

# STEPHANIE GILCHRIST BIO

Stephanie Gilchrist, Mahoning Valley native and Youngstown resident, is the Executive Director of Inspiring Minds of Youngstown. Inspiring Minds is a nonprofit outreach organization that works with under-represented youth in our community and aims to engage, inspire and empower students through education and exposure to new experiences.

Before coming to Inspiring Minds of Youngstown, she was the Project Coordinator at the Youngstown Business Incubator for Tech Block Building 5, overseeing the \$5.7 million project. In 2016, she changed roles where she continues serves as the Director of the Women in Entrepreneurship Program, assisting over 50 women in the community with their business ideas.

In addition, Gilchrist, alongside her husband, own Ryan's Chair Barber and Beauty Salon which has been in the community for over 20 years.

Gilchrist earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Youngstown State University in 2005. In 2017, she completed the Executive MBA program through Strayer University. Currently, she is enrolled in the Certified Business Advisor Program at Kent State University.

In 2018 she was recognized as the Youngstown Business and Professional Women's Business Woman of the Year. Gilchrist serves on the Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley's Fund for Women and Girls Guiding Circle and the Mahoning Valley Economic Development's Loan Fund Committee.