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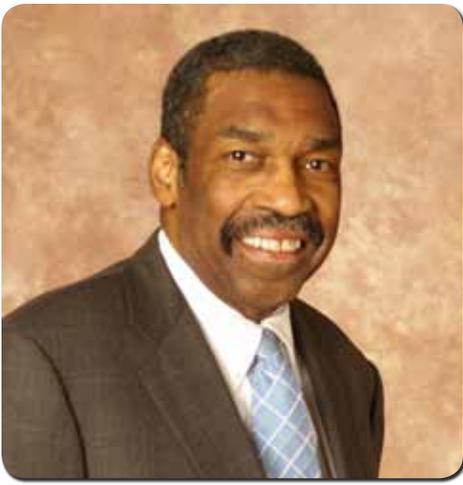
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MANCHESTER BIDWELL'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Environment shapes people's lives:** Everything about the physical, emotional and philosophical atmosphere at Manchester Bidwell is purposeful – the way the light fills the rooms, the art on the wall, the friendliness of our staff. We believe that everyone, no matter their background, deserves beauty, respect and the opportunity to learn in a safe space. When provided with these, the underserved will become world-class, productive citizens.
- **People are assets:** We believe that people are born as assets. Given the proper positive environment, any person can grow the seed of personal genius buried inside them. By providing encouragement, opportunity and resources, we strive to keep community members, young and older, on the positive side of the social balance sheet.
- **Creativity fuels enterprise:** Society and the economy is driven forward when new ideas become reality. At Manchester Bidwell, we embrace and encourage creative thought. Given the chance to dream, anyone may have an opportunity to create something – a product, artwork, a business – that will change the world.

MANCHESTER BIDWELL'S CORE VALUES

- **Respect:** I will treat others with respect and conduct myself with reason, focus and belief.
- **Embrace:** I will acknowledge my limitations and embrace life-long learning opportunities.
- **Shape:** I will design and shape solutions to problems.
- **Influence:** I am aware of how my work intentionally and unintentionally influences others.
- **Listen:** I will listen with the intent to understand and be responsive.



WILLIAM E. STRICKLAND JR.

- Social architect, community leader and visionary.
- President and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation and its affiliates.
- Founded Manchester Craftsmen's Guild in 1968.
- Took over Bidwell Training Center in 1972.
- Incorporated the National Center for Arts & Technology in 2007.

BIOGRAPHY

- Born in Pittsburgh in 1947.
- Graduated from David B. Oliver High School in 1965.
- Earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, graduated cum laude, in American History and Foreign Relations.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Below is an abbreviated list of Mr. Strickland's awards and accolades.

- George W. Crawford Black Bar Association's Visionary Award (2013)
- Lawnside Christian Development Corporation Dream Maker Award (2012)
- Selected and served on the Task Force for Child Protection by PA Governor Tom Corbett (2012)
- Rodef Shalom Pursuer of Peace Award (2012)
- Chuck Cooper Foundation Chuck Cooper Award (2012)
- Chicago Ideas Week, 2011 Hero Award (2011)
- Goi Peace Awardee presented by the Goi Peace Foundation (2011)
- Appointed to the White House Council for Community Solutions (2010)
- "Coming up Taller" Award (accepted on behalf of Manchester Craftsmen's Guild) – Presented by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
- MacArthur "Genius" Award for Leadership and Ingenuity in the Arts (1996)

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- **Honorary doctorates:** Babson College, Bethany College, Bloomfield College, Carnegie Mellon University, Chatham University, Columbia College, Edinboro University, Hood College, Kendall College, Maryland Art Institute, Marywood University, Middlebury College, Quinnipiac University, Robert Morris University, Rutgers University, San Francisco Art Institute, Slippery Rock University, University of Pittsburgh and Westminster College.
- **Guest lecturer:** Farleigh Dickenson University, Harvard Business School & School of Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Kellogg School of Management – Northwestern University, Robert Morris University and Stanford School of Business.
- **Member:** The Institute for Social Enterprise at Harvard Business School.
- **Former board member:** Americans for the Arts, President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and The National Endowment for the Arts.

PUBLICATIONS

- Make the Impossible Possible: One Man's Crusade to Inspire Others to Dream Bigger & Achieve the Extraordinary (Doubleday, 2007).
- "How Schools Kill Neighborhoods – and Can Help Save Them" from the book Waiting for "Superman": How We Can Save America's Failing Public Schools, Karl Weber, Editor



MISSION

- We change lives by providing career training and academic enrichment to adults in transition.

