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Executive Scholars

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The Executive Scholars program builds a pipeline between high-performing Promise Scholars and Promise donors. It provides students with the chance to connect with the prestigious donor with whom they are matched to pursue professional relationships and connections during their college years. The shift from high school to college can be daunting, as can the shift from college to the workforce. Executive Scholars of The Pittsburgh Promise are provided with excellent professional development opportunities and relationships that will enrich the college experience and provide guidance to beginning a career.

The Executive Scholars program is one of the ways that The Promise can help students transition not only from high school to college, but also from college to a career. Thank you for being one of ten prestigious donors in our Executive Scholars program!

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2018



Justice Jones

Justice graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick. He was on the wrestling, football, volleyball, cross country, and track teams and received the CoGo's High School Sports Unsung Hero Award. Justice is now studying software engineering at Gannon University.



Sabria Davis

Sabria graduated Pittsburgh Obama and is now attending Temple University. She is studying bio-engineering and hopes to someday design affordable prostheses. In addition to participating in National Honor Society, she was also a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador and active in her school's music programs.



Ryan Andrews

Recognized as "Literary Artist of the Year" at Pittsburgh CAPA, Ryan is now enrolled at Slippery Rock University where he was invited to join the Honors Program. He is studying mathematics and education with hopes to become an educator. Ryan has volunteered for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh since middle school and was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador.



Chandler Searcy

A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, Chandler is now studying at Robert Morris University. She has already organized advocacy campaigns and hopes to use her marketing degree to design marketing campaigns that will make the world a better place to live. Chandler's achievements during high school earned her several grants and scholarships in addition to her Promise award.



Anna Gorske

Music is Anna's passion and she has played violin for almost 13 years. In addition to citywide performing groups, she was also concertmaster of the Pittsburgh CAPA Student Orchestra. Her plans for the future are to continue honing her craft while pursuing a biology degree at the University of Pittsburgh, and eventually a career in the medical field.



Austin Oliver

A passion for technology led Austin to Penn State-Behrend, where he is studying software engineering. He was a member of National Honor Society and the Senior Class Committee at Pittsburgh Carrick. Austin is OSHA Certified, Network MTA Certified, and Security MTA Certified. He interned at BNY Mellon and coaches children's dek hockey in his spare time.

2017



Taylin Tyler

Taylin is studying psychology at Seton Hill University. In high school, Taylin was very involved in Pittsburgh Obama's basketball team and won the Defensive Player of the Year award during her junior year. She plans to work with youth and become a sports trainer.



Noah Fitzpatrick

Noah is dual majoring in arts and sciences and business at the University of Pittsburgh. He aspires to attend law school with a focus in corporate law. Noah was a Promise Ambassador at Pittsburgh Allderdice.



Vikaas Arunkumar

Vikaas attends the University of Pittsburgh and is interested in global health and economics. He hopes to travel the world helping less fortunate populations. A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Vikaas loves music and he plays the guitar, piano, bass, and drums.



Torey Josowitz

Torey is a business marketing major at Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College. Torey has a love of sports and was field hockey team captain at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She held a part-time job at her local community center in addition to her excellent academics.



Tyler Sikov

Tyler's love for music, gaming, and coding inspired him to major in computer science at the University of Pittsburgh. Tyler spent time working in a biomedical research lab while in high school. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice.

2016



Jada Lowe

Jada is studying psychology at Penn State University. She hopes to learn from her own experiences in order to understand others and give back to her community. A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, she was a school musical dancer and participated in stage crew. Jada also played for the high school volleyball team.



Owen Baillie

Owen attends Penn State University where he is a Provost's Award recipient. Majoring in accounting, Owen believes that continuing education is crucial to success. At Pittsburgh Obama, Owen was a member of the stage crew and he played baseball and golf. He was also on the swim team and worked as a lifeguard.



Sagar Kamath

Sagar found a special interest in art at Pittsburgh CAPA where he was valedictorian. Sagar was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador, editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff, and the superintendent's Excellence for All Award recipient. He's now studying civil and environmental engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.



Jeremiah Hardy

A Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, Jeremiah was a Pittsburgh Project Student Leader and is passionate about education reform. He's currently studying business management at Penn State University with hopes to one day attend law school. A bass player of nine years, he relished the chance to perform at the Byham Theater recently.



Elisa Varlotta

Elisa is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate who is now attending Dickinson College with an interest in international studies. Elisa is especially enthusiastic about fitness and healthy living, and she completed her first marathon this year. She hopes to eventually work in a field that will connect all of her many interests.

