

# 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 2024 Executive Scholar Class. Congratulations!

## EXECUTIVE SCHOLAR COMPANIES

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# 2024



## **Alonzo Allen**

A graduate of Pittsburgh Westinghouse, Alonzo participated in basketball, track and field, band, and gaming club, showcasing a strong balance between academic and extracurricular activities. Now studying Engineering at PennWest California, Alonzo is dedicated to building a bright and successful future.



## **Eylul Dogan**

Hailing from Pittsburgh Brashear, Eylul is committed to making a positive impact on her community. During high school, she was actively involved in the Senior Steering Committee, Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Student Union, and National Honor Society. Eylul is currently pursuing a Biology degree at the University of Pittsburgh Greensburg, driven by her dream of becoming a dentist.



## **Alvin Fenner**

Alvin is passionate about learning and building relationships. During his time at Pittsburgh Perry, he was involved in the Marching Band, Yearbook Committee, and a member of the National Honors Society. Alvin continues to follow his dreams as a Geology major at the University of Pittsburgh.



## **Amanee Patterson**

A proud graduate of Pittsburgh SciTech, Amanee is dedicated to achieving her goals and inspiring others through her passion and hard work. In high school, she excelled as a member of the track team, National Honor Society, Junior and Senior Class Councils, and the Yearbook Committee, all while managing jobs at Wendy's and Subway. Amanee is currently pursuing a degree in Computer Science at the University of Pittsburgh.



## **Darius Symms**

A graduate of Pittsburgh SciTech, Darius is pursuing a degree in Nuclear Engineering at Penn State. Throughout high school, he was actively involved in First Robotics Club, National Honor Society, Debate Club, Black Student Union, and served as a SciTech Student Ambassador, and member of the Superintendent Student Advisory Council. Darius is committed to using knowledge to inspire progress and help others thrive.

# 2023



## **Mariah Cooper**

Mariah is a rising leader from Pittsburgh Carrick. As a student, she participated in extracurriculars like the yearbook while working and maintaining good grades. She is inspired by her family and aims to keep them proud of her. Mariah is now studying Interior Design and Art at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



## **Elizabeth Friend**

Elizabeth is a graduate of Pittsburgh Carrick High School who is driven by helping others and advocating for mental health services. Aligned with her goals, Elizabeth is studying Psychology at Slippery Rock University.



## **Mandira Gautam**

Mandira is a student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania pursuing Early Childhood Education. At Pittsburgh Brashear, she was in Student Council, Senior Steering Committee, and the Big Brother Big Sister program. Mandira is looking forward to making a difference in the lives of young children.



## **Diego Portela-Velez**

Diego's ambition to unite people to accomplish amazing things makes him a leader. At Pittsburgh Allderdice, he excelled as a well-rounded scholar, participating in athletics, and learning multiple languages. Diego is studying Biomedical Engineering at The University of Pittsburgh to provide medical services and equipment to communities impacted by natural disasters.



## **Nischal Shakaya**

Nischal is an excellent scholar from Pittsburgh SciTech who is determined to make profound achievements. During his high school career, he participated in the National Honor Society, the CMU Statistics camp, PittU Cyber Camp, and the Pillowcase Project. Following this extraordinary path, Nischal is now studying Astrophysics at the University of Pittsburgh.

# 2022



## **Arian Afont-Garcia**

Arian is a civil engineering student at the University of Pittsburgh. At Pittsburgh Allderdice, he was a member of Global Minds and the manager of Allderdice Esports helping new players learn how to play the respective games. Arian values maintaining long lasting relationships to achieve true happiness.



## **Anthony Butch**

Anthony aspires to be an aerospace engineer. He was an active student at Pittsburgh SciTech, participating in Thirst Project, National Honor Society, and Senior Class Council. He was a member of the Greenfield Baseball Association and church-affiliated youth group. Anthony is studying aerospace engineering at Penn State University.



## **Nasir Crownie**

Nasir shined as an athlete and student at Pittsburgh Obama. He was team captain of the varsity football team and worked as a peer tutor. His passions include math and engineering fueling his desire to become a computer engineer. Following his passion, Nasir is studying electrical and computer engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.



## **Mya Hudson-Goodnow**

At Pittsburgh Allderdice, Mya excelled in academics and being involved in numerous clubs. She held an internship with Youth Climate Advisory Committee and conducted research at the University of Pittsburgh. Mya is attending the University of Pittsburgh, where she studies engineering with plans of becoming an environmental engineer.



## **Barbara Pimentel**

Barbara is proud of being part of the top 25 students of her class at Pittsburgh Brashear and receiving multiple college scholarships. During high school she was part of the Asian Club and played on the volleyball team. Barbara is a student at the University of Pittsburgh studying business management.



# 2021



## **Oday Abushaban**

Oday is proud of his Palestinian heritage and wants to be a shining star for his country. While attending Pittsburgh SciTech, he won Engineering Student of the Year in 2019. In addition to his love for cinematography, Oday is attending the University of Pittsburgh where he studies engineering. He wants to someday become a pilot.



## **Elliot Escalante**

Elliot was very proud of his accomplishments while attending City High, including being a member of the National Honor Society and the Rock-Climbing Club. He attends Carnegie Mellon University and wants to pursue a career in the aerospace industry.



## **Abigail Miller-Peterson**

While attending Pittsburgh Allderdice, Abigail won the prestigious Harvard Book Award in 2020 and left her mark as a leader. She is a creator and loves to see the progress of her idea becoming a reality. Abigail is studying mechanical engineering at Carnegie Mellon University.



## **Harkamal Singh**

Studying mechanical engineering at the University of Pittsburgh, Harkamal has always had a “never give up” mentality. He is very proud of being able to balance school while at Pittsburgh SciTech with helping manage his family’s business. Harkamal wants to make an impact in his community.



## **Damian Williams**

Damian consistently pushes himself to be the best version of himself, graduating valedictorian of Pittsburgh Online Academy. He also is a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the Boy Scouts, earning the prestigious Eagle Scout honor. He attends Penn State University-Behrend, studying mechanical engineering.