

## News Release

### **Delvina L. Smith Joins The Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse as Director of Development & Community Engagement**

PITTSBURGH (Feb. 01, 2018)—The Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse recently welcomed Delvina L. Smith as the Director of Development and Community Engagement, where she has primary responsibility for the implementation and evaluation of PLSG’s community engagement activities. These include public programs, community meetings, public gatherings, and the development of fundraising strategies.

Delvina also will chair PLSG's *Under 40, Underserved* advisory board. This group serves to advise the PLSG on how to best capture and share life sciences knowledge to improve the success rates of its younger companies in obtaining capital and de-risking their commercialization programs.

Delvina brings an impressive track record of development, fund raising, and event planning experience to PLSG, ranging from ongoing coordination of development efforts at a Pittsburgh-area non-profit family support service provider, to staging and fundraising successes at a number of high-profile events in New York City.

She was named by the *Pittsburgh Business Times* as one of the inaugural class of its “30 Under 30” honorees in 2017, and is a member of the Leadership Pittsburgh Initiative Class of 2018. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York, in 2009.

“We discovered Delvina through the ‘30 Under 30’ distinction she earned,” said Jim Jordan, President and CEO of PLSG. “With Delvina now part of our team, I believe PLSG can move higher, faster, and with even greater confidence as we work to engage more young entrepreneurs, as well as to inform and attract a wider community of active supporters.”

“The opportunities for growth and expansion at PLSG make this an exciting next step for me,” Delvina noted. “I’m eager to get started in applying the things I’ve learned and achieved over the years on behalf of PLSG, its companies, friends, and partners.”

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