

PTS NEWSLETTER

PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FUND — ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



Pierre Toussaint Scholar Alumni:
Danielle Beckford, Stephanie Henry,
Gabriel Kerr, David Le & Samuel Riddick with
PTSF Chaplain, Fr. Kareem Smith,
Director of Special Events, Melecia Ming,
PTSF Production Coordinator, Tiffani Blake &
PTSF Associate Director, Leah T. Dixon

This year, 2022, marks the largest graduating class in the program's history, with 28 graduates including one from medical school and one from law school! Such an exciting time, as our program continues to grow! But as we say "farewell" to our graduates, we also welcome 15 new scholars into our family. And we look forward to watching them grow within our successful network of scholars!

Our students continue to remain active and involved, which you'll read about in this edition. In November, during the season of giving, they generously donated supplies to the Missionaries of Charity, of St. Martin de Porres Parish,

to assist in their work of supporting young mothers and their babies. They generously gave of their time, when asked, volunteering to serve as facilitators and scribes for the Synod virtual listening session; giving presentations on the life and legacy of our program's namesake to neighboring parishes; and helping with our fundraising efforts, by assisting at our annual fundraising dinner and/or by selling Double Good popcorn. Scholars and alums, alike, were also asked to participate in a short documentary on black Catholics in Harlem (entitled *Black Faith Matters*)...and our scholars/alumni always came through, in their willing to be of service!

As our graduates go on to the next phase of their lives, we've been blessed to have so many give back, not only financially but with their time and talent. And we look forward to watching that network continue to grow with every graduating class each passing year. So to our new scholars, we say WELCOME and dive in; know that if we, including your fellow scholars and alumni, can be of any support to you during your undergraduate studies, never hesitate to let us know! Until next time, and as always...work hard & pray often! - Leah

SCHOLAR CHECK-INS



During the year, visits were made to check-in on scholars at their respective schools:

In Binghamton, Syracuse, Boston, Worcester & D.C. On Easter Sunday I attended Mass with the PTSF Chaplain,



Annual PTSF Awards Dinner - 2021



ABOVE LEFT: Daniel R., Phillip R. & Marie Elise M. at the PTSF Awards Dinner.
ABOVE RIGHT: PTSF Awards Dinner staff with alumni volunteers/donors and scholars.
MIDDLE & BOTTOM ROWS: Alumni production team, filming and directing scholars and their parents for the awards dinner video.



On Monday, November 1, 2021, the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Awards Dinner was held at Guastavino's in Manhattan. The honorees were Fr. Gregory Chisholm, S.J. former Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo, All Saints & Resurrection Parish and Ms. Helen T. Lowe, Nonprofit Development Strategist; and we remembered long time supporter and friend of the program, the Late Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Schaefer, Pastor, Missionary and Educator.

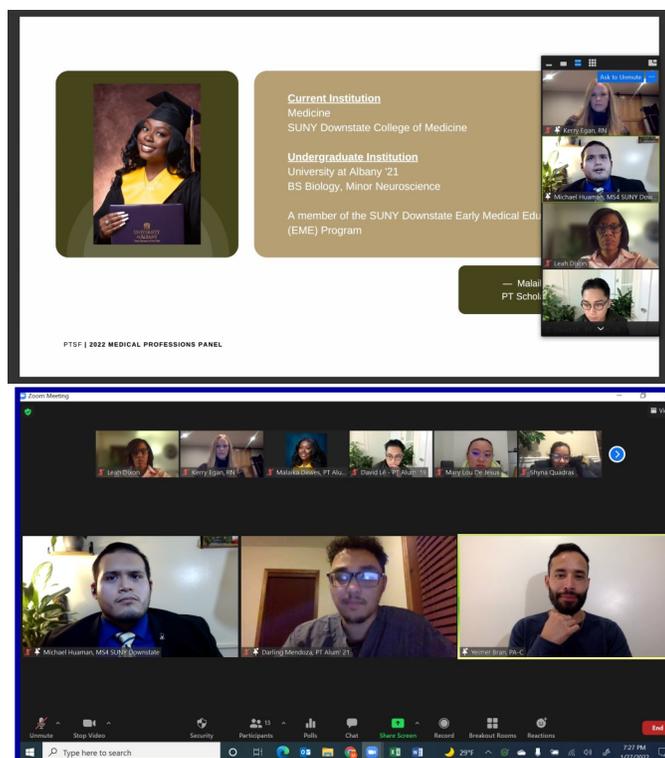
Winter Workshop



The annual Scholars Winter Workshop was held virtually on Thursday, January 6th. We were fortunate to have Dr. Carolyn Yeager, a Clinical Psychologist, return to address mental health awareness and wellness. This workshop was a continuation to “Coping During COVID,” from the previous year, a check-in to see how scholars are holding up as the pandemic eases.

