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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



Cherry Aye

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Cherry is known for her strong self-advocacy skills. She has a passion for traveling and learning new things. Cherry is studying Business Analytics at Duquesne University with the goal of securing a successful career while continuing to grow personally and professionally.



Ava Gray

Ava is a proud graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA. While at CAPA, she was involved in Jazz Orchestra, National Honor Society, and Black Student Union. She also attended the Air Force Association Cyber Camp. Kat is pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh and aspires to be a cybersecurity designer.



Selena Heasley

Selena, a graduate of Pittsburgh Obama, is passionate about forming meaningful connections and advocating for mental health within communities of color. Pursuing a degree in Psychology and Social Work at PennWest Clarion, she is dedicated to supporting youth in overcoming trauma, discovering their identities, and creating lasting positive change.



Ryan Schaffer

Ryan is a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, where he played baseball. He takes pride in his strong work ethic and unwavering dedication to becoming the best student and person he can be, striving for excellence both academically and personally. Ryan is majoring in Information Technology at CCAC.



Janiya Walker

Jamiya is a student at Lincoln University pursuing Finance and Business. At Pittsburgh Obama, she was involved in cheerleading, competitive dance, and Black Action Society. Janiya is eagerly looking forward to turning her dreams into reality by working hard, staying focused, and embracing every opportunity that comes her way.

2023



Jason Garland Jr.

Jason is a leader and is passionate about the world of finance. During his time at Pittsburgh CAPA, he spent time teaching high school students about finance as the President of Financial Solutions. Jason continues to follow his dreams as a Finance major at Duquesne University.



Kristina Greg

Kristina is a graduate from Pittsburgh Allderdice High School. Her enthusiasm for mathematics and science led her to recognize engineering as a perfect fit, propelling her to engage in various programs and camps in pursuit of her dream. Aspiring to become a bioengineer, Kristina aims to push the boundaries of science and technology. She is studying Bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh.



Jamieka Tabb

Due to many challenges, Jamieka had to work harder than most to maintain stellar grades. At Pittsburgh Westinghouse, she was involved in cheerleading, senior council, student voice, and student envoy. Jamieka is studying to be an esthetician at South Hills Beauty Academy.



Theresa Thrasher

Theresa is a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA and is passionate about becoming a doctor. She has excellent people and communication skills that will no doubt allow her to reach her goal. Theresa is a student at PennWest California on a Pre-Med track.



David Weisfield

David is a Pittsburgh enthusiast. As a student at Pittsburgh Allderdice, he was a member of a jazz band, the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, and the Three Rivers Young People's Orchestra. With the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony Orchestra, David is excited to bring his love of percussion to Portugal on tour to represent Pittsburgh. He is studying Economics and Percussion Performance at The University of Pittsburgh.

2022



Zain Adamo

At Pittsburgh Allderdice Zain enjoyed being a member of the National Honor Society, the Allderdice Theater Club, and volunteering at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. With the goal of being able to write and direct films, Zain is majoring in film and media studies at the University of Pittsburgh.



Taheerah Cutler

Taheerah enjoyed serving others at Pittsburgh SciTech. During her time there, she was a member of the National Honor Society and volunteered with the American Red Cross and the Neighborhood Learning Alliance. She hopes to find a career that allows her to travel the world and learn new culture. Taheerah is attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Madison Dalverny

As a successful athlete, Madison was involved in softball, cross country, track, unified track, and wrestling at Pittsburgh Carrick. Outside of sports, she served as a member of the Carrick community council and president of the National Honor Society. Madison is attending La Roche University to study athletic training.



Robert Famiglietti

Robby is passionate about being active in his school community. At Pittsburgh SciTech, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Mock Trial, and the Interact Club. He also spent time as a researcher on the University of Pittsburgh's Gene Team. Robby is continuing his studies at Carnegie Mellon University.



Margaret Loya

Maggie was a stellar student and athlete at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She was a member of the volleyball, softball, snowboarding, and Quiz Bowl teams, and volunteered at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank during high school. Maggie is continuing her education at Penn State University.

2021



Quinn Butcher

Quinn's passion for computer science led him to joining the Robotics Club and his founding of the Cyber Security Club at Pittsburgh Allderdice. In addition, he has been a key asset on successful teams in the CyberPatriot cyber security competition. Quinn attends Penn State University and wants to become a software engineer.



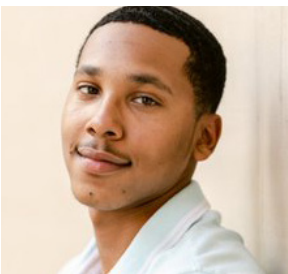
Taras Chernetskiy

Taras is most proud of his hard work and academic success at Pittsburgh Brashear. He is focused on continuing to be successful at the University of Pittsburgh as a finance major. Taras is passionate about playing ball hockey and traveling. He aspires to live his best life and travel as much as possible.



