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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



## **Mia Belgie**

Mia is studying English at Temple University with hopes of becoming a public defender in the juvenile court system. She is active in her local community through The Pittsburgh Project and Manchester Craftsmen's Guild. She is passionate about photography, reading, and writing. Mia is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate.



## **Scott Strassberger**

While attending Pittsburgh Allderdice, Scott was involved in many activities and clubs, including National Honor Society, Math League, and the Physics Bowl Team. At Bucknell University, he is studying mathematical economics with plans to become a statistician and help make the world a better place.



## **Zari Grandy Overton**

Aspiring to own several companies of her own someday, Zari is currently studying electrical and computer engineering at Temple University. This Pittsburgh Obama graduate is proud of helping the school's basketball team win three city championships. She was also in National Honor Society and enjoys helping others through community service.



## **Ian Thomas**

At Pittsburgh Obama, Ian was captain of the soccer team and valedictorian of his class. He loves to travel and values cross-cultural experiences. He is majoring in business at Carnegie Mellon University. It is his dream to use the power of business and entrepreneurship to strengthen communities and empower individuals.



## **Jenna Skufca**

While attending high school at Pittsburgh CAPA, Jenna also held a job at McDonald's. She worked hard on her grades and made the High Honor Roll, which helped her earn an academic scholarship to study at Robert Morris University. Her passion for helping others is what led her to major in nursing.

# 2017



## **Miracle Collington-Dennison**

Miracle is a computer science major at Penn State University. She is passionate about education and community service. She hopes to one day own her own business. Miracle is a Pittsburgh Obama graduate.



## **Carolyn Pallof**

A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Carolyn loves using her creativity to write and design. She started her own online business and ran cross country. Carolyn attends the University of Pittsburgh where she is very active on campus and interested in business.



## **Emily Kostelnik**

Emily is majoring in marketing at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. At Pittsburgh Allderdice, she was captain of the field hockey team and maintained a part-time job in addition to excelling in school.



## **Leonard Reichert**

Leonard is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate. A multimedia major at Point Park University, Leonard has a love for music and art. He hopes to become a graphic designer in the future. Community service taught him the importance of considering others.



## **Sara Agip**

Originally from Peru, Sara came to the United States without knowing any English. She takes great pride in how far she has come and hopes to one day own a business. Sara is a Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate who attends Penn State University as a business major.

# 2016



## **Jordyn Gilliard**

Jordyn is a Pittsburgh Obama graduate who is now studying communications at Chatham University. She hopes to pursue a law degree eventually. She participated in Summerbridge Academy and received the North Hills' Ebony Women's Scholarship, Bob O'Connor Scholarship, and a NEED Scholarship.



## **Molly Rohrer**

Molly is attending Carnegie Mellon University and hopes to pursue public policy and international relations. A Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, she is passionate about dance. Because of her interests in feminism and politics, Molly hopes to attend law school and change perceptions about women in government.



## **Micah Anthony**

Micah was a member of the Pittsburgh Carrick engineering club. He loves anything related to math or computer coding and programming. He now studies computer science at the University of Pittsburgh, where he is a Panther Pride Award recipient. Micah enjoys volunteering through his church's men's group.



## **Laura Condon**

Laura, a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, studies english writing at the University of Pittsburgh. Laura was the president of the National Honor Society at her high school as well as a member of the travel club. An avid writer, she has self-published a novel and hopes to be a professional writer in the future.



## **Collin DeWitt**

Collin is a finance major at Temple University where he received the President's Scholarship. While he attended Pittsburgh Allderdice, he was on the crew team and participated in marching band. He was also president of his youth synagogue. He enjoys music and plays both the guitar and saxophone.

# 2015



## **April Yoder**

A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, April is attending the University of Pittsburgh to study communication science. April's passion for writing and literature inspired her to start a book club at her school. She is most proud of receiving the regional gold and silver keys in writing from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.



## **Ashley Mayers**

Ashley, a Pittsburgh Brashear graduate, studies psychology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Ashley volunteered at ACH Pathways helping children in Pittsburgh's Hill District. In addition, she worked part time and still managed to volunteer in her neighborhood clean-ups and community garden.



## **Silvia Giampapa**

Silvia graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice and is attending Carnegie Mellon University. Silvia is majoring in biology and chemistry. She hopes to work towards greener energy and inspire others to protect the planet. She speaks Italian and plays piano. Silvia was also one of her school's rowing team captains.



## **Jacob Davis**

Jacob is a Pittsburgh Brashear graduate attending Saint Vincent College to study computer science. He was an active athlete throughout school, swimming, playing soccer and baseball, and coaching baseball for four years. He is a recipient of the House of Representative's Excellence in Education Award.



## **Zachary Greenhouse**

Zachary graduated from Pittsburgh Allderdice, where he was captain of the lacrosse team. Zachary loves music and has been playing guitar for nine years. He served at the Jewish Community Service Organization and Student Hunger Action Coalition. Zachary is attending Franklin and Marshall College, and his major is currently undecided.

# 2014



## **Alan Hord**

Alan, a political science major at Penn State University, plans to go to law school. A graduate of the Pittsburgh SciTech Academy, Alan was the treasurer for the National Honor Society and a participant in the Investing Now program at the University of Pittsburgh.



## **Anita Trimbur**

Anita is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA and attends the University of Pittsburgh. Anita is passionate about photography and writing. She won the Regional Gold Key Scholastic Award for poetry, fiction, and screenwriting. Anita also volunteers at her church and the National Humane Society.



## **Elizabeth Bagley**

Elizabeth attends West Chester University and studies business management. She is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA and volunteers her time at the Andy Warhol Museum and a community garden. Elizabeth's work in community service has taught her the importance of helping others.



## **Marcus Dean**

Marcus is a graduate of Pittsburgh Perry and attends Westminster College. As an active athlete, Marcus was captain of the Perry Basketball Team. He is also on the basketball team at Westminster College where he studies communications. In addition to his Promise Scholarship, Marcus is an awarded NEED Scholar.



## **Tajendra Subedi**

Tajendra studies computer engineering at the University of Pittsburgh–Titusville. T.J. has always had an interest and aptitude to work with computers. A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, he is especially proud of graduating with honors. T.J. was a member of the Nepali Club and Tennis Team.

# 2013



## **Rebecca Brown**

A valedictorian at Pittsburgh Allderdice, Rebecca studies sociology and communications at the University of Pennsylvania. Rebecca founded two service clubs at her school, Becca's Closet and Allderdice Cares. In 2012, she won The Princeton Prize in Race Relations for the region.



## **Deja Hopkins**

Deja is studying finance at Robert Morris University. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, her goal is to become a financial advisor and to share financial literacy and knowledge with low-income communities. She received a Shyne Award and a Robert Morris University Academic Scholarship.



## **Benjamin Junker**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Benjamin is passionate about civic engagement. He served as Lieutenant Governor in the YMCA PA Youth and Government Program, and served as Ambassador for the regional Council on International Educational Exchange. Ben studies economics and political science at Carnegie Mellon University.



## **Erica Lisitsa**

Erica studies computer science at the University of Pittsburgh. During her time at Pittsburgh Allderdice, she was the captain of her field hockey team. To commend her commitment to Friendship Circle, a volunteer organization supporting teens with special needs, she was awarded an Ida Wagner Fellowship Award.



## **Kelsey Sturm**

Kelsey studies business at Penn State University–Behrend. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Kelsey is passionate about community service. She is the recipient of the Girl Scouts Bronze and Silver Awards as well as the Greenfield Organization Youth Volunteer Award for her years of service.

# 2012



## **Elizabeth Paulin**

A graduate of City Charter High School, Elizabeth attends Clarion University and studies accounting. Elizabeth is especially proud of the multiple Microsoft certifications and Microsoft Office awards she obtained in preparation for college.



## **Erika Mangual**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Erika attends Point Park University for business management. She is especially interested in communication and creative business applications. Erika was also awarded the Academic Scholarship at Point Park University.



## **Anthony Michalski**

Anthony attends Robert Morris University and studies accounting. A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, Anthony hopes to stay in Pittsburgh to pursue a master's degree in his field. Anthony's goal is to one day work for the federal government.



## **Kenya Finn**

Kenya attends Duquesne University to study in engineering. Kenya hopes to own a small business one day. A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, she was especially proud to earn straight A's during her senior school year.



## **Leeza Tokarski**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, Leeza attends Point Park University and studies advertising and public relations. Outside of Leeza's outstanding academics she was her senior class vice president and involved in school athletics. She received Academic and Athletic Scholarships from Point Park University.