Medical Professions Panel

On Thursday, January 27th a Medical Professions Panel was held, virtually, for current scholars who are interested in medical and healthcare professions. The panel was coordinated by recent graduate, **Dr. Michael Huamán '14, '22**, with the assistance of **David Lê '19**. The panel included alumni in medical school, dentistry school, a Registered Nurse and a Physician Assistant. The discussion was very informative and well received by the scholars in attendance. Students had the opportunity to ask candid questions, and alumni offered their continued support by sharing their contact information to those who wish to remain in contact. All agreed that they found the experience to be beneficial and look forward to similar programming in the future.



Black History Month Mass



The Annual Archdiocesan Black History Month Mass was held on Sunday, February 6th at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Cardinal Dolan was the main celebrant and PTSF Chaplains, **Fr. Kareem Smith & Fr. Wesbee Victor** concelebrated. **Scholar, Alexander W.** served as a lector.

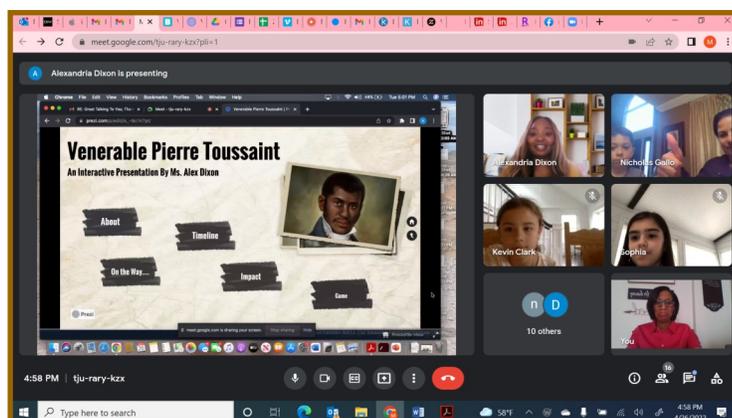
Hope for Haiti

PT Scholars were invited to participate in a Lenten event on Monday, Mar. 28th, via Zoom, for St. Scholastica Church in Aspinwall, PA. Their ministry, Hope for Haiti, was interested in learning more about Venerable Pierre Toussaint and the PTS program. They held a fundraiser within their parish community to benefit our program. Abundant thanks to **Fr. Wesbee, Ameera** and **Marie-Elise** for participating in the panel discussion.



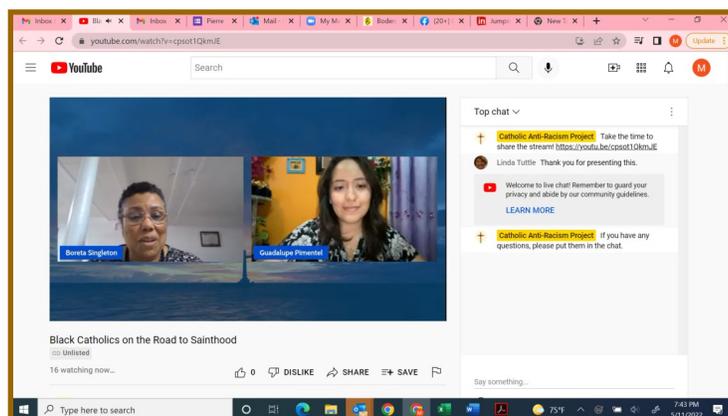
A Lesson on the Life of Venerable Pierre Toussaint

A CCD instructor from St. Joan of Arc Church, in Marlton, NJ, asked to have a scholar present to her 3rd grade class on Venerable Pierre Toussaint. They had been discussing the life and legacy of VPT all year, and wanted to conclude the year by having a scholar present to the class. **Alexandria D.** graciously agreed to teach the class and gave a wonderful presentation with visuals and a fun, cool game. Our office also sent each student a small gift to help with their continued prayers to elevate VPT to sainthood.