OVERVIEW

- Founded in 1968, a post-secondary and career training institution.
- Built a new facility in 1987 and in 1999 became an affiliate of Manchester Bidwell Corporation.
- Provides career training for approximately 180 adults in transition per year.
- Reaches approximately 200 adults through academic remediation services.
- Was named a 2012 Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) School of Excellence, the highest honor given by BTC's accrediting body.

STATISTICS¹

- The graduation rate for all combined majors is 76 percent.
- The job placement rate for all combined majors is 75 percent.

MAJORS AND SERVICES

- **Accreditation:** BTC is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC).
- **License:** BTC is licensed by the Pennsylvania Board of Private Licensed Schools and offers degree and diploma programs.
- **Memberships:** BTC is a member of or has an affiliation with numerous national and regional professional associations.
- **Six Diploma Majors:** Culinary Arts, Electronic Record Medical Assistant, Horticulture Technology, Medical Claims Processor, Medical Coder and Pharmacy Technician.
- **Occupational Associates Degree in Specialized Technology:** Chemical Laboratory Technician.
- **Student Services:** BTC offers a robust compliment of admissions, advising and job placement services to assist students in enrolling, completing and obtaining training-related employment.
- **Academic Support Services:** BTC's Academic Support Center provides math and reading skills enrichment to individuals seeking entry to a BTC program.

FACILITIES

- Modern simulation laboratories for the medical assisting, chemical laboratory and pharmacy technician majors.
- Six dedicated computer labs.
- Modern lecture/computerized classrooms.
- 42,000 square foot greenhouse with instructional lab.
- Learning Resource System houses over 3,500 books, 65 periodicals/professional journals as well as videos, trade catalogs, references materials and career information and library blog.
- Web-linked electronic card catalog accessible on all computers.
- 24-seat culinary demonstration amphitheater and a fully equipped teaching kitchen.
- Dining hall seats up to 200 guests.

¹ Bidwell Training Center's 2013 Annual Report to Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges (ACCSC) submitted October 2013.

HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 500 Pittsburgh area teens enrolled in at least one of the 48 after school studio arts courses offered by MCG Youth & Arts in 2012–13.
- Pittsburgh native and MCG Youth & Arts alumn Sharif Bey is an Assistant Professor of Art Education at Syracuse University. Bey earned his PhD in Art Education from Penn State University, and continues to exhibit nationally and internationally. His studio work ranges from decorative/functional pottery to conceptual wearable ceramic works, which are influenced by ritual and identity. Bey returned to MCG for an exhibition of his work, *Here & Now*, in the fall of 2013.
- Over 300 students, teachers, parents and community members attended the May 2013 reception for the second annual MCG Invitational Art Exhibition. Local celebrity Kristine Sorensen, KDKA news anchor and Pittsburgh Today Live host, made a special guest appearance.

PROGRAMMING

- **Apprenticeship Training Program (ATP):** The program on which MCG was founded more than 40 years ago, offers high school students the opportunity to refine their art skills in a safe and productive after school environment. The courses prepare students for successful futures by providing nurturing relationships with MCG's staff of teaching artists. All ATP courses are developed to encourage learning through skills refinement, critical thinking, experiential learning opportunities as well as other activities focused on higher education and career connections. MCG offers 16 unique courses each trimester Mondays through Thursdays and open studios on Fridays.
- **Supplemental Education Program:** In 2010, MCG Youth & Arts launched a new program with the Allegheny Department of Human Services (DHS) and Holy Family Institute that offers year round arts centered learning for students who are housed and educated in residential and alternative school settings.
- **Summer Studio Intensives:** Each summer, MCG offers classes for regional youth. Students ages 10-18 can create and produce original works of art. They also develop creative thinking skills while exploring community resources.
- **Visiting Artists and Exhibitions:** This series connects contemporary artists with high-school age students through gallery exhibitions, hands on demonstrations, workshops and discussions. Recognizing art as a universal form of communication, MCG Youth & Arts promotes cultural discovery and empathy by connecting diverse and accomplished artists such as Phil Borges, Annie Leibovitz and Faith Ringgold to young people and their communities.
- **Creative Development for Educators and Adults:** Our year round Art After Dark programming offers adults access to high quality tools and materials. Teachers have the opportunity to earn continuing education credit hours.
- **MCG Invitational Art Exhibition:** This event showcases art made by Pittsburgh region high school students. The exhibition is open to the public and helps students learn professionalism. It encourages a greater sense of ownership and pride in their work while exposing the community to talented local youth. Annually, over \$100,000 in scholarships and prizes are available to entrants.