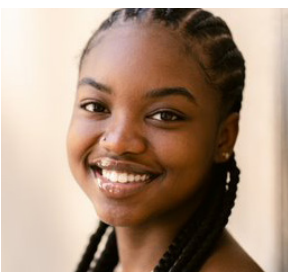
Jaydn Gibson

At Pittsburgh Allderdice, Jaydn was a member of the Black Student Union and the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, advocating for the student body. Learning has been the powerhouse to her growth, but she loves to educate others as well, especially concerning issues that affect other people. Jaydn is furthering her education at Temple University.



Jaden Vincent

During his high school years, Jaden followed his passion by playing basketball for Pittsburgh Brashear and Urban Impact. He is studying business management at Slippery Rock University and wants to become an entrepreneur.



Lauryn Wilson

Lauryn was a cheerleader, African American Centers for Advanced Studies council member, and math tutor while at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She attends the Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a major in nursing.

2020



Christos Mavrogeorgis

His passions for playing music, being active and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, led Christos to participate in musicals, cross country, track, volleyball and basketball while a student at Pittsburgh CAPA. Christos studies industrial engineering at St. Vincent University.



Dylan Blum

As a vocal major at Pittsburgh CAPA Dylan received numerous awards including American Mathematics competition winner, and AP Scholar and Outstanding Vocalist awards. He was also a member of the Junior Mendelssohn Choir. At Temple University Dylan studies statistics.



Casmair Frison

Casmair attends Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is studying business management and human resources. At Pittsburgh Brashear she was the treasurer of Future is Mine, a member of Black Student Union, Rock Climbing Club, National Honor Society and African American History Bowl Team. Casmair also worked as a Promise Student Ambassador.



Eva Mischler

While attending Pittsburgh Allderdice Eva was named Society of Women Engineers Student of the Year. Eva hopes to work for the WHO in public health. She is also enthusiastic about social justice and women's rights. Eva studies bioengineering at University of Pittsburgh.



Shakur Bowles

Shakur is a graduate of Pittsburgh Millions where he earned High Honor Roll. At Indiana University of Pennsylvania, he majors in business and hopes to one day become a real estate agent. He enjoys acting, the arts and entertainment technology. Shakur is active in volunteering at his church.

2019



Lauryn Petrick

A valedictorian of Pittsburgh Carrick, Lauryn is attending The University of Pittsburgh where she studies chemistry. She aspires to become a dermatologist. In high school she was involved in National Honor Society and a member of the senior class committee. Lauryn is passionate about dance and deeply committed to making the world a better place by helping others.



John Friend

John is studying cyber security at Slippery Rock University. He worked with elementary students in a YMCA afterschool program and held a part-time job while in high school. He was a member of the National Honor Society at Pittsburgh Carrick. In his free time, John enjoys gaming and spending time outdoors hunting with his family.



Abigail Helterbran

Sowcasing her love for writing and singing, Abbey was a part of the writing team and cast for four original musicals. She also enjoys softball, candle making, and math. Abigail is attending Temple University with a Presidential Scholarship to pursue her goals of becoming an associate and fellow of the Society of Actuaries. She is a graduate of Pittsburgh City Charter.



Ni Gayatri

Ni is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice where she received many awards for her work in engineering and chemistry. In addition to her academic success, Ni participated in Chinese Club, Asian Pacific Student Union, Charity Club, and Society for Women Engineers. Ni is studying electrical engineering at The University of Pittsburgh—Greensburg.



Nyah Faulk

Nyah completed an internship with the Andy Warhol Museum where she enjoyed learning art history. She was also active in community service work at Saint Mary Mercy Church. Nyah, a Pittsburgh City Charter graduate, is currently attending CCAC where she studies criminal justice.

2018



Justice Jones

Justice graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick. He was on the wrestling, football, volleyball, cross country, and track teams and received the CoGo's High School Sports Unsung Hero Award. Justice is now studying software engineering at Gannon University.



Sabria Davis

Sabria graduated Pittsburgh Obama and is now attending Temple University. She is studying bio-engineering and hopes to someday design affordable prostheses. In addition to participating in National Honor Society, she was also a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador and active in her school's music programs.



Ryan Andrews

Recognized as "Literary Artist of the Year" at Pittsburgh CAPA, Ryan is now enrolled at Slippery Rock University where he was invited to join the Honors Program. He is studying mathematics and education with hopes to become an educator. Ryan has volunteered for the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh since middle school and was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador.