Catholic Anti-Racism Project (CARP)

The Catholic Anti-Racism Project of St. Charles Borromeo, All Saints & Resurrection Parish, St. Francis de Sales Church and St. Francis Xavier Church in NYC held a virtual presentation exploring the lives of the six Black U.S. Catholics on the road to sainthood. They contacted us to have a scholar give a presentation on Venerable Pierre Toussaint and **Guadalupe P.** willingly accepted and gave a wonderful presentation.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES

VICTORIA G.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (QUEENS, NY)

MASTER OF EDUCATION (M.ED.) IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

PARISH: ST. CLARE OF ASSISI CHURCH, BRONX

HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program and all of it’s members have greatly impacted my life. Not only have they provided tremendous support financially for me throughout college, but have also encouraged me to grow in my faith. In this group, I have made so many friends and met so many inspirational mentors. I will always treasure my time with this group and will be sure to keep in contact. Thank you for all of the guidance and for the beautiful opportunities you have given me.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be working in the DOE teaching children with special needs.”)



CLARISA G.

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER (NEW YORK, NY)

MASTER OF ARTS IN WOMEN'S & GENDER STUDIES

PARISH: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BRONX (GUN HILL RD.)

HIGH SCHOOL: PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been a constant source of strength for me during my graduate school career. There were times where I felt so out of place and inadequate, but my fellow scholars always had words of encouragement for me. I feel very fortunate that the support I received during my undergraduate studies continued into grad school. To my fellow scholars: never stop striving to reach your full potential. Even in your most stressful times, remember you have the prayers, love and friendship of your PTSF family.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will work with the Archdiocese of NY Catholic Schools as a computer teacher and with Fordham University’s Community ESL Program as a Program Assistant.”)

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MICHAEL H.
SUNY DOWNSTATE HEALTH SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY (BROOKLYN, NY)
DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD)
PARISH: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL (NYC)
HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

“I dedicate my medical school career to the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program. I recall when I was struggling to obtain the proper resources to prepare for the MCAT and Brother Tyrone graciously offered to help cover the costs of the study materials. This is what this wonderful organization is all about, helping its scholars achieve their educational and personal endeavors. I am forever grateful for this amazing program and all those involved, because without them I would not be able to call myself Dr. Huaman. I hope to continue to be involved with this organization and help future scholars as a mentor and leader.

This program made me feel comfortable enough to share my school and personal issues with Ms. Leah and Brother Tyrone. Their kindness and warmth helped me confide in them and hope for a better future. I appreciate everything they have done for me and am confident that they will help other scholars, such as me, grow this amazing network of young leaders.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be doing a research year in Urology at Mount Sinai Hospital.”)



GUADALUPE P.
HUNTER COLLEGE SCHOOL OF
EDUCATION (NEW YORK, NY)
MASTER OF ARTS IN TESOL
PARISH: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program means the world to me! I have been so blessed and grateful to have been part of the PT family since 2016, when I was an undergrad student at NYU, and now during my Masters at Hunter. For the last six years, I have received abundant love and support from Leah and Br. Tyrone, as well as from other PT scholars. I have been able to grow spiritually from participating in the prayer line, attending the workshops and retreats, partaking in service projects and much more. I have had the privilege of traveling to WorldYouth Day in Panama. It has been one of the most rewarding experiences where I was able to feel God's love through the conversations and interactions with other young Catholics. I am proud to be a PT Scholar. To my fellow graduating scholars, I wish you all the best in your post-graduation ventures. I also remind you to keep God close to your heart and to pray when things are both difficult and great. (POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I plan to work as a special education consultant teacher in Albany and to apply to a PhD program in Curriculum and Instruction.”)



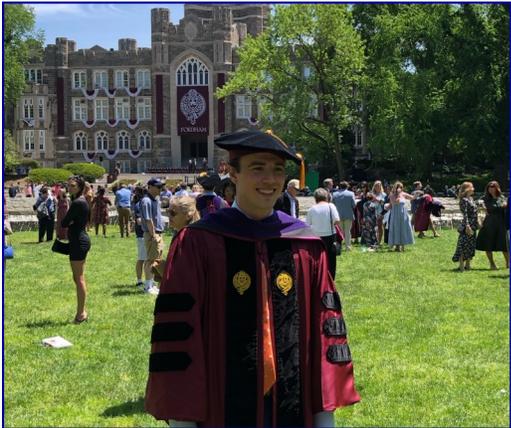


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JULIO R.G.
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
(NEW YORK, NY)

JURIS DOCTORATE (J.D.)
PARISH: BLESSED SACRAMENT, STATEN ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL: MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program is much more than a scholarship. It is a supportive network of current students and alumni who are dedicated to helping each other successfully navigate the difficult, transformative experience of higher education. The most important aspect in gauging the quality of any network is the people that comprise it. Luckily, the PTSP is full of some of the most genuine, incredible people I have met. Each scholar is instilled with a dedication to not only be their best self but to make a difference in their community. At each retreat or workshop, it is inspiring to hear the other scholars share their life experiences and explain how those experiences have driven them toward careers that, at their core, are service to others. It is readily apparent that the common thread is their faith and its clear their beliefs have led them towards selflessness. Therefore, the PTSP has not only provided me with a network of incredible current and future leaders but, more importantly, with the inspiration to go out and dedicate my legal career to public service.



