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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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Grace Woolard
Grace graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice. She is now majoring in pre-medicine at Edinboro University, where she received an Honors Program Award. In the future, she plans to specialize in women's health because it is her hope to positively impact the lives of women all over the country here in the U.S.

Charysma Adams
Studying civil engineering at Drexel University will help Charysma reach her goal to own a bridge-building business in Europe. In addition to her job at Panera Bread, she played for the volleyball and softball teams at Pittsburgh Allderdice and was in National Honor Society. She was proud to receive awards from the Society of Women Engineers twice during high school.

Bree McCullough
Bree is studying physics at Bucknell University, where received a Presidential Fellowship. She hopes to use her degree to help wildlife and improve the world. She was a member of the fencing team, active in the music program, and President of the Jewelry Club at Pittsburgh Allderdice. An entrepreneur, she operates her own face-painting business.

Austin Burnett
Enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh, Austin is studying physics and astronomy. A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, Austin was proud to earn an IB Diploma. While in high school, he participated in the We Promise program and the Black Student Union. He also volunteered with KaBOOM!

Irina Kramkova
Irina is studying psychology and biology sciences at Carnegie Mellon University because she wants to become a doctor or physician assistant. Irina maintained High Honor Roll all four years at Pittsburgh Allderdice, where she played volleyball and participated in Student Council. She also volunteered at Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh and Friendship Circle.
Tayjanay Reed
Tayjanay is a Pittsburgh Carrick graduate. In high school, she was on the cross-country team. Tayjanay is passionate about helping communities and now studies nursing at Carlow University.

Jasmine Dorsey
Jasmine is a graduate of Pittsburgh Westinghouse, where she was in the CTE Health Careers program. She had a high school internship at West Penn Hospital and hopes to become a registered nurse. Jasmine attends the University of Pittsburgh—Bradford.

Jacob Lundy
Jacob graduated from Pittsburgh City High. He loves science and medicine and enjoys helping people. He is studying biology at Carlow University, where he received the Presidential Scholarship, in addition to his Promise award.

Victoria Mavrogeorgis
A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Victoria loves music and plays the violin. She is passionate about social justice and presently attends the University of Pittsburgh to study mechanical engineering. Victoria takes pride in being fluent in Greek.

Eitan Rabinovich
Eitan has a strong interest in medicine and hopes to become a surgeon. In high school, he researched sickle cell anemia at the Vascular Medicine Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, which he now attends in the Honors College. Eitan is a graduate of Pittsburgh SciTech.
Brianna Watson

Brianna attends Penn State University where she studies chemistry. Brianna is proud of her involvement in research from a young age, and cites her passion for chemistry as a lifelong one. She also loves music and plays piano. Brianna volunteered at her church and was a peer mentor while attending Pittsburgh SciTech Academy.

Jacob Beckman

Jacob is enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh, where he hopes to study subjects related to medicine. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, during high school Jacob was a peer mentor, captain of the baseball team, and valedictorian. In his spare time, he also worked at a local non-profit art studio.

Megan Schwerin

While attending Pittsburgh Carrick, Megan played soccer as well as coached it. She was also her class’s valedictorian. Megan is a recipient of the Linus Pauling Award for Excellence in Chemistry, and she is now pursuing a degree in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh.

Katrice Wade

Katrice attends the Community College of Allegheny County where she studies business management and one day aspires to become a successful entrepreneur and run her own business. She is passionate about culture and history. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, in her free time Katrice organized a walk to raise money for cancer research.

Sonia Panic

Sonia is a Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate who now studies civil and environmental engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. Proud of her Bosnian heritage, Sonia was a member of an Eastern European Folk Dance Ensemble. She also volunteered at East End Food Co-op and took a mission trip to Nicaragua.
Rojanai Alston

Rojanai is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice and attends Slippery Rock University. During high school, she participated in the National Honor Society, Leadership Club, Cheerleading Team, and Prom Committee. Majoring in physical therapy, Rojanai is a recipient of the Slippery Rock University Scholarship.

Amani Bey

Amani is a biological sciences major at the University of Pittsburgh–Greensburg. While attending Pittsburgh SciTechAcademy, her community service taught her to work hard for a brighter future for herself and others. Amani was awarded the Outstanding Academic Excellence Award and a Certificate of Recognition for Perfect Attendance.

Nicholas Darke

Nicholas is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA. In high school, he developed a passion for theatre while building sets and operating the sound for shows. Currently attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Nicholas is majoring in communications media.

Sylvia Freeman

A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Sylvia is attending the University of Pittsburgh with an interest in both biology and art. During high school, she participated at the Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild and Swim Team. She hopes to challenge herself by becoming a doctor, running a marathon, and travelling to Egypt.

Nathan Whitney

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Nathan made his mark by winning the regional physics bowl and leading Allderdice’s lacrosse team. He was also a part of the National Honor Society, Model UN, and Student Hunger Action Coalition. He is now an engineering major at the University of Pittsburgh.
Brittany Creely

Brittany is an english major at Duquesne University that lives for writing. She believes that the power of the written word surpasses all others and hopes to make a difference in the world with her writing. Brittany is a three time Scholastic Gold Key winner and a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick.

Dana Strabryla

Dana graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick with a 4.0 GPA and was valedictorian of her class. Dana was on the Tennis Team and won the silver medal during her high school championships. She attends Carlow University and is majoring in nursing.

John Chmura

A nuclear engineering major at Penn State University, John is passionate about nuclear science. He hopes to one day become a Nuclear Safety Inspector. A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, John was a soccer player and a participated in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Kausar Shaikh

Kausar is a biology pre-medicine major at the University of Pittsburgh and hopes to become a doctor in the future. A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Kausar was a member of Crew Team, Environmental Club, and a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. Kausar is also a four-time Carson Scholar.

Wesley Lebarty

Wesley is a computer science major at the Community College of Allegheny College. A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Wesley enjoys ultimate frisbee, programming, and graphic design. He is especially proud of obtaining high honors in his senior year.
Aryell Heywood

Aryell studies biology and kinesiology at Temple University. A Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, Aryell is not only passionate about science but has a strong connection to music. She plans to give back during her time in college by volunteering in low-income neighborhoods near her campus.

Amadeo Hirata

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Amedeo participated in over 400 hours of service with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank while in high school. He is pursuing a double-major in mechanical and civil engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

Joseph King

A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, Joseph attends the Community College of Allegheny County in pursuit of a biotechnology degree. Joseph is highly interested in the sciences and participated in the STEM Summer Academy during high school. Joseph also received the Allegheny War Memorial Scholarship.

Rina Matsuda

Rina is pursuing a biology degree at the University of Pittsburgh. Rina was always passionate about the sciences, so much so, that she attended summer science camps at Johns Hopkins University during her years at Pittsburgh Obama.

Goda Tarcijonas

Goda studies biology and Spanish at Franklin and Marshall College. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Goda was the captain of the swim team and tutored elementary students. To explore her love of science, she participated in the Gene Team Summer Research Program at the University of Pittsburgh.