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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



Jeffrey Martin

Having received The Swanson School of Engineering Excellence Award, Jeff is attending The University of Pittsburgh where his focus is mechanical engineering. He hopes to extend his passion for his go-kart into a career in automotive engineering. Jeff was involved in numerous activities and clubs and served as Class President at Pittsburgh Allderdice.



McKenzie Williams

McKenzie was salutatorian of her class at Pittsburgh Carrick. She is in now in the pre-pharmacy program at the University of Pittsburgh. McKenzie was president of the student leadership group The Future Is Mine, secretary of both National Honor Society and Student Council, and participated in the Homecoming committee, International Club, and Engineering Club.



Markeya Killer-Dorsey

Being accepted at her dream school, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, made Markeya proud of her efforts to maintain good grades during high school. She played on the basketball team while attending Pittsburgh Allderdice. In addition to volunteer work, she also held retail jobs and worked summers at the Ammon Recreational Center.



Jordyn Kemp

While attending Pittsburgh Obama, Jordyn participated in National Honor Society and the drama club. She was proud to receive the Carson Scholarship, which she is using along with her Promise award to pursue her nursing degree at Duquesne University. She works at Eat'n Park and in her spare time she plays on a community softball team.



Blaze Pelles

At Pittsburgh Carrick, Blaze was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. He was proud of his community service work with National Honor Society and also participated in the Engineering Club and Chess Club. He is studying pharmacy at Duquesne University and has interest in conducting his own research someday.

2017



Erick Vail

Erick attends CCAC with plans to transfer to the University of Pittsburgh. He is a computer science major who is very passionate about the rapidly growing field of technology. Erick is a graduate of Pittsburgh SciTech.



Brett Searcy

Brett is an electrical engineering major at Geneva College. In addition to her Promise award, Brett received numerous scholarships for her outstanding academics and leadership. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, she looks forward to becoming an engineer.



Marie Weimer

Marie is a Pittsburgh Allerdice graduate with plans to one day become a teacher. She takes pride in her excellent academic history. Marie is attending Carlow University to study early childhood education.



Alexis Zito

Alexis is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. She loves math and science and takes pride in her many awards and scholarships in STEM. A graduate of Pittsburgh SciTech, she hopes to be an inspiration for young girls interested in STEM.



Justin Novakowski

Justin studies pharmacy at Duquesne University and plans to become a pharmacist and help his community. In his spare time, Justin enjoys playing the piano. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA.

2016



Tayler Kirkland

Tayler is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate now pursuing a psychology degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She worked at Children's Hospital and was a member of the National Music Honors Society. She also volunteered with Peer Helpers at Planned Parenthood and hopes to eventually become an obstetrician.



Madison Novak

Madison is a computer engineering major at Penn State University. She hopes to work for a major technology company in the future. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Madison was stage manager for the school's musical and played varsity soccer. She also held a part-time job at Wholey's throughout high school.



Bryndyn Jones

Bryndyn is a geography major at Slippery Rock University whose hope is to make a positive impact on the world and environment. A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, he was a member of the varsity basketball team. He also volunteered for the school's clean-up projects and participated in the garden program.



Brandy Hardy

A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, Brandy was the president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, president of the National Honor Society, and a member of JROTC. She was also valedictorian of her graduating class. She is now studying business at the Community College of Allegheny County and hopes to someday open a facility to care for foster animals.



Milan Abramovitz

Milan is studying industrial engineering at Penn State University where he is a part of the Schreyer Honors College. Milan worked at Friendship Circle, where he had the opportunity to help students with special needs. He also participated in J-Serve and community clean-ups. He graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice.

2015



Divine Zyhier

Divine is a graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear and attends Penn State–Behrend. Divine has volunteered with WCAA. She loves to help people and put a smile on their faces. A petroleum engineering major, her community service has taught her to be humble and use her skills to improve the world.



John Novakowski

John studies pre-pharmacy at Duquesne University, where he received an academic scholarship. A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, he enjoys playing piano and animating. During high school, John volunteered at St. Clair Hospital as a concierge, and at the Brookline branch of the Carnegie Library.