(POST GRADUATE PLANS: I will be working as a judicial clerk for Judge Thomas W. Summers, Jr. in the New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division in Trenton, NJ.)



ARIANNA A.
BOSTON UNIVERSITY (BOSTON, MA)
BA IN HISTORY

PARISH: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: PRESTON HIGH SCHOOL

“Leah and the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has given me the opportunity to connect with a variety of brilliant individuals, whose passion for service and drive have inspired me in a number of ways. This program has succeeded in cultivating safe spaces for scholars, something that I know we've all appreciated in the midst of the pandemic. I have particularly enjoyed our annual retreats as they always seem to come in a time of needed rest, healing, and replenishment. I am incredibly grateful to the PT Scholars for its dedication and interest in our spiritual, academic, and professional development.”

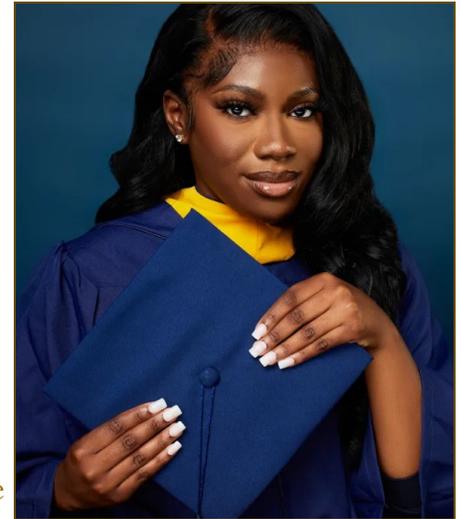
(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be working as a Legal Assistant and Legal Translator for the Law Offices of Sandy Khine. After two years, I intend to pursue a law degree and eventually work as a practicing attorney.”)

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BRITNEY A.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY (WASHINGTON D.C.)
BS IN NURSING
PARISH: ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

“Being a PT Scholar meant that I had a family that was constantly rooting for me. College is where you are physically, mentally, financially, and spiritually tested, but being a scholar allowed me to remain grounded. Whether joining the prayer line to relieve some anxiety before an exam, or just receiving a simple text from Leah to check-in. Throughout my four years, the PTSP constantly reminded me that I was never alone on this journey. I believe one of my favorite programs was the 2020 virtual summer retreat. A couple of months



back, we had just been sent home from school due to COVID, and it seemed like no one knew what to do with the new issue at hand. However, the PTSP did not allow COVID to stop the event. During the retreat, we addressed a lot of topics such as mental health, physical health, and coping mechanisms, as many of us were mourning the loss of loved ones. I loved that this retreat took place amid chaos. I also loved that as minorities, we were able to openly discuss faith with our mental health, as oftentimes in our communities it seems that those conversations cannot coexist. The PTSP holds a very special place in my heart, and I cannot wait to be involved as an alumna.” (POST GRADUATE PLANS: “My post-graduate plans are to study, and pass my boards to become a Registered Nurse.”)



YAMILEX B.
PACE UNIVERSITY (PLEASANTVILLE, NY)
BA IN PSYCHOLOGY
PARISH: HOLY CROSS CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL SPELLMAN
HIGH SCHOOL

“This program has introduced me to some of the most genuine, kind hearted people and I am so grateful for that. Thanks to this program I was able to stay on track when it came to materials and resources required for classes. My favorite thing about the program was how accepting and loving everyone was toward one another. I have a tremendous amount of respect for everyone I’ve interacted with during my time here.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I see myself trying new passions and exploring the world while I still figure out what I will do with my degree. One of my first goals after college is to land a job as a social worker. .”)



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CELESTINE C.

SUNY STONY BROOK (STONY BROOK, NY)

BS IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

PARISH: ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WEST CONGERS

HIGH SCHOOL: CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

“The program has always been such a kind space that has provided so much support for me. Of course the money for tuition has been extremely helpful, but learning and growing alongside my fellow scholars and friends has been the best part. The retreats have provided such a wonderful space to reconnect with each other and our faith. The information and discussion that is exchanged has always been reassuring and relevant to my life and I keep it with me always. Thank you so much for supporting me in my endeavors and I wish everyone well, to those who are graduating with me and those who are still in school!



(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be studying for my licensure exam in the Summer and after passing I plan to apply to hospital labs on Long Island.”)