Chandler Searcy

A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, Chandler is now studying at Robert Morris University. She has already organized advocacy campaigns and hopes to use her marketing degree to design marketing campaigns that will make the world a better place to live. Chandler's achievements during high school earned her several grants and scholarships in addition to her Promise award.



Anna Gorske

Music is Anna's passion and she has played violin for almost 13 years. In addition to citywide performing groups, she was also concertmaster of the Pittsburgh CAPA Student Orchestra. Her plans for the future are to continue honing her craft while pursuing a biology degree at the University of Pittsburgh, and eventually a career in the medical field.



Austin Oliver

A passion for technology led Austin to Penn State-Behrend, where he is studying software engineering. He was a member of National Honor Society and the Senior Class Committee at Pittsburgh Carrick. Austin is OSHA Certified, Network MTA Certified, and Security MTA Certified. He interned at BNY and coaches children's dek hockey in his spare time.

2017



Taylin Tyler

Taylin is studying psychology at Seton Hill University. In high school, Taylin was very involved in Pittsburgh Obama's basketball team and won the Defensive Player of the Year award during her junior year. She plans to work with youth and become a sports trainer.



Noah Fitzpatrick

Noah is dual majoring in arts and sciences and business at the University of Pittsburgh. He aspires to attend law school with a focus in corporate law. Noah was a Promise Ambassador at Pittsburgh Allderdice.



Vikaas Arunkumar

Vikaas attends the University of Pittsburgh and is interested in global health and economics. He hopes to travel the world helping less fortunate populations. A Pittsburgh Allderdice graduate, Vikaas loves music and he plays the guitar, piano, bass, and drums.



Torey Josowitz

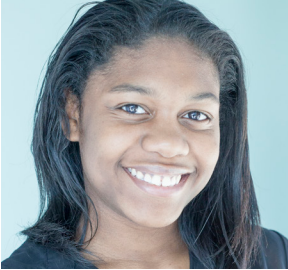
Torey is a business marketing major at Penn State University's Schreyer Honors College. Torey has a love of sports and was field hockey team captain at Pittsburgh Allderdice. She held a part-time job at her local community center in addition to her excellent academics.



Tyler Sikov

Tyler's love for music, gaming, and coding inspired him to major in computer science at the University of Pittsburgh. Tyler spent time working in a biomedical research lab while in high school. He is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice.

2016



Jada Lowe

Jada is studying psychology at Penn State University. She hopes to learn from her own experiences in order to understand others and give back to her community. A Pittsburgh Obama graduate, she was a school musical dancer and participated in stage crew. Jada also played for the high school volleyball team.



Owen Baillie

Owen attends Penn State University where he is a Provost's Award recipient. Majoring in accounting, Owen believes that continuing education is crucial to success. At Pittsburgh Obama, Owen was a member of the stage crew and he played baseball and golf. He was also on the swim team and worked as a lifeguard.



Sagar Kamath

Sagar found a special interest in art at Pittsburgh CAPA where he was valedictorian. Sagar was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador, editor-in-chief of the yearbook staff, and the superintendent's Excellence for All Award recipient. He's now studying civil and environmental engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.



Jeremiah Hardy

A Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, Jeremiah was a Pittsburgh Project Student Leader and is passionate about education reform. He's currently studying business management at Penn State University with hopes to one day attend law school. A bass player of nine years, he relished the chance to perform at the Byham Theater recently.



Elisa Varlotta

Elisa is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate who is now attending Dickinson College with an interest in international studies. Elisa is especially enthusiastic about fitness and healthy living, and she completed her first marathon this year. She hopes to eventually work in a field that will connect all of her many interests.

2015



Ravyn Clark

Ravyn, a Pittsburgh Perry graduate, studies actuarial science at the University of Pittsburgh. While attending high school, Ravyn joined the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society. In addition, she played multiple sports, participated in musical theatre, and was a cheerleader.



Drue Denmon

Drue attends the University of Pittsburgh where she studies English literature. She enjoys reading, writing, and music. Drue is especially proud of the book club that she created with her best friend while attending Pittsburgh CAPA. Drue also participated in book drives and was principal flautist at CAPA.



Samuel Ketter

Samuel is a computer science major at Slippery Rock University and a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick. He has volunteered at his local library for two years and started his own lawn service business. Samuel is passionate about all forms of art. He is a recipient of the Alicia Stackhouse Kopp Scholarship.



Miriam Levenson

An applied mathematics major at Robert Morris University, Miriam graduated from Pittsburgh Obama. While attending high school, she was the yearbook staff editor, played volleyball, and was a Promise Ambassador. She also worked as a nanny and life guard in her spare time.



