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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 2024 Executive Scholar Class. Congratulations!

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2024



Samya Blair

Mya is a dedicated student at Pittsburgh Multicultural Cosmetology Academy, where she is pursuing her passion for cosmetology. Motivated by a desire to make her family proud, she balanced multiple jobs while attending Pittsburgh CAPA, showcasing her hard work, determination and commitment to her studies.



Frankie Honick

Frankie attended Pittsburgh Brashear where he was recognized for his academic excellence. A passionate leader, he contributed to various student organizations, including the Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Performance Club, and National Honor Society, while also serving as a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. Frankie is studying Business at Carlow University.



Cassidy Lynch

Cassidy is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA and is motivated by the connections she has made with others through various extracurriculars and clubs. When she was a Promise Ambassador, she consistently made connections and vocalized options and resources for herself and other students. Cassidy has brought her strong work ethic to the University of Pittsburgh where she studies Pre-Dentistry.



Miles Randall

At Pittsburgh Obama, Miles was an active member of student council and as a senior captain of the baseball team. He is passionate about helping others and has devoted his time to volunteering at 100 Black Men of Western Pennsylvania, as a Thurgood Marshall Award-winning mentee. Miles is studying Business Management at Temple University and aspires to be a real estate developer.



Matteo Wilburn

Matteo is motivated by doing his part to make the world a better place. An accomplished trumpet player and National Honor Society member at Pittsburgh CAPA, Matteo overcame challenges in his musical journey to become a more well-rounded student and now studies Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh Honors College.

2023



Ny'Jai Chapman

Ny'Jai is a leader from Pittsburgh Westinghouse. In high school, Ny'Jai maintained good grades while getting involved in activities such as Operation Better Block. She is determined to continue her hard work to achieve her dreams. Ny'Jai is now studying Interior Design at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Gavin Chonko

Gavin is a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick who worked hard to maintain good grades while working in his free time. Currently, Gavin is a Screenwriting student at Point Park University.



Nicholas Efran

Nicholas is driven by being of service to others. During his time at Pittsburgh Allderdice, he devoted time to making his community better. He participated in National Honor Society, GSA as their president, and volunteered at blood drives and small businesses. Staying on this track, Nicholas is now pursuing a degree in Social Work at The University of Pittsburgh.



Andrew Ferrisl

Andrew, a Pittsburgh CAPA Graduate, is embarking on a new chapter in life, studying Biology at Geneva College. In his school community, he participated in soccer and cross country. Andrew's goal is to practice medicine and provide healthcare in countries lacking proper medical care.



Abigail Langhoff

Abby attended Brashear High School and participated in soccer and Senior Steering Committee. Abby was awarded the Carson Scholarship for volunteering and academic excellence. She attends Point Park University and is majoring in Business Management.

2022



Sofi Baker

Sofi excelled in high school, becoming valedictorian at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She was a member of National Honor Society and captain of the lacrosse and volleyball teams. Sofi volunteered her time by tutoring kids, helping at nursing homes, and assisting at blood drives and soup kitchens. Sofi is studying business at Saint Joseph's University.



Noah Bauman

Noah graduated from Pittsburgh SciTech where he held leadership positions in Chess Club, Debate Club, and Student Council, among other leadership roles. Noah offered weekly information sessions to his peers to provide resources on financial topics. Noah is an econometrics and business administration major at Carnegie Mellon University.



Carly Caplan

As an advocate for those around her, Carly has become impassioned about building connections. She has been a force in her community by volunteering at Friendship Circle of Pittsburgh, participating in Teen Leadership Board, Allstar Cheer, and BBYO. Carly is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice studying communications at Penn State University.



Sebastian Diaz-Tafel

Studying International Business at Chatham University, Sebastian has dreams of using his Spanish and business skills to one day work abroad. Sebastian has spent time volunteering for Visions Service Adventures in the Dominican Republic and British Virgin Islands. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, who is eager to continue traveling internationally.



Gabrielle Reed

A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, Gabrielle is now attending Temple University. She is studying international relations and business administration with aspirations of starting a non-profit organization to help Black girls learn how to take care of their hair. Gabrielle was involved in Youth and Government and served as manager of the basketball team.

2021



Jade Chatman

Over their four years at Pittsburgh Obama, Jade was an honor roll student and a Promise Ambassador. They are passionate about writing, specifically poetry and plays. Jade attends the University of Pittsburgh where they study psychology and astronomy.