MISSION & VISION

- **Mission:** To educate and inspire urban youth through the arts.
- **Vision:** MCG Youth & Arts is a local, regional and national resource for initiating and supporting positive change in the lives of young people through engagement in the visual arts.

OVERVIEW

- Established in 1968.
- An affiliated program of Manchester Bidwell Corporation.
- **Studios:** Ceramics, Design Arts, Digital Arts and Photography.



MISSION

- To preserve, promote and present jazz.

OVERVIEW

- Founded in 1987.
- Over the past 26 years, more than a half a million patrons have attended MCG Jazz' almost 1,700 concerts.
- MCG Jazz offers one of the longest-running subscription series for jazz performance in the country. Annually, MCG Jazz presents approximately 45 concerts in its 350-seat music hall and numerous additional performances at other venues in Pittsburgh and around the country.
- An affiliated program of Manchester Bidwell Corporation.

HIGHLIGHTS

- For the 2013-2014 concert series MCG Jazz will present more than 100 musicians, historic tours, a search for the new, next male jazz singer and artists such as Chucho Valdes and Cassandra Wilson making their first appearance at MCG.
- MCG Jazz has inducted 20 musicians into its Pittsburgh Jazz Legends program. The archiving of the Pittsburgh Jazz Legends stories is part of a program to document Pittsburgh's Jazz legacy in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Jazz program at the National Museum of American History.
- MCG Jazz has produced five GRAMMY® Award winning CDs including two Latin GRAMMY® Awards.
- MCG Jazz developed and is actively using a new jazz-focused shared database called the Jazz Commons (www.thejazzcommons.org). This content-rich site turns the volumes of data and media about past and future MCG Jazz performances into a living repository of useful information for marketing this art form and enhancing artistic, marketing and audience-development goals.
- New in 2013, School of Swing expanded its reach by going to schools in Erie and Lawrence as well as Allegheny counties in PA. School of Swing will also visit six school districts in five counties in West Virginia thanks to a partnership with West Virginia University.

PROGRAMMING, EDUCATION AND SERVICES

- **Concert series:** MCG Jazz's concert activities focus on: 1) presenting artistic excellence in an environment conducive to creative expression; 2) engaging students to further their musical abilities and understanding of jazz, 3) increasing public awareness and appreciation for jazz as an American art form; 4) exposing diverse artists to the Western Pennsylvania region; and 5) documenting and making available, through web streaming, the performances for future generations and for the purpose of evaluating impact and procedures.
- **Recording label:** MCG Jazz has released 40 CDs and DVDs commercially through brick and mortar and its digital download store.
- **School of Swing:** This music-based youth education program discusses jazz vocabulary, history, themes, techniques and styles of jazz and promotes jazz awareness. School of Swing is designed as a sequence of learning activities giving children an appreciation of jazz as an art form, its uniquely American historical context and prepares a foundation for performing jazz and incorporating its techniques in their creative expressions.
- **Jazz Is Life® lectures:** This series explores what jazz and "right brain" qualities like empathy and playfulness teach about improvisation, collaboration and innovation. Marty Ashby, executive producer of MCG Jazz, presents a provocative conversation on the themes of partnership, leadership, teamwork, risk-taking and creative problem-solving in the workplace done in the non-traditional setting of a jazz guitar trio.
- **Ensembles:** MCG Jazz also maintains a number of ensembles for various performance and educational activities including: The 21st Century Swing Band, JazzMagic, Aurora Jazz Fusion and the Pittsburgh Jazz Legacy project.