Aaron Jones

Aaron studies multimedia at Point Park University. A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, his goal in life is to use his gifts to serve and become successful. Throughout high school, Aaron majored in theatre and worked as a Salvation Army Camp Counselor. Aaron graduated high school with perfect attendance.



Jessica Ignasky

Jessica is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA and is attending Chatham University for cultural studies. She is a writer who aspires to publish her work. Jessica has received a Gold Award in Girl Scouting for creating a documentary that promotes body positivity. In addition, she participated in the Environmental Club and Student Union.



Kacey Boland

Kacey graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick. She was captain of the soccer team and president of Carrick's National Honor Society. Kacey currently studies pre-pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh, where she was awarded the National Merit Scholarship.

2014



Jayla Akers

Jayla is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA where she was the class president. Jayla loves to give back and volunteered with Homewood Community Sports. Jayla is a communications and PR major at Penn State University and hopes to own her own business one day.



Brandon Hutton

Brandon studies business at Duquesne University. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Brandon enjoys dekhockey and volunteers for the Susan B. Komen foundation. He is especially proud of his Carson Scholarship and his work with National Honor Society.



Abdullahi Mada

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Abdullahi attends the University of Pittsburgh for electrical engineering. In high school he played many sports, volunteered at the Carnegie Library and did neighborhood cleanups in Garfield.



Ian Milbee

Ian studies accounting at Robert Morris University. A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Ian was a Promise Ambassador. Ian is interested in international travel and relations and dreams to one day work with the FBI or CIA.



Timothy Williams

A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Timothy studies biochemistry at Washington and Jefferson College. He is proud that he was able to manage working full time while in high school and that he placed in his high school tennis tournament.

2013



Bakir Becirevic

Bakir is excited to be studying Pharmacy at the University of Pittsburgh–Greensburg. A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, he was a member of the National Honors Society. In addition to his Promise award, he received a University of Pittsburgh scholarship.



Shiri Goldis

Shiri graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice and attends the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in both psychology and business. Shiri was active in her community during high school through volunteering at the local soup kitchen, interviewing Holocaust survivors, and participating in her school musical.



Miller Goughneour

During his time at Pittsburgh CAPA, Miller was the photography editor for his school yearbook and coached a community soccer team. Miller received an academic scholarship to attend Duquesne University and pursue a degree in marketing.



Kellie McIntyre

Kellie is pursuing a degree in communications at Point Park University. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Kelly was the president of the school's Women's Student Union. In addition to her Promise award, she received a President's Club award from Point Park.



Jasper Wang

Jasper attends Carnegie Mellon University with a focus on English and pre-medical studies. A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Jasper was a member of the Environmental Club and tutored other students throughout her high school experience.

2012



Eliot Golin

Eliot attends Penn State University and studies mathematics. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Eliot was an active high school mentor as well as a member of the Allderdice Leadership Club. In addition to The Promise Scholarship, he was proud to receive the National Hispanic Achievement Award.



Jasmine Johnson

A graduate of City Charter High School with a 3.92 GPA, Jasmine attends Seton Hill University and is majoring in pharmacy and biology. In addition to The Promise Scholarship, she was proud to receive the Horatio Alger National Scholarship. Jasmine hopes to stay in Pittsburgh and give back to her city.



Ethan Abramson

Ethan attends the University of Pennsylvania and studies market engineering and computer science. He was honored to graduate with a 4.0 GPA and to be named the valedictorian of his class at Pittsburgh Allderdice. Ethan is also a recipient of the Mensa Education and Research Foundation's David Hunt Memorial Scholarship.



Shanda Snyder

Shanda attends Penn State University and studies crime, law, and justice. A graduate of Pittsburgh School for the CAPA, she is also interested in communications and public speaking. During her senior year, Shanda served as a Promise Ambassador working to engage students and promote college readiness in her school.



Ethan Buszko

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick with a 4.0 GPA, Ethan continues his education at Duquesne University studying pharmacy. He hopes to pursue the study of oncology and medicine in the future. Ethan was honored to be the valedictorian of his graduating class.