DIANDRA C.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY (TEANECK, NJ)

BS IN BIOLOGY

PARISH: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, STATEN ISLAND

HIGH SCHOOL: NOTRE DAME ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

“I continually remain thankful for the Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program for all that it has supported me in the last four years of my college experience. All those involved in the program have remained with me and supported me through all my changing goals and aspirations throughout college. The retreats that were held every summer were times I always looked forward to as it gave me the opportunity to take some time to relax and rejuvenate spiritually. The most beneficial part of the program were the retreats that were held. I always had such a great time at these retreats and

felt closer to all the scholars and God after these special few days. I would like to thank Leah again for all her support over the years and I appreciate her graciousness and kindness towards me and all the other scholars as always! This program has helped me in ways unimaginable, ranging from friendship to financial support in buying textbooks and programs for my classes. Even throughout the pandemic, the PTSP remained committed to helping all of the scholars with kind support and gracious aid. I wish all the intelligent and kind scholars in the program all the best in the future and can not wait to see what amazing things we will all accomplish. Thank you again, for everything!” (POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be taking a gap year to work at the Richmond County District Attorney's Office under Michael McMahan as a Criminal Court Associate. After a year, I will be apply to law school and hopefully attend next fall.”)

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MARY LOU D.
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (NEW YORK, NY)
BA IN BIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
PARISH: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH,
BRONX (150TH STREET)
HIGH SCHOOL: ACADEMY OF MT. ST. URSULA
HIGH SCHOOL



“To say that the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program was a blessing to me is merely an understatement!! Throughout the past four years, I have had the privilege to be surrounded by a community that has helped to ground me in my faith. Each retreat gave me the space to reflect on my spiritual journey and always left me feeling renewed and anointed. The alumni relations and overall networking within the program was also imperative in my success as a student. By being able to speak to others in the health professions field who have already gone through the same process, I was able to gain insight and much-needed advice — no longer feeling alone in navigating my academic journey. And most of all, I am grateful to Leah, Father Kareem, and Brother Tyrone for all the motivational spiels, laughs, prayers, love — and for ultimately transforming this community into a family.” (POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be studying for the MCAT. I will also be working with the Einstein Community Health Outreach clinic to extend care to uninsured individuals in the Bronx!”)



JHON D.
BOSTON COLLEGE (CHESTNUT HILL, MA)
BA IN POLITICAL SCIENCE & HISTORY DOUBLE MAJOR
PARISH: ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL HAYES HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship has been one of the most rewarding programs I have ever done. But, calling it a program just doesn't feel right, it is so much more than that. The PTS has been a second family throughout my college experience. A network of people who genuinely care for my well-being, the development of my faith, and the completion of my studies. I am so extremely grateful for all the work that was put into this program throughout these past four years by everyone involved. Leah, Br. Tyrone, and Fr. Kareem, thank you so so much for all your work and warm welcomes every time we came together throughout these years. .”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be working in NYC for two years at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office within the Major Financial Crimes Bureau.”)



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ALEXANDRIA D.
NORTH CAROLINA A & T STATE UNIVERSITY
(GREENSBORO, NC)

BS IN ELMENTARY EDUCATION
PARISH: ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO, RESURRECTION & ALL SAINTS, HARLEM

HIGH SCHOOL: THE MARY LOUIS ACADEMY

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been a second family to me. The program has provided me with so much support and room to grow as an individual. I felt so comfortable coming into the program because a lot of scholars are from my parish but I also formed new friendships with other scholars. The program has allowed me to grow stronger in my faith as well. It has kept me centered with God. The weekend retreats were the most beneficial because it made me feel more connected with everyone, God, and my inner self. What I gained the most from the program was a supportive mentor through it all, Ms. Leah. Past, current, and future scholars are so lucky to have someone as special as Ms. Leah, in their corner.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I plan to be a full time Elementary Teacher in either New York or Virginia. .”)



VINCENT G.
FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY (FAIRFIELD, CT)
BS IN BIOLOGY / POLITICS / BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE
PARISH: ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, BLAUVELT
HIGH SCHOOL: NYACK HIGH SCHOOL

“The PTSP has connected me with so many great and supporting people across the Diocese that have supported me in my studies and faith life. PTSP has allowed me to pursue academic success by helping me afford textbooks, study abroad, and technology conducive to my studies. One of my favorite memories from the program was my very first retreat with the program in 2018, where I got to meet so many people and share many laughs with like-minded scholars. All the retreats and workshops thus far have been an amazing opportunity to reconnect and hear about each other’s successes.

