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Kheir Mugwaneza '04, M.S.

*Immigrant Health Program Manager
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Named one of Pittsburgh Magazine's 40 Under 40 and Pittsburgh Courier's Fabulous 40, Kheir Mugwaneza '04 has devoted his career to serving immigrants and refugees.

In his current role as immigration health program manager, Mr. Mugwaneza leads Allegheny Health Network in improving services and accessibility of care to immigrants and patients with limited English proficiency. Additionally he serves as a liaison between the network, immigrant community and other stakeholders.

Earlier in his career Mr. Mugwaneza served as the director of the Northern Area Multi-Service Center's Community Assistance and Refugee Resettlement. He also worked as a case manager and program supervisor for Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh's Refugee Services.

"Knowing the adversity refugees go through, and seeing how they fight back each day to live a normal life, is amazing. I have been truly blessed and honored to work in this field where changing lives is literally what you do every day," he said.

Mr. Mugwaneza's work includes serving as the co-chair of Allegheny County Department of Human Services' Immigrants and International Advisory Council; a member of the Welcoming Pittsburgh Advisory Council; and a member of the Steering Committee/Board of Directors for Global Minds, ARYSE, All for All Community Blueprint and Welcoming Pittsburgh.

A graduate of La Roche College's Pacem in Terris Institute, Mr. Mugwaneza earned his bachelor's degree in business administration and computer information systems from the College in 2004, and a master's degree in public policy management from the University of Pittsburgh in 2015.

"The education I received from La Roche prepared me for the challenges of my professional career. The volunteering experience through Campus Ministry gave me a foundation in services to those in need. I have come to know and work more closely with some of the organizations where I volunteered when I was a student at La Roche," he said.

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