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!
Jeremy Berardo

In addition to being salutatorian of his class at Pittsburgh Carrick, Jeremy was also president of National Honor Society. He was recognized by the American Legion for both his academic performance and his community service work. Now a student at the University of Pittsburgh, he aspires to become a doctor after finishing college.

Rauli Johnson

Rauli received an academic scholarship from Duquesne University, where she is majoring in accounting. Rauli is interested in auditing or forensic accounting after college, and eventually wants to work independently. This Pittsburgh Carrick graduate values community service and hopes to make a difference in people's lives.

Ignacio Cuevas Manu

A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Ignacio was a National Honor Society member and a member of the cross country and track & field teams. He now attends the University of Pittsburgh where he's studying statistics, economics, and mathematics. Proud of his martial arts experience and accomplishments, Ignacio works as an Assistant Black Belt Instructor.

Anai’ya Jones

A Pittsburgh Urban Pathways graduate, Anai’ya earned the Top Student Award, the President’s Award, and a Leadership Award. She is now studying criminal justice at California University of Pennsylvania, where she received a Board of Governors Scholarship. She strives to be a peacemaker who can find justice in unjust situations and hopes to someday work for a major law firm.

Joshua Zito

Joshua is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He enjoys making gadgets and engineering maker projects and won several engineering awards while attending Pittsburgh SciTech. He was an intern and teaching assistant with Gene Team and a SciTech Student Ambassador. He also played soccer.
Korionna DeVaughn

Pittsburgh Brashear graduate Korionna is majoring in accounting at Penn State University. She aspires to become an accountant. In addition to her Promise award, Korionna received a Ben Carson, NAACP, and PSU Blue and White Scholarship.

Rose Wetzel

A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Rose hopes to use her passion for the outdoors to raise awareness on environmental issues in hopes of making impact on the world. Rose attends Susquehanna University where she studies earth and environmental science.

Rico Mesich

Rico has a fascination with mathematics and quantitative analysis. He hopes to give back to his community by teaching. Rico is a Pittsburgh SciTech graduate who is now pursuing a mathematics degree at the University of Pittsburgh.

Maisie Arlet

Maisie is a business management major at Carlow University. She plans to one day own her own business. Maisie was president of the National Honor Society at Pittsburgh Perry. She is passionate about giving back to her community and family.

Ruthanne Pilarski

Ruthanne is passionate about education and working with children. She has received various gold and silver medals for art and creative writing. Ruthanne graduated from Pittsburgh CAPA and attends Temple University to study mathematics.