I hope that fellow scholars can take the same experiences and lessons from this program with them as we all move onto the next chapter of our lives.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I applying for jobs while studying for the MCAT, before applying in the 2023 application cycle for medical school.”)

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PATRICK G.

MANHATTAN COLLEGE (BRONX, NY)

BS IN CIVIL ENGINEERING / ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

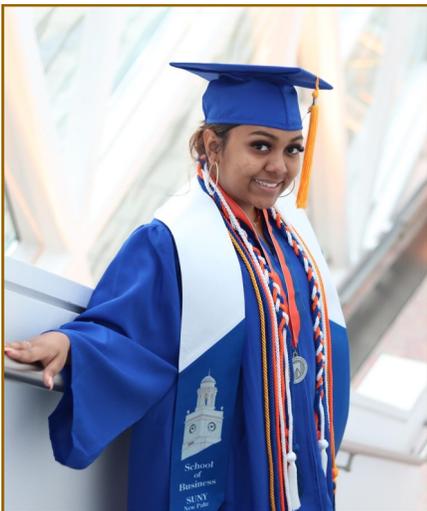
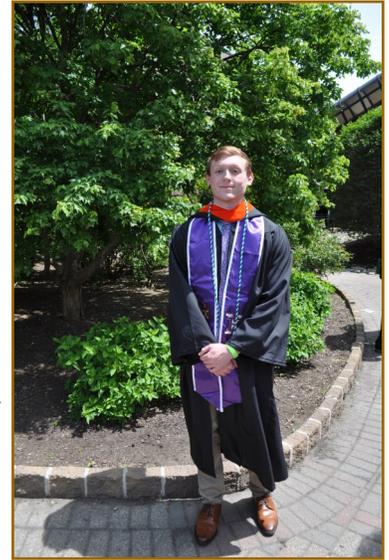
PARISH: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH , STATEN ISLAND

HIGH SCHOOL: ST. PETER'S BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

“The PTSF has allowed me great opportunities during my college career.

The scholarship was enough to cover my textbooks, which engineering books are very expensive, normally with a little left over to help to buy food or supplies. The summer retreats were a great way to deepen my faith as well. The winter workshops on mental health were also very helpful as school can sometimes get very stressful. I wish the other scholars the best of luck and hope to be able to keep in contact with them after graduation.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be continuing my education at Manhattan College, pursuing my M.S in Environmental Engineering.”)



AMEERA H.

SUNY NEW PALTZ (NEW PALTZ, NY)

BA IN MARKETING & MANAGEMENT

PARISH: ST. FRANCIS OF ROME CHURCH, BRONX

HIGH SCHOOL: DEWITT CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program helped me to maintain my faith and service through my college career. This program is special to me for several reasons including the community and resources. I have received referral to mental health services when I struggled with anxiety, met peers whom I can relate too culturally and academically, and had to opportunity to enhance my leadership skills. To my fellow graduating scholars, I wish you all the best of luck with your post-graduation plans whether it be furthering your education,

accepting a full-time job or taking a year off. I hope you are doing what you wish to be doing.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “After graduation, I plan to return to SUNY New Paltz to pursue my master's degree. I have been accepted into the 4+1 program to pursue my Masters in Business Administration (MBA) and took 2 graduate classes Spring '22. I will graduate again next year '23 with my Masters in Business Administration .”)



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ARIELLE M.

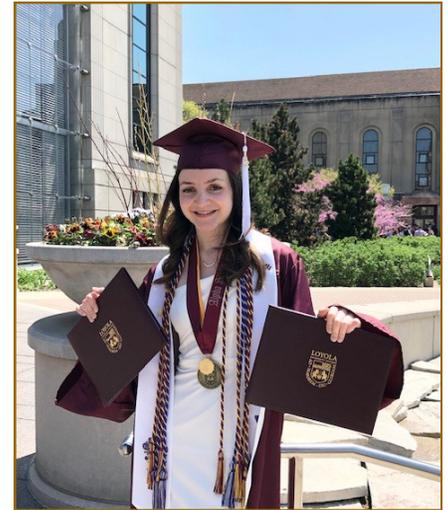
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO (CHICAGO, IL)

BBA IN MARKETING & BA IN DANCE

PARISH: ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA CHURCH, NYC

HIGH SCHOOL: NOTRE DAME SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program not only has helped me support myself financially during my college career but has also helped me build a network amongst amazing young professionals. Through many of our annual events, I have strengthened my skills for the professional world. Additionally, this program has put a strong emphasis on charity and giving back to others. I constantly remind myself of that and am always looking for ways to help my community and be of service. A huge congratulations to my fellow graduating scholars for their hard work over these past years!”