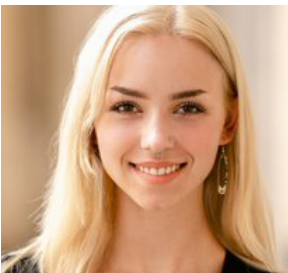
Brookelynn Herrera

Brookelynn graduated Valedictorian of Pittsburgh Brashear and is a former Promise Ambassador. She loves to travel and learn about other cultures, especially Latin cultures. Brookelynn is attending Penn State University where she majors in marketing.



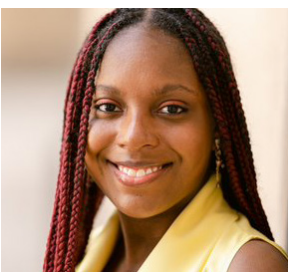
Sebastian Mull

Sebastian took first place in digital media at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild Invitational. He loves creating artwork and wants to direct and produce his own movies. Sebastian majors in film and digital technology at Chatham University.



Carmel Ricketts

Working two jobs six days a week while balancing school, Carmel is no stranger to hard work and responsibility. She is very passionate about visual arts, fashion, photography, and aerial acrobatics. Carmel loves the Pittsburgh area, where she is studying studio arts at Chatham University.



Zharia White

With the help of her village – family, community, and Pittsburgh Public Schools – Zharia was able to overcome adversity and turn it into opportunities. After graduating from Pittsburgh Obama, Zharia's passion for film and journalism led her to the University of Pittsburgh. Her career goals include becoming a director, producer, screenwriter, and journalist.

2020



Emilio Loya

An avid lover of baseball, Emilio has played on several teams. At Pittsburgh Allderdice he also participated in Swim Team and Ski Club. He attends Penn State University where he studies business, innovation and entrepreneurship. He hopes to one day own his own business.



Jeremiah Davis

At Pittsburgh City Charter Jeremiah was a member of Social Justice Club, Digital Media Club, an Urban Eco steward, Promise Student Ambassador, intern at Office of Councilman LaVelle and founder of Student Government. He attends Chatham University where he studies sustainability.



Frankie Tomasic

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Frankie was a member of National Honor Society and Campus to Career Crossroads. Currently, Frankie attends Pittsburgh Technical College where he studies filmmaking. He hopes to share his authentic self and artistry with the world.



Alyssa Zito

Alyssa is a dedicated student who has received numerous honors and awards for her work in the STEM field, including top honors from PA Junior Academy of Science. She studies biomedical engineering at University of Pittsburgh Alyssa is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice.



Unique Dixon

At Pittsburgh Millions Unique served as a Student Envoy, participated in African American Center for Advanced Studies, and African American Achievement Trust. She attends CCAC on a pre-med track with expectations of becoming a neurosurgeon.

2019



Lily Tolchin

As creator of the “Make it Write” Creative Writing Workshop, Lily taught children of battered women to express their feelings through writing. She also wrote the “My Generation” column for Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for five years. Lily’s love of writing led her to attend The University of Pittsburgh to pursue a degree in English writing. She is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice.



Jason Walter

While attending Pittsburgh University Prep, Jason was the captain of the chess club and had an internship with the CEO of The Benedum Center for Performing Arts. He is now attending Edinboro University to study graphic design. He is a loyal and dedicated individual who cares deeply for his family and friends.



Dyllin Wood

Dyllin is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice where he was involved in many activities including fencing, drumline, volleyball, and served as vice president of the school’s Charity Club. Dyllin is attending The University of Pittsburgh—Johnstown to study computer science. He aspires to develop video games or create biomechanical devices in the future.



Lexis Wright

Lexis received the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship at The University of Pittsburgh, where she is studying business marketing. At Pittsburgh CAPA, Lexis held numerous leadership roles including president of the senior class and Black Student Union, and serving as an ambassador for The Pittsburgh Promise and Female Empowering Mission.



Anita Rzewski

Anita served as Fashion Club president at Pittsburgh Allderdice and was a Nordstrom Fashion Ambassador. She is studying marketing at The University of Pittsburgh and wants to become a leader in the ethical fashion industry. Anita is passionate about music, art, politics, and learning. Community service taught her that we all must take responsibility for the world in which we live.

2018



Noor El-Dehabi

A Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, Noor is now an urban studies major at the University of Pittsburgh. She won several writing awards during high school and wrote for the school newspaper. Noor is passionate about creative writing and community-based art, so she was especially proud of her work as part of the Mattress Factory Art Cooperative's outreach programs.