Alexandra Oliver

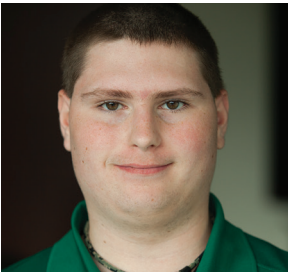
A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Alexandra is a mechanical engineering major at Penn State University. Alexandra has been playing soccer for ten years and has also coached soccer for the last three years. Alexandra is especially proud of becoming a member of the National Honor Society.

2014



Chesarai Williams

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Chesarai attends Slippery Rock University to study business. Participating at Pittsburgh Cares and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh taught her the importance of giving back to her community. Chesarai received the Board of Governors Scholarship from Slippery Rock.



John Micklo

John is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice and an eight-time recipient of the Carson Scholarship. John is majoring in computer information systems at Robert Morris University. He finds his passion in helping those in need and volunteers his time by making dinners for local homeless shelters.



Lara Potenziani

A graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, Lara attends Penn State University–Behrend. Lara loves math and is studying accounting. As a member of the Future Educators Association, Lara believes that obtaining an education is the foundation for fulfilling your dreams.



Matthew Walker

Matthew attends the University of Pittsburgh and is studying engineering. Matthew graduated from Pittsburgh SciTech Academy and was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. He is especially proud to have completed an internship with The Heinz Endowments. Outside of his academics, Matthew has a love for music and plays the guitar.



Rosie Williams

Rosie graduated from Pittsburgh Perry with a 3.95 GPA. She is passionate about helping others and was vice president of her senior class, as well as vice president of the National Honor Society at Perry. Rosie attends Robert Morris University where she studies business.

2013



Kevin Horvath

Kevin studies actuarial science at Robert Morris University. Kevin graduated from Pittsburgh Carrick with high honors. Kevin worked during his high-school years and was awarded with a leadership position at his part-time job.



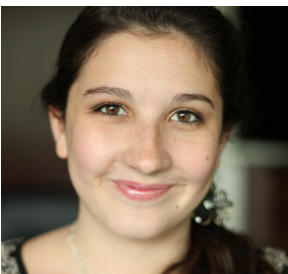
Ricardo Llovet-Nava

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Ricardo attends Allegheny College with a major in international business. He is highly passionate about language and culture. He volunteers with Carnegie Mellon's Circulo Juvenil supporting Hispanic teens, and with Children's International Summer Villages promoting cross-cultural understanding.



Dillon Secilia

A graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick, Dillon finished with high honors. His participation and excellence in Carrick's Finance Tech program led to his passion for business and math. He is currently studying business and accounting at the Community College of Allegheny County.



Samantha Spangler

Samantha is studying security, risk, and analysis at Penn State University. She graduated from Pittsburgh Perry as the salutatorian and vice president of Perry's National Honors Society. Samantha also received a biotechnology award for her studies in high school.



Hannah Tajuddin

Hannah is studying forensic accounting and business management at Carlow University. Salutatorian at Pittsburgh Carrick, Hannah maintained a 4.0 throughout her senior year of high school. Hannah gives back by volunteering at the local soup kitchen.

2012



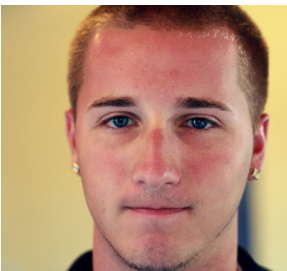
Guthrie Gintzler

Guthrie studies within The Jerome Fisher Program at the University of Pennsylvania. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice with a 4.0 GPA, he was proud to be named Navy Scholar of the Year. Guthrie is especially inspired by green energy initiatives.



Danielle Kapolka

A graduate of Carrick High School, Danielle attends Duquesne University with a major in business. She was proud to be nominated Business Student of the Year during her senior year of high school and the receive Duquesne University's Academic Scholarship.



Blaise Galewski, Jr.

A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Blaise attends the Community College of Allegheny County and studies accounting. Outside of his outstanding academics, Blaise focuses on community service and believes in the power of service to make a difference.



Raven Moore

Raven will attend Penn State University–Allegheny to study sociology. Raven hopes to continue on to law school after her undergraduate degree is complete. A graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, Raven was a leader in a human rights and racial justice campaign while in school.



Terry Thomas

A graduate of City Charter High School, Terry will attend Point Park University to study accounting. He is interested in interning throughout his education to really find his niche. Terry is also a proud graduate of the Black Male Leadership Development Institute at The Urban League of Pittsburgh.