

**Channing Lenert, MS, CFRE**

Channing Lenert currently works as a Development Officer at Navy Pier. His responsibilities at the Pier include the qualification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of the new nonprofit's major institutional contributors. He additionally provides support with Board development, major capital gifts, special events, employee culture, and community outreach. Before joining the Pier's staff, Channing worked on the program and development teams at Working in the Schools (WITS). Prior to WITS, Channing served in AmeriCorps with City Year Chicago, where he tutored and mentored middle school students at a school in Chicago's North Lawndale Community, and mobilized large-scale volunteer service events as a member of the site's Civic Engagement Team.



Channing serves on the Board of Directors of the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), where he is a past Fellow and Chamberlain Scholar. He also serves as Chairman of City Year Chicago's Alumni Board and is a member of the Chicago Urban League's Scholarship Program Committee. In addition to his AFP Chicago membership, Channing is also a member of Chicago African Americans in Philanthropy (CAAIP).

Channing received his MS in Nonprofit Management, concentrating in Fundraising Management, from Chicago's Spertus Institute, and a BA in Political Science from California State University Channel Islands. He was designated as a Certified Fund Raising Executive by CFRE International in 2018.