

Lynn M. Banaszak is currently the executive director of the \$26M Disruptive Health Technology Institute (DHTI) at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). Lynn has spent her career elevating civic development efforts, positioning women in STEM careers and creating programs that produce a diverse and vibrant community.

Lynn contributes on several boards and committees to create a vision for the future of our region and provide strategic leadership and perspective to establish programs, goals, strategies, plans, and policies to create opportunity, intersectionality and wealth creation for underserved constituencies.

In all her work, she has been part of the passionate group of leaders that represents and promotes the region in a variety of forums with federal, state and local governments, collaborating organizations, academic, cultural and medical institutions, and businesses. These activities have included; raising more than \$80M in economic development initiatives over the last 12 years, being appointed a member of the White House Business Council Economic Development Panel, being appointed to Pittsburgh Mayor Peduto's Transition Team and serving on County Executive Fitzgerald's Transition Innovation Team.

In 2016, Lynn and her family started The Caileigh Lynn McDowell Foundation in honor of her precious 17-year-old niece Caileigh, who tragically passed away in April 2016 due to catastrophic injuries from undiagnosed Crohn's Disease. The foundation is working to transform political, social and economic systems and institutions to create a kinder, more equitable and just society for all.