Samikchya Rai

Samikchya graduated from Pittsburgh Brashear, where she achieved High Honor Roll all four years. Samikchya has not yet declared a major at the University of Pittsburgh, but she is passionate about biology and the environment. Samikchya was in National Honor Society, volunteered at West Penn Hospital, and held an internship at Phipps Conservatory.



Teddy Caplan

Majoring in fine arts, Teddy is attending the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. This Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate participated in the Student Conservation Association, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and was on the crew team during high school. Teddy volunteers with J-Serve and Sojourner House.



Sarah Jackson

Sarah was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador at Pittsburgh Allderdice, where she participated in the Black Student Union and National Honor Society. In addition to her Promise award, she received a Ben Carson Scholarship. Sarah is studying marketing at Robert Morris University with hopes of becoming a real estate agent.



Miranda McArdle

Miranda received a Trustee Scholarship to study at Point Park University. She is majoring in advertising and hopes to start her career quickly after graduating college. She attended Pittsburgh Carrick. As Vice-President of the Senior Class Committee, she was proud to fundraise and organize a memorable prom for her classmates.

2017



Brooke Bova

Brooke is on a pre-law track with a minor in chemistry at Washington & Jefferson College. She is passionate about politics and being active in her community. Brooke graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick, where she was on student council and played volleyball.



Brittany Joseph

Brittany is currently studying psychology and communication arts at Allegheny College. She has always had an appreciation for drama and theatre. Brittany won a Thespian Award while attending Pittsburgh Carrick.



Rhianna Aubrey

Rhianna studies political science at Duquesne University. She did a senior project at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC and started a mental health awareness campaign at Pittsburgh SciTech. She learned the value of giving back while volunteering at a nursing home.



Josephine Friedman

Attending Chatham University to study media arts, Josephine enjoys the way art and technology intersect in film, animation, and digital illustration. She hopes to use her creativity and technology professionally. Josephine is a Pittsburgh Obama graduate.



Dremond King

Dremond is a marketing major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and hopes to eventually receive his master's. Community service taught him the value of helping others. Dremond graduated from Pittsburgh City High.

2016



Maya Best

Maya was valedictorian of her class at Pittsburgh CAPA. Attending the University of Pittsburgh, she hopes to pursue degrees in creative writing and anthropology. Maya is passionate about helping children. She has served as a volunteer tutor at the East End Cooperative Ministry, and teaches English at the local library.



Patrick Keating

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Patrick played volleyball while balancing his academics along with work. Patrick is attending Robert Morris University, where he received the Independence Institutional Scholarship. He is studying business and marketing, and hopes to make others aware of public programs that are available.



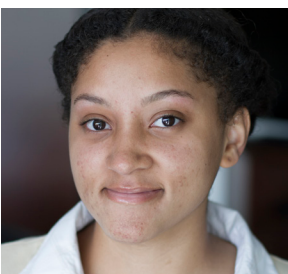
Bili Thang

Bili is a graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear. He is now attending La Roche College to study computer science. While he attended high school he enjoyed playing sports. He also has a passion for music. Bili takes pride in his academic achievements and maintaining a part-time job during high school.



Hailey Treloar

Hailey is a graduate of Pittsburgh Obama and is attending Washington and Jefferson College, where she received an academic scholarship. She was captain of her soccer team and volunteered at the Brookline public library. Her major is international business, and she hopes to travel the world making a difference.



Madelynn Mitchell

Madelynn is a journalism major who hopes to one day publish her own book. She's spent a lot of time volunteering at a local food pantry. Madelynn is no stranger to hard work and always held at least one job since she was sixteen. She is a graduate of Pittsburgh Milliones (UPrep) and is now attending Lincoln University.

2015



Shayonna Herring

A Pittsburgh Perry graduate, Shayonna was a member of her high school cheerleading and dance team. She is passionate about helping others and volunteered over 130 hours at Allegheny General Hospital. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. Shayonna is pursuing political science at Penn State University.



Morgan McCoy

Morgan is a public relations and advertising major at Point Park University, where she received the Vice Presidential Scholarship. Morgan's marketing internship taught her that people are at the heart of business, stirring her desire to one day become an entrepreneur. Morgan is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA.



Jameelah Platt

Jameelah is an advertisement design major at the University of the Arts with a passion for creating art. A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, she was a member of the Feminist Student Union and the Black Student Union. In addition to her Promise award, she is a recipient of the National Scholastic Silver Key Award and the Emma Munson Memorial Scholarship.



