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Throughout her career, Ernestine Harris has had the opportunity to work for a variety of businesses such as: PPG Industries, Carnegie Mellon University, Digital Equipment Corporation and PNC.

As Human Resources Director for GlaxoSmithKline, Mrs. Harris leads the delivery of HR interventions for research and development, both in the UK and U.S. She also leads the delivery of employee relations across all business segments in the U.S. and contributes to the attainment of business goals.

"I was able to immediately apply the skills and education I received as a business and human resources professional in both my career and in support of nonprofits," said Mrs. Harris, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in human resources management from La Roche College.

Currently Mrs. Harris serves on the National Adoption Center Board of Directors and is chair of the Trustee Board at St. Paul's Baptist Church. Previously she was board president of Pennsylvania Organization of Women in Early Recovery (POWER); vice chair of Goodwill Industries Board of Directors; and board member of the African American Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

In 2008 Mrs. Harris was named Health Care Business Women's Rising Star and a Woman of Excellence by the Pittsburgh Courier. She has received four Multicultural Marketing Diversity Awards throughout her tenure at GlaxoSmithKline.