STATISTICS

- Over 10,000 orchids, 2,500 poinsettias, 3,500 hardy hibiscus, and 4,800 hardy hydrangeas in production annually.
- The controlled environment within the greenhouse makes it a perfect space to test the feasibility of crops ranging from herbs to ferns to hanging baskets.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

- The Drew Mathieson Center is home to Bidwell Training Center Horticulture Technology program. The Horticulture Technology program allows students to prepare for positions in greenhouse operations, interior plantscaping, agriculture, environmental technology and wholesale/retail floral sales while exposing them to current best practices in business and professional development.
- This state of the art complex utilizes high tech systems making it possible to grow exquisite phalaenopsis orchids year round under all conditions.
- The Drew Mathieson Center also grows seasonal boutique-quality hardy hydrangeas, hardy hibiscus and poinsettias.

FACILITY

- 40,000 square foot greenhouse including four large growing areas for main crops and a smaller space for hydroponics.
- DMC also includes a hands-on classroom and an office area.

DREW MATHIESON CENTER
for Horticultural and Agricultural Technology

MISSION

- Growing plants to bring hope and inspire the community.

OVERVIEW

- Construction completed in January 2003.
- Received the Master Builders' Association 2003 Building Excellence Award in the category of "Best Project Under \$5 Million."
- An urban facility offering enrichment and education in the plant sciences to Southwestern Pennsylvania residents including Pittsburgh Public School students, unemployed and under-employed adults.
- The revenue generated by the greenhouse directly benefits the students at Bidwell Training Center and Manchester Craftsmen's Guild.



MISSION & VISION

- **Mission:** To impart the Manchester Bidwell Corporation educational model by catalyzing the creation of centers for arts and technology.
- **Vision:** To create healthy communities through culture and enterprise.

OVERVIEW

- NCAT works with cities across the United States & Canada.
- Each center, modeled after the successful programs of Manchester Craftsmen's Guild and Bidwell Training Center, is adapted to fit the needs of its community.
- NCAT was incorporated in 2007 and is an affiliate of MBC.
- An affiliated program of Manchester Bidwell Corporation.

AFFILIATED CENTERS

CATC - Cincinnati, OH, cincinnatiartsandtechnologycenter.org

- CATC opened in the autumn of 2003, and serves 400-600 students annually.
- CATC's youth programs include web design, ceramics and drawing.

BAYCAT — San Francisco, CA — baycat.org

- BAYCAT opened in autumn of 2004 and serves 300-400 students annually.
- BAYCAT offers programs in graphic disciplines including digital filmmaking, web/graphic design and animation/motion graphics.

NewBridge — Cleveland, OH — newbridgecleveland.org

- NewBridge opened in November 2010.
- NewBridge's youth after school programs include ceramics, photography and digital arts/music, and offers adult programs in phlebotomy and pharmacy technician.

WMCAT — Grand Rapids, MI — wmcat.org

- WMCAT opened in the autumn of 2005.
- After school, in-school and special project programs include photography, digital arts, web design and fine arts.
- Adult programs are provided in medical coding and pharmacy technology.
- The renovation of the facility was LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) certified.

CONNCAT — New Haven, CT — conncat.org

- CONNCAT opened in April 2012 with youth after school programs beginning in the 2012-13 school year.
- CONNCAT offers adult programs in medical coding and phlebotomy.

BCAT— Brockway, PA — brockwaycat.org

- BCAT is NCAT's first rural initiative, opening in spring of 2013.
- Brockway is offering cultural enrichment and arts education to high school youth from a seven county area with studio-based after school ceramics classes.
- Brockway is providing pharmacy technician and medical assistant programs for unemployed and underemployed adults.

BATC — Buffalo, NY — buffaloartstechnologycenter.org

- BUFCAT will be the first center in the nation that will co-locate with ArtSpace.
- The Buffalo Center opened in Fall of 2013, and will offer adult training programs in pharmacy technician and medical coding.
- After school educational programs for high school students will include studio-based digital and design arts.

NECAT — Boston, MA — ne-cat.org

- The New England Center for Arts and Technology opened in Boston in fall of 2013.
- NECAT will launch its first Adults Education & Career Training Program in the Culinary Arts in September of 2013 with 18 students. Two additional classes will launch in January and March, serving a total of 54 students for the year.
- The Center is home to one of the only Culinary Teaching Auditoriums on the East Coast. It has ample gallery space for student art and exhibitions, and significant opportunities for earned revenue through rentals and Corporate Culinary Team Building Programs.
- NECAT plans to add a Medical Technology Training Program for adults in 2014.
- It will offer after school, studio-based arts programming for urban teens in 2014.