Rieko Copeland

A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Rieko is attending the University of the Arts to study vocal music performance. She hopes to influence people in a positive way through song. Rieko was awarded the Omega Psi Phi scholarship and the Good Neighbor scholarship. Volunteering with Sister Speaks has helped her develop enthusiasm for giving back.



William Mischler

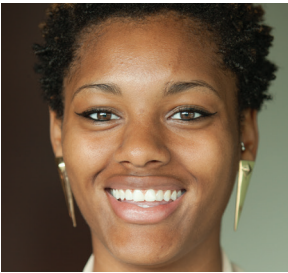
William is studying politics and philosophy at the University of Pittsburgh. He is most proud of starting his own business and participating in a youth conference at the U.N. in New York. During his time at Pittsburgh Allderdice, William organized a fundraiser which raised over \$500 for juvenile diabetes research.

2014



Megan Butter

A communications major at Penn State University, Megan hopes to work in public relations someday. A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, she was the senior captain of her school's soccer team and continues to be passionate about athletics.



Kielle Deanda

Kielle attends California University of Pennsylvania with an interest to study journalism and business. A graduate of Pittsburgh Westinghouse, she is passionate about giving back. At Westinghouse, Kielle was the senior activity advisor and participated in a service trip to Costa Rica.



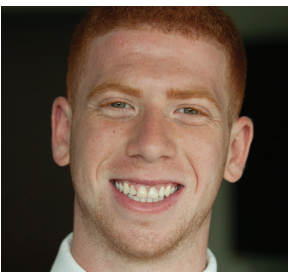
Zoe Grubbs

Zoe is a fashion merchandising major at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA. Zoe is especially proud of her participation in Children's International Summer Villages, a program that promotes world peace through international travel.



Nicole Lennartz

A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Nicole is a communications major with a minor in violin performance at Duquesne University. In addition to her Promise award, Nicole was awarded the 2014 Anthony E. Benvin Music Scholarship. Nicole hopes in the future to work in public relations.



Max Zack Yoffee

Max Zack, a Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, now studies finance at Penn State University. He is passionate about business and started and sold his own laundry company while in high school. He also enjoys giving back through Friendship Circle, an organization that matches volunteers with special needs teens.

2013



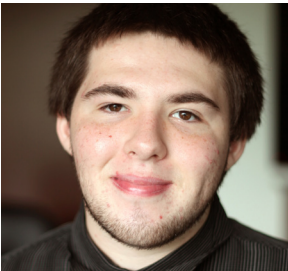
Lauren Brown

A graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, Lauren attends Chatham University majoring in biology and fine arts. Her artwork has garnered her multiple awards and has been displayed in the Eastside Gallery. She is the recipient of the Eleanor Frieberg Scholarship and the NAACP Human Rights Award.



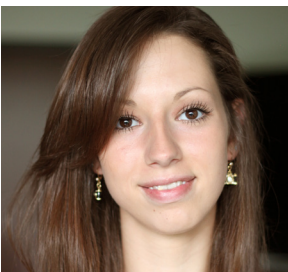
Natalie Jellison

Natalie studies writing and business at Chatham University. She graduated from Pittsburgh Brashear and is passionate about empowering women. In addition to her Promise Scholarship, Natalie received an Academic Scholarship with Chatham University.



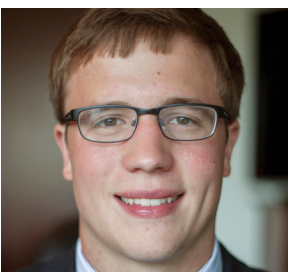
Kevin McIntyre

A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Kevin is pursuing a degree in computer science at Allegheny College. Kevin was a member of the golf team in high school. In addition to his Promise Scholarship, he received the Trustee and Bicentennial academic scholarships through Allegheny College.



Sara Micic

Sara graduated from Pittsburgh Brashear with high honors. She studies photography and journalism at Duquesne University. She received national honors for her volunteer efforts with Carnegie Library and the Children's Museum.



Erik Rauterkus

Erik studies public policy and economics at Swarthmore College. Erik graduated from Pittsburgh Obama with a passion for civic engagement. In 2012 he was elected Youth Governor through the Pennsylvania Youth and Government Program. As the Governor, he promoted service hours to youth state-wide resulting in 1500 service hours completed in the program.