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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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Mahalia Cook

Mahalia, a graduate of Pittsburgh Westinghouse, is a natural leader with a strong dedication to helping others. During high school, she was an active member of the Junior Scholar Institute (JSI), competed at SkillsUSA, and gained valuable experience working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Presbyterian Senior Care. Now studying Nursing at Chatham University, Mahalia continues to exemplify her passion for helping others.



AuAijah Cutler

After graduating from Pittsburgh Perry, AuAijah began her academic journey at Robert Morris University, where she is pursuing a degree in Nursing. During high school, she was an active participant in track and field, basketball, and cheerleading. With a strong determination to succeed, AuAijah aspires to become an ultrasound technician, combining her passion for healthcare with her dedication to helping others.



Onya Goodwin

A graduate of Pittsburgh Perry, Onya is passionate about innovative medical advancements and community health. She is pursuing a Pre-Med track at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg with the goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.



Mediateur Lubambwa

Medi, a graduate of Pittsburgh Brashear, is pursuing a Pre-Med degree at Allegheny College with aspirations of becoming a surgeon. During high school, he played soccer, served as a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador, a youth leader at Open Field, and a member of the Youth Steering Committee at ARYSE. Medi's passion for medicine, leadership, and service fuels his commitment to making a positive impact in his community.



Sy'Rai Minter

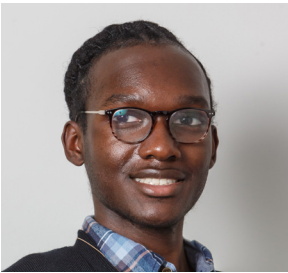
A proud graduate of Carrick High School, Sy'Rai is pursuing a Biology degree at the University of Pittsburgh. During high school, she was an active member of the National Honor Society and the Neighborhood Learning Alliance, demonstrating her commitment to academic excellence and community service.

2023



Selena (Mylo) Barber

At Pittsburgh Brashear, Mylo found a passion for serving their community, working with young people, and learning more about the mind. Mylo was involved in the GSA, band, the Student Conservation Association, and held a teaching internship. Mylo is now studying Psychology at CCAC.



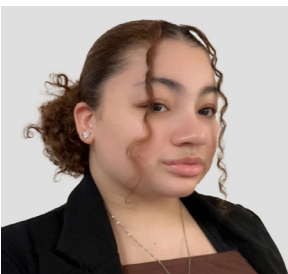
Zachariah Jonassaint

At Pittsburgh City Charter High School, Zachariah showed exemplary devotion to his academics. He was a school ambassador and participated in the Student and Government Council while interning at the Citizen's Science Laboratory. Zachariah is now taking this work ethic to The University of Pittsburgh where he is studying Public Health.



Malik Porterfield

While a student at Pittsburgh Carrick, Malik was involved in Journey to Medicine, National Honors Society, as well as working multiple jobs. He is driven by the challenges throughout his life that helped him to succeed. Malik is pursuing a biology degree at Temple University.



Keymahna Tyler

Kar is a proud graduate of Taylor Allderdice High School. While there she was involved as a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador and AACAS. She also held jobs at McDonald's and Dunkin Donuts. She embodies a strong passion for education and community. With a vision to advance her own opportunities and knowledge, Keymahna attends IUP studying Law.



Elayna Williams

Elayna is determined to give back to her community. While at Pittsburgh SciTech, she volunteered for the Red Cross Pillowcase Project, the Foster Love Project, and the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Elayna was also a member of the BSU, National Honor Society, and a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador. Elayna plans to continue the path of helping others by studying Pre-Allied Health at The University of Pittsburgh.

2022



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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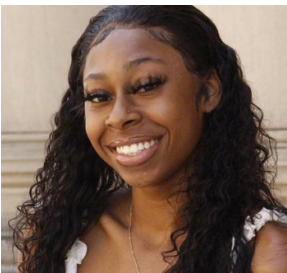
Niya Allen

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.