

The Pittsburgh Promise **Executive Scholars** of PPG

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



Jose Jimenez

As an immigrant from Venezuela, Jose overcame many challenges of adapting to a new language and culture. While at Pittsburgh Allderdice he was on the soccer team, a member of the Latin Community Center and volunteered at the Pittsburgh Oratory Center. Jose is a Mechanical Engineering major at Carnegie Mellon University.



Ryan Lane

Ryan, a graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, worked hard to maintain good grades while working in his free time. Ryan is pursuing a degree in Education at Duquesne University and aspires to revamp school music programs and foster greater appreciation for the arts in education.



Helen Shaffer

Helen is a proud graduate of Pittsburgh CAPA, where she was actively involved in Student Council, participated in Community Theater, and worked as a camp counselor during the summers. Currently, she attends Gettysburg College, majoring in History and International & Global Studies. Her passion for helping children drives her aspiration to become a high school social studies teacher.



Yoel Tamar

Yoel is a Mechanical Engineering student at the University of Pittsburgh, combining his interests in engineering and business. A proud graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice, he excelled academically while launching an automotive repair business and a cinematography business, showcasing his entrepreneurial spirit.



Anthony Toman

Anthony, a graduate of Pittsburgh City Charter, pursued a rigorous academic curriculum while actively engaging in his community. Anthony's involvement in the Latin American Studies International Service-Learning Program strengthened his passion for service and advocacy. Now studying Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, Anthony remains committed to making a meaningful impact.

2023



Pauline Mouillet-Sammut

Pauline, a Pittsburgh SciTech alum, is embarking on a new chapter in life, studying Child Psychology and Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh. In high school, she was a Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador, National Honor Society member, and was actively involved in both Junior and Senior Class Councils. Pauline also pursued Taekwondo for nine years, fostering discipline, respect, and mentorship skills.



Donald Reid III

Donald is a Pittsburgh CAPA graduate, where he was involved in the National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, and High Honors. His interests include effecting change and striving to be the best. Donald is an Applied Media Art and Animation student at PennWest Edinboro.



Dylan Schob

Dylan is a Taylor Allderdice High School graduate who held a steadfast belief in the power of hard work to achieve one's goals. His unyielding determination and the unwavering resolve to pursue his aspirations are defining characteristics that propel him toward making a lasting difference in the world. Dylan attends Duquesne University and is majoring in Psychology.



Charles Thomas

After graduating from Carrick High School, Charles embarked on his academic journey at Slippery Rock University, where he is currently majoring in early childhood education. During his time at Carrick High, Charles demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment as a Promise Ambassador. With a strong dedication to shaping the future generation through education, Charles continues to strive for excellence in his studies and endeavors to create meaningful change in the lives of children and communities alike.



Zyannah Zigler

At Pittsburgh CAPA, Zyannah was passionate about making art and finding new ways to express herself. Zyannah attends Carlow University where she aspires to have her own production company. With her love of music and writing there is no doubt Zyannah will reach her goals.

2022



Griffin Englehardt

At Pittsburgh Brashear, Griffin shined as a well-rounded student. He participated in National Honor Society, CTE Auto Body, and the STEAM Program. Growing up, he found a passion for baseball which helped him to mature not only as a player, but as a person. Griffin attends Point Park University, where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Aaliyah Pendleton

Attending the University of Pittsburgh's Nursing Degree Program is an achievement Aaliyah is honored to have earned. At Pittsburgh Obama, she proved her determination by taking advantage of the dual enrollment program at CCAC. Aaliyah aspires to give back to her community by working in Pittsburgh area hospitals after graduation.



Sophia Swiderski

As an environmental science major at Chatham University, Sophia is looking forward to helping solve the climate crisis. Sophia is a graduate of Pittsburgh Allderdice. She has enjoyed serving on the Phipps Youth Climate Activist Committee and being a member of the Pittsburgh Junior Roller Derby team.



Niya Tyler

Niya completed a research project at UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, which was accepted for the ABRCMs ePoster Spring Symposium for emerging scientists. At Pittsburgh Obama, she served as a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council and was co-captain of the softball team. Niya is studying biology at Penn State University.



Joseph Weaver

As a member of the Pittsburgh Allderdice soccer team, Joseph helped to create an initiative aimed at combating racism in high school athletics. He was also a Global Minds Fellow of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh. Joseph is a chemistry and psychology major at the University of Pittsburgh with aspirations of becoming an emergency medicine physician.

2021



Jaden Coffey

Through his community service, Jaden learned the importance of community effort when creating change. While attending Pittsburgh SciTech, he played basketball all four years and was awarded the Spirit Award for having the spirit of Dream, Discover, and Design. Jaden currently attends the University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg and wants to be a nuclear engineer.



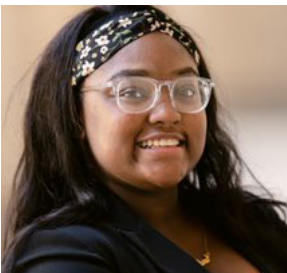
Eli Copich

At Pittsburgh Allderdice, Eli was in drumline, marching band, and a High Honor Roll student. He studies environmental science at the University of Pittsburgh. Eli is passionate about the world around us and the natural features of the world and hopes to pursue a career improving the environment.



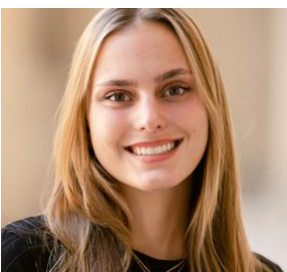
Aneesha Dell

After graduating from City High School, Aneesha is continuing her education at Slippery Rock University. A leader in her own right, she is a former Pittsburgh Promise Ambassador and started the Student Assembly to bridge relationships between administration and students at her school. Aneesha's goals are to teach high school students art and history, and to bring positive change in the urban school system.



Ciara Gordon

Ciara loves to help and uplift people in their time of need. While attending Pittsburgh Allderdice, she was a High Honor Roll student, and a member of the National Honor Society and the Feminist Student Union. Ciara is attending the University of Pittsburgh with aspirations to work in the medical field as a pediatrician.



Izzy Graham

Izzy is very passionate about criminal justice reform, environmental advocacy, and social justice. She attends Penn State University studying political science with plans to attend law school. At Pittsburgh Allderdice, she participated in the spring musical, cross country team, and National Honor Society.