2015



Ravyn Clark

Ravyn, a Pittsburgh Perry graduate, studies actuarial science at the University of Pittsburgh. While attending high school, Ravyn joined the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society. In addition, she played multiple sports, participated in musical theatre, and was a cheerleader.



Drue Denmon

Drue attends the University of Pittsburgh where she studies English literature. She enjoys reading, writing, and music. Drue is especially proud of the book club that she created with her best friend while attending Pittsburgh CAPA. Drue also participated in book drives and was principal flautist at CAPA.



Samuel Ketter

Samuel is a computer science major at Slippery Rock University and a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick. He has volunteered at his local library for two years and started his own lawn service business. Samuel is passionate about all forms of art. He is a recipient of the Alicia Stackhouse Kopp Scholarship.



Miriam Levenson

An applied mathematics major at Robert Morris University, Miriam graduated from Pittsburgh Obama. While attending high school, she was the yearbook staff editor, played volleyball, and was a Promise Ambassador. She also worked as a nanny and life guard in her spare time.



Alexandra Oliver

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Alexandra is a mechanical engineering major at Penn State University. Alexandra has been playing soccer for ten years and has also coached soccer for the last three years. Alexandra is especially proud of becoming a member of the National Honor Society.

2014



Chesarai Williams

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Chesarai attends Slippery Rock University to study business. Participating at Pittsburgh Cares and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh taught her the importance of giving back to her community. Chesarai received the Board of Governors Scholarship from Slippery Rock.



John Micklo

John is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice and an eight-time recipient of the Carson Scholarship. John is majoring in computer information systems at Robert Morris University. He finds his passion in helping those in need and volunteers his time by making dinners for local homeless shelters.



Lara Potenziani

A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Lara attends Penn State University–Behrend. Lara loves math and is studying accounting. As a member of the Future Educators Association, Lara believes that obtaining an education is the foundation for fulfilling your dreams.



Matthew Walker

Matthew attends the University of Pittsburgh and is studying engineering. Matthew graduated from Pittsburgh SciTech Academy and was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. He is especially proud to have completed an internship with The Heinz Endowments. Outside of his academics, Matthew has a love for music and plays the guitar.



Rosie Williams

Rosie graduated from Pittsburgh Perry with a 3.95 GPA. She is passionate about helping others and was vice president of her senior class, as well as vice president of the National Honor Society at Perry. Rosie attends Robert Morris University where she studies business.

2013



Kevin Horvath

Kevin studies actuarial science at Robert Morris University. Kevin graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick with high honors. Kevin worked during his high-school years and was awarded with a leadership position at his part-time job.



Ricardo Llovet-Nava

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Ricardo attends Allegheny College with a major in international business. He is highly passionate about language and culture. He volunteers with Carnegie Mellon's Circulo Juvenil supporting Hispanic teens, and with Children's International Summer Villages promoting cross-cultural understanding.



Dillon Secilia

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Dillon finished with high honors. His participation and excellence in Carrick's Finance Tech program led to his passion for business and math. He is currently studying business and accounting at the Community College of Allegheny County.



Samantha Spangler

Samantha is studying security, risk, and analysis at Penn State University. She graduated from Pittsburgh Perry as the salutatorian and vice president of Perry's National Honors Society. Samantha also received a biotechnology award for her studies in high school.



Hannah Tajuddin

Hannah is studying forensic accounting and business management at Carlow University. Salutatorian at Pittsburgh Carrick, Hannah maintained a 4.0 throughout her senior year of high school. Hannah gives back by volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

2012



Guthrie Gintzler

Guthrie studies within The Jerome Fisher Program at the University of Pennsylvania. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice with a 4.0 GPA, he was proud to be named Navy Scholar of the Year. Guthrie is especially inspired by green energy initiatives.



Danielle Kapolka

A graduate of Carrick High School, Danielle attends Duquesne University with a major in business. She was proud to be nominated Business Student of the Year during her senior year of high school and the receive Duquesne University's Academic Scholarship.



Blaise Galewski, Jr.

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Blaise attends the Community College of Allegheny County and studies accounting. Outside of his outstanding academics, Blaise focuses on community service and believes in the power of service to make a difference.



Raven Moore

Raven will attend Penn State University–Allegheny to study sociology. Raven hopes to continue on to law school after her undergraduate degree is complete. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Raven was a leader in a human rights and racial justice campaign while in school.



Terry Thomas

A graduate of City Charter High School, Terry will attend Point Park University to study accounting. He is interested in interning throughout his education to really find his niche. Terry is also a proud graduate of the Black Male Leadership Development Institute at The Urban League of Pittsburgh.