (Spring Hill) and later moved to West View with her family. Jennifer currently resides in the Glenshaw neighborhood of Shaler Township with her husband Brian, her daughter Caroline, and her son Brenden. She is actively involved in her community as a board member and coach for the Shaler Area Soccer Club as well as being a board member and coach for the Shaler Area Elementary Basketball Association.