MARIE-CLAIRE M.

MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE @

LEHMAN COLLEGE (BRONX, NY)

BS IN PSYCHOLOGY

PRE-OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TRACK / FRENCH MINOR

PARISH: STS. PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH, BRONX

HIGH SCHOOL: ST. BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has motivated me to stay focused on my schoolwork, keep the faith and give my 100% no matter where I go. I have grown so much in these four years and it is so nice to have been able to see you all grow along with me. I will always treasure our time together. I can't believe we did it 2022 graduates!! I hope you all do great things and remember to carry all we've learned through PTS with you. There were many times I sat during our retreats and wondered "How on Earth did I get to deserve this, this family and these people?" You all have been so kind to me. Know you will always be in my heart and you will always have a friend in me. Keep In Touch!! ”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I am taking a gap year to figure some things out. I have plans of going to Occupational Therapy School after this gap year. I am deciding whether I want to go for a Masters or straight to Doctorate. .”)

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MARIE-ELISE M. MACAULAY HONORS COLLEGE

@ LEHMAN COLLEGE (BRONX, NY)

BA IN ECONOMICS & BBA IN FINANCE

PARISH: STS. PHILIP & JAMES CHURCH, BRONX

HIGH SCHOOL: ST. BARNABAS HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been an integral part to my college experience. The various opportunities to connect with my fellow scholars, commit to service projects when available, and strengthening my relationship with God has greatly impacted my person. The values highlighted in the program are ones I've incorporated in my daily life. It was always wonderful that during stressful moments, I knew I had members of the program that I would be able to lean on. The community at Pierre Toussaint felt like a big family and I am blessed to have been a part of it. This is one of the best programs I've been a part of. The relationships I've formed here are ones I will cherish forever.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “In August, I'll be starting a full-time position at Värde Partners as a Rotational Analyst in their Real Estate Investing, Capital Markets, Finance, and Investor Relations departments.”)



EMMA N.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY (SOUTH ORANGE, NJ)

BA IN CLASSICAL STUDIES & RELIGION

MINOR IN ENGLISH

PARISH: SACRED HEART CHURCH, STATEN ISLAND

HIGH SCHOOL: ST. JOHN VILLA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

“Being part of the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been a wonderful blessing through the past four years. It has helped me to stay grounded in and strengthen my commitment to faith, service and academics. It allowed me to participate in activities that enabled my discernment as to the kind of life I want to lead in the future, both career-wise and in terms of devotion to the Church and my community. Most of all, it gave me an amazing support system of people I could rely on through tough times, especially COVID and online school. It's a truly unique and special group in that despite only meeting a few times per year, everyone in the program genuinely cares about and strives to lift each other up. I wish my fellow scholars and graduates all the best! .”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be continuing my studies at Seton Hall, pursuing an MA in Theology! .”)



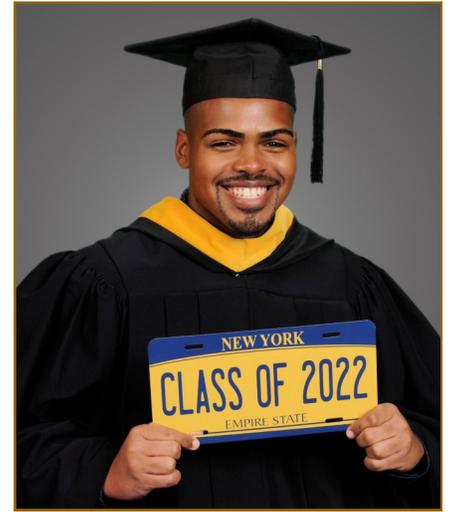
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**PHILLIP R.
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY - GABELLI SCHOOL
OF BUSINESS (BRONX, NY)**

**BS IN PUBLIC ACCOUNTING
PARISH: ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: CARDINAL SPELLMAN HIGH SCHOOL**

“The Pierre Toussaint Program is a great resource to have for building your network, as well as your faith. It offered many opportunities to connect with other members of the program, whether it be from the retreats, workshops, or volunteering opportunities. The program also helped fund my study abroad program to Granada, Spain during the summer of my freshman year, which was a great experience. I hope that the current and future scholars continue making the most out of the Pierre Toussaint Program, and I wish them luck with their college careers. For my fellow graduates, I wish you luck in everything you set out to do moving forward, and I hope that regardless of whatever obstacles are put in front of you, you continue to put your best foot forward.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “This summer, I'll be interning again for EY in their tax service line. Alongside that, I'll continue attending martial arts to advance further in taekwondo and Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.”)



