

The Pittsburgh Promise

# 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



## **Keyona Hutchison**

Keyona is studying early childhood education at Carlow University. She was proud to stay on the High Honor Roll throughout high school at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She is a sports enthusiast who enjoys playing softball and basketball. Keyona wants to become a teacher after college and help children succeed in school and life.



## **Kortnei Almon**

A Pittsburgh Carrick graduate, Kortnei was a member of National Honor Society and president of the Senior Class Committee. She is now majoring in general studies at CCAC. After completing her studies, she hopes to become an architect or civil engineer. She also wants to give back to her community and help others.



## **Andrew Knight**

In addition to several academic awards, Andrew was Senior Class President and valedictorian at Pittsburgh Perry. He played basketball and tennis and volunteered his time at the Jefferson Recreation Center. He is now studying English literature at the University of Pittsburgh, with plans to become an English teacher.



## **Maria Pilar Lojacono**

Maria was the recipient of Pittsburgh Online Academy's Superintendent Achievement Award. She is majoring in early childhood education at La Roche College and wants to make the world a better place for kids. In addition to caregiving for her cousin who has spina bifida, she volunteers at Fine Art Miracles and the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry.



## **Anya Epstein**

Passionate about music and art, Anya is studying theater and dance at Muhlenberg College. She was proud to earn scholarships to help pay for school, including the Constance T. Rockwell Scholarship from the Pittsburgh CLO Guild. While at Pittsburgh CAPA, she performed volunteer work on behalf of Squirrel Hill Food Pantry, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, and Temple Sinai.

# 2017



## **Jahonna Lipscomb**

A political science major at Point Park University, Jahonna is passionate about social justice and equality. While at Pittsburgh Brashear, she received a scholarship from the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh to study abroad in Morocco.



## **Brianna Gerner**

Brianna is a pre-med, global health major at Allegheny College. With a love of volunteering and working with children, she hopes to become a pediatrician and work in underdeveloped countries. Brianna graduated from Pittsburgh CAPA.



## **Bria Brown**

Bria is studying psychology and pre-med at Temple University. She enjoys art and painting in her spare time. A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Bria is proud to be the first in her family to attend college. She plans to eventually go on to medical school.



## **Maura Carr**

Maura has a love for children and hopes to help shape the young minds of the future. She is an early childhood education major at University of Pittsburgh—Greensburg. Maura was valedictorian at Pittsburgh Carrick and played volleyball.



## **Issam Abushaban**

At Pittsburgh SciTech, Issam was editor and director of the SciTech News. He also worked in a research lab at the University of Pittsburgh where he now studies biomedical engineering. He's interested in neuroprosthetics and working on neurodegenerative diseases.

# 2016



## Joseph Jones

Joseph is a biology major at Robert Morris University and hopes to attend medical school to become a neurosurgeon. He was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador and participated in ROTC while attending Pittsburgh Perry. He also volunteered at food and blood drives and was a member of the Coalition Against Violence.



## Anita Morrison

Anita studies early childhood education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and hopes to return to Pittsburgh to teach. A love of children led her to volunteer at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh while attending Pittsburgh CAPA, where she was president of the National Music Honor Society.



## Erion Morton

Erion is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice. Because of her desire to help others, she volunteered at the Children's Museum and participated in service projects throughout the Hill District during high school. Erion plays the saxophone and hopes to become a music teacher. She now attends Chatham University for music.



## Jacob Richards

Jacob is a Ben Carson Scholar who graduated from Pittsburgh CAPA. He is a STEM enthusiast who now attends the University of Pittsburgh, where he is studying engineering. Jacob was a member of the Student Action Committee while attending high school, as well as a volunteer for community arts initiatives.



## Johanna Vallejo

Johanna is studying biological anthropology at Penn State University. She was very involved during her time at Pittsburgh Allderdice, participating in swim team and marching band. She is a proud black belt in American freestyle karate, and also has interests in travel, classical music, and animal welfare.

# 2015



## **D'Angelo Spencer**

D'Angelo is an HVAC major at Dean Institute of Technology. A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, he hopes to start his own business. In high school, D'Angelo played football, participated in track and field, and was a little league baseball coach. In his senior year, he led Brashear as the captain of the football team to a city championship.



## **Marna Owens-Bailey**

Marna graduated from Pittsburgh CAPA with a passion for helping others. She plans to become an engineer to create technologies that will allow others to live more comfortably. Marna is an NAACP and Pepsi Scholarship recipient, and currently attends Penn State University–Behrend, studying mechanical engineering.



## **Marianne Kitsio**

An engineering major at the University of Pittsburgh, Marianne loves to dance and learn about new cultures. While attending Pittsburgh SciTech Academy, she received high honor roll and earned the Most Improved Student Award. Throughout high school, Marianne tutored middle school students and volunteered at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.



## **Jesse Moldovan**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Jesse wants to engage in political dialogue that will help resolve the problems in the world. During high school, he participated in Junior Statesmen of America, Model UN, and Habitat for Humanity. Jesse is majoring in political science at the University of Pittsburgh.



## **Thomas Rone**

Thomas is a conservation and wildlife management major at Delaware Valley University. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Thomas is interested in animals and the reasons behind their behavior. After college, Thomas plans to help preserve endangered species. Thomas was also awarded the NEED Honors Scholarship and Kappa Scholarship.

# 2014



## **Kendre Crawford-Blue**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Milliones (UPrep), she was her class valedictorian. Kendre is studying nursing at Penn State University. Passionate about giving back to teens, she hopes one day to start a non-profit that will benefit disadvantaged teen girls.



## **Chelsea Geruschat**

Chelsea is a biochemistry and molecular biology major at Penn State University. She graduated valedictorian from Pittsburgh Carrick. In high school she traveled to Argentina on a Global Travel Scholarship. In the future she hopes to work with Doctors Without Borders.



## **Jordan Lawson**

Jordan graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice as Student Council Vice President and Captain of the rowing team. A political science and business major at Penn State University, Jordan is proud that he has received full college scholarship through a Bunton-Waller Fellowship and a Kappa Scholarship in addition to his Promise award.



## **Zachary Neal**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Zachary is a seven-time Carson Scholar. Zachary was inspired by an internship at Shadyside hospital to study nursing at Duquesne University. Zachary is especially proud of being an Eagle Scout as well as completing his first half-marathon.



## **Sam O'Shell**

Sam attends the Community College of Allegheny College studying HVAC with a plan to also study environmental engineering. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Sam believes in hard work and was employed during all of his high school years. He is especially proud of his work with the National Honor Society.