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The Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program (PTSP) and the Office of Black Ministry (OBM) are proud to announce the incoming class of Pierre Toussaint Scholars -15 college-bound, student-leaders of diverse cultural, ethnic and national backgrounds; from various high schools (Catholic, public, and private schools), and members of various Archdiocesan parishes. These new scholars were chosen from an applicant pool of very talented, very involved high school seniors, based upon three major criteria: academic excellence, involvement in the church community, and engagement in service to others.

The following nine student-leaders constitute our incoming class of **Pierre Toussaint Scholars** for the 2022-23 academic year (see the PT-MC information for the remaining 6 scholars):

1. **Gordon Philip B. – Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) – Legal Studies**  
(Holy Name Church, New Rochelle / Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx)
2. **Robert C. – Pace University (Pleasantville, NY) – Business / Economics**  
(Holy Child Church, Staten Island / Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island)
3. **Naia C. – Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN) – Law, History & Society**  
(St. Charles Borromeo Church, Harlem / Hunter College High School, NYC)
4. **Sofia Pilar C.S. – Binghamton University (Binghamton, NY) – Art History**  
(Church of the Ascension, NYC / Notre Dame School of Manhattan)
5. **Juliana D. – Providence College (Providence, RI) - Undeclared**  
(Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, NYC / St. Vincent Ferrer High School, NYC)
6. **Sebastian H. – Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) – Political Science**  
(Church of the Ascension, NYC / Regis High School, NYC)
7. **Michael L. – Syracuse University (Syracuse, NY) – Broadcasting Communications**  
(St. Charles Church, Staten Island / Msgr. Farrell High School, Staten Island)
8. **Angel M. – Fordham University (Bronx, NY) – Political Science**  
(St. John Chrysostom Church, Bronx / Cardinal Hayes High School, Bronx)
9. **Arianna S. – Barnard College (New York, NY) – Education**  
(Church of the Assumption, Peekskill / Peekskill High School, Peekskill)

These new scholars will join approximately 70 continuing P.T. Scholars (on both the undergraduate & graduate/professional school levels). The P.T. Scholars attend over 45 different colleges and universities around the country, studying in a variety of majors, including theology (preparing for the priesthood). Scholars come from over 45 different parishes from throughout the Archdiocese, where they continue to be actively involved in various ministries.

**The Pierre Toussaint – Mother Cabrini (PT-MC) Scholars Program is a new initiative** of the Archdiocese of New York - Cultural Diversity Apostolate, administered by the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program, and **funded by the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.** As of January 2022, this new initiative involves current Pierre Toussaint Scholars, majoring in various areas of science and social work, and preparing for careers and ministry in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, dietary science, counseling, bio-medical engineering, social work and other related areas.

In addition to current PT-MC scholars (upperclassmen and graduate/professional school students), and the previously listed new P.T. scholars, the following six new scholars will join our inaugural class of the **Pierre Toussaint-Mother Cabrini Scholars** for the 2022-23 academic year:

1. **Naana A. – University at Buffalo (Buffalo, NY) – Biology / Pre-Med**  
(St. Luke’s Church, Bronx / Arlington High School, LaGrangeville)
2. **Dilon Coonghe - Stevens Institute of Technology (Hoboken, NJ) – Biomedical Engineering / Pre-Med**  
(Blessed Sacrament Church, Staten Island / Xaverian High School, Brooklyn)
3. **Denzel H. – *Manhattan College (Bronx, NY) – Pre-Med***  
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bronx / Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx)
4. **Samantha H. – Duke University (Durham, NC) – Neuroscience**  
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bronx / IN-Tech Academy, Bronx)
5. **Allison L. – *Loyola University of Maryland (Baltimore, MD) – Biology / Pre-Med***  
(Annunciation - Our Lady of Fatima Church, Crestwood / Dominican Academy, NYC)
6. **Dayana L. – Binghamton University (Binghamton, NY) - Biology**  
(Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Elmsford / Sacred Heart High School, Yonkers)

*Italicized Schools are Catholic Institutions*

The primary purpose of the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program (PTSP) is to support the continued development of mature 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders for our Church and communities. **The PTSP is a leadership-development, service program; sponsored by Church,** inspired by the Good News; and focused on evangelization in a modern world. There is a financial award, which is renewable for continued years of study, based upon the scholar meeting the basic requirements of the program. The program is supported by: The Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal; Catholic Charities; Black & Indian Mission Fund, Daniel Rudd Fund of the National Black Catholic Congress, the Annual Gala, and the generous support of individuals, organizations, partner schools and parish communities.

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation (MCHF) is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the health and well-being of New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of vulnerable communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Currently, the MCHF is considered the largest charitable foundation to focus specifically on New York State.