**OLIVER R.G.
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NEW YORK, NY)
BA IN HISTORY
PARISH: BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, STATEN ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL: MSGR. FARRELL HIGH SCHOOL**

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been an essential part of my college experience. This is not only due to the financial support, but the support network it has provided. Coming to the retreats every Winter and Summer always reminded me of the community I have built through this program. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible. To my fellow graduates: congratulations and best of luck for you continued success! ”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “I will be attending New York University for an MA in History.”)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES



MYLES S.

UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON (SCRANTON, PA)

BS IN COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

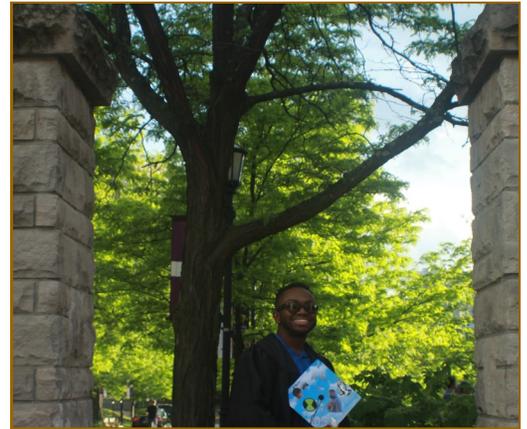
PARISH: ST. THERESE OF LISEUX, BKLYN

HIGH SCHOOL: XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

“The program allowed me to maintain a deep spiritual base as well as help flesh out my character. As I continue on in life, I shall forever be grateful to the contributions of Ms. Dixon and many others. Being in an environment where I can be myself and continue to grow as a person has been paramount to my development. I’m still trying to figure out the spiritual aspect as

I have questions and am honestly considering a break from it all to reevaluate my own place but the program has given me some foundational blocks to use moving forward.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “Hopefully I’ll be admitted to graduate school but that’s to be determined. If not I’ll be on the job hunt.”)



ELIJAH W.

LEHMAN COLLEGE (BRONX, NY)

BA IN SOCIAL WORK

PARISH: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH, NYC

HIGH SCHOOL: XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

“The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program has been a major part of my support system throughout my collegiate career. The financial support helped me attend college as I was able to pay fees, buy books, and pay for monthly metrocards. The spiritual support was second to none as the workshops, retreats, and donation projects helped me stay grounded in my faith. I wish the best for my fellow scholars and graduates as they have worked hard to make it to where they are. Thank you for such incredible experiences over these past four years and those to come in the future.”

(POST GRADUATE PLANS: “My post-graduate plan is to seek employment and eventually pursue my Masters.”)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES



ERNEST F.
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE (PROVIDENCE, RI)
PARISH: ST. MARGARET MARY CHURCH, BRONX
HIGH SCHOOL: LOYOLA SCHOOL



LAUREN B.
THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA (HYDE PARK, NY)
PARISH: ST. CHARLES CHURCH, STATEN ISLAND
HIGH SCHOOL: ST. JOSEPH HILL ACADEMY



JONATHAN L.
HOWARD UNIVERSITY (WASHINGTON D.C.)
HIGH SCHOOL: XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL



JESSIE Z.
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NEW YORK, NY)
PARISH: CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, PEEKSKILL
HIGH SCHOOL: PEEKSKILL HIGH SCHOOL



Mother Cabrini

HEALTH FOUNDATION

PIERRE TOUSSAINT - MOTHER CABRINI SCHOLARS...

For Healthier Families, Churches & Communities

A new initiative of the Archdiocese of New York - Cultural Diversity Apostolate, administered by the **Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program**, funded by the **Mother Cabrini Health Foundation**, began in January, 2022, involving college student-leaders (Pierre Toussaint Scholars), majoring in various areas of science and social work and preparing for careers and ministries in medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, dietary science, counseling, bio-medical engineering, social work & related areas; with students/participants to be known as:

“Pierre Toussaint-Mother Cabrini Scholars”

Who is the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation?

The Mother Cabrini Health Foundation (created in 2018) 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. Named after a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation funds programs and initiatives across New York State that either provide direct healthcare services or address the social determinants of health.

It is named after **Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini**, a nun who founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and was the first naturalized American citizen to be canonized a saint. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and her sisters worked to help poor immigrants and children in New York.

Currently the MCHF is considered the largest charitable foundation to focus specifically on New York State.

What is the Purpose of the PT-MC Scholars Program?

The purpose of the PT-MC Scholars Program is to support the development of mature, faith-filled, 21st century leaders in the various areas of healthcare and social work, by providing support, mentorship, service and networking opportunities for these