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DANCE

Pilobolus Dance Company
Blending dance and gymnastics with technology and props, Pilobolus creates a beautiful and offbeat performance that is as imaginative as it is captivating. Note: Performance contains partial nudity and haze effects. 8pm. Zellerbach Theatre, Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St. annenbergcenter.org

CIVIC

Rep. Brian Sims’ Job Fair
The state representative’s third annual job fair will include more than 25 vendors from the Philadelphia area looking for potential employees, including PECO, Whole Foods, SEPTA and local universities. Grab your resume, get on your interview best, and go talk to your next employer. 10am–2pm. Peirce College, 1420 Pine St. pahouse.com/sims

COMEDY

Confessions of a Prairie Bitch
Alison Arngrim was one of the most despised children of the ’70s—or rather, her character “Nellie Oleson” from Little House on the Prairie was. Now all grown up and absolutely hilarious, Arngrim recounts stories from the set in this one-woman show drawn from her autobiography of the same name. 8pm. $22. Voyeur Nightclub, 1221 St. James St. alisonarngrim.tumblr.com
Talent Greater Philly Recognizes Five Regional Organizations for their Commitment to Moving the Needle on College Completion

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“We all know that college education is a critical issue for our region’s competitiveness. The Regional Challenge Honorees are models for other businesses and institutions in our region who are also motivated to invest in an educated workforce,” said Deborah Diamond, President of Campus Philly and member of Talent Greater Philly’s Steering Committee.
This year’s Regional Challenge Honorees were chosen based on their proven commitment to moving the needle on college completion rates in the region through innovative solutions, strategic partnerships, and targeted programs.

**REGIONAL CHALLENGE HONOREES**

Community College of Philadelphia Center for Male Engagement: Higher Education Honor

Geared towards African-American males, the Center for Male Engagement provides support coaches, computer labs and study spaces, learning specialists, career development and social events to help students cultivate a sense of belonging and build resolve as they pursue a post-secondary degree.

Peirce College: Higher Education Honor, Innovative Practice

In 2013, Peirce College, in collaboration with Year Up/Professional Training Corps (PTC), launched a unique, holistic partnership to reduce the workforce and degree attainment barriers experienced by 18-24 year old regional youth from low-income families. Peirce’s focus has been threefold: 1) to provide low-income students the opportunity to gain college credits 2) to create a pathway to degree completion and 3) to help students gain employability skills and relevant work experience.

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia: Business Community Honor, Large Employer

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Education Assistance Program was created over a decade ago to encourage employees to advance their education and skills. A team of highly experienced education consultants work directly with employees to provide assistance with educational plans, financial aid, and scholarships. The program enables employees to advance both personally and professionally and helps CHOP to align the talent needs of its workforce with its institutional business needs.

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern PA: Business Community Honor, Small Employer

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern PA helps employees pursue higher education through flexible work schedules and an Employee Educational Assistance Program. These efforts have helped Ben Franklin Technology Partners attract high-quality employees, avoid costly turnover, and provide opportunities for personal and professional growth.

USLI: Business Community Honor, Innovative Practice

USLI’s College Help program employs approximately 130 undergraduate students year-round who are currently enrolled in degree programs at two-year and four-year colleges and universities. The goal of the program is twofold: to provide meaningful, professional work experiences for undergraduate students and to reduce their student loans through an established Qualified Educational Assistance program.

About Talent Greater Philly

Talent Greater Philly was formed in 2010 in an effort to amplify the efforts of the region’s many educational support partners. As a collective, Talent Greater Philly collaborates on strategies designed to position students to obtain a post-secondary education. Learn more at TalentGreaterPhilly.org.
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"Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced and Underprotected," a groundbreaking report recently released by the African American Policy Forum and Columbia Law School’s Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies, examined various factors that direct girls of color down dead-end-streets.

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To register, interested applicants should email Kyleen Shaw at kyleen@evoluerhouse.org. For additional information, go to http://www.evoluerhouse.org or call 215-592-8988.