

The Pittsburgh Promise

Executive Scholars

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THE EXECUTIVE SCHOLARS PROGRAM BUILDS A PIPELINE BETWEEN HIGH-PERFORMING STUDENTS AND OUR MAJOR CORPORATE DONORS.

The program provides students with the chance to connect with the prestigious company with which they are matched and pursue professional development opportunities and relationships during their college years. High school seniors with a strong academic performance, a commitment to community service, and leadership skills are encouraged to apply.

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. We are very proud of our 2022 Executive Scholar Class. Congratulations!

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Heaven Ballard

Heaven has a knack for helping others work through their problems. During her time at Urban Pathways she was involved in Techno-teens and Bird Watching Club. She is a student at PennWest - Clarion pursuing a career in the medical field. Heaven is working toward her dream of helping people in need, especially those in the Black community.



Aden Banks

As a student at Pittsburgh Allderdice, Aden was active in the National Honor Society and played lacrosse and hockey. He has always enjoyed working with his hands, building, and learning how things work. The enjoyment of creating things led to Aden choosing to study geotechnical engineering at Slippery Rock University.



Makiyah Carrington

Participating in French Club, Black Student Union, African American Center for Advanced Studies, and National Honor Society kept Makiyah busy at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She also found time for part-time work at a pizza shop and as a Pittsburgh Promise Student Ambassador. Makiyah now spends her time studying software engineering at University of Pittsburgh.



Nina Mathis

Nina is a former student at Pittsburgh CAPA who is proud of her completion in Investing Now, a three-year program organized by Pitt's Swanson School of Engineering. She was part of the National Dance Honor Society and Speak up Spoken Word Club. Nina is on the pre-law track, studying political science at the University of Pittsburgh.



Kenyh Taylor

At Pittsburgh Brashear Kenyh participated in cheerleading, marching band, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and programs at Manchester Craftsmen's Guild. She aspires to make a positive impact on future generations by becoming a teacher. Kenyh studies early childhood education at CCAC.

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Niya Allen

Niya is proud to have earned the honor of being valedictorian at Pittsburgh Obama during a pandemic. She was a member of the academic enrichment program Breakthrough Pittsburgh, and now has gone full circle as she is the Assistant Program Director for the summer. Niya is studying to become an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh.



Jessie Assaf

Jessie was valedictorian at Pittsburgh Brashear and is a former Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. Along with her many academic accolades, she also was on the first-place team in the PIAA Tennis District Championship three years straight. Jessie is studying anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh.



Finnea King

Finnea is a loyal person who will give her all to someone in friendship, and she is very proud of her family. After graduating from Pittsburgh Perry, Finnea attends CCAC and wants to become a nurse practitioner.



Gamar Muya

Gamar has a strong work ethic. She completed college classes at CCAC, AP classes, and earned her Certified Nursing Assistant certification. At Pittsburgh Perry, she was a member of the African American Centers for Advanced Studies, National Honor Society, and helped organize the Perry Pop Up Pantry. Gamar attends the University of Pittsburgh studying biology.



Konstantinos Papazekos

Konstantinos loves to think outside the box to solve problems and wants to make his mark in Pittsburgh. While at Pittsburgh Obama, he was the varsity boys' soccer captain, a high-honor roll student, and won the Leadership Award. Konstantinos is studying history and political science at the University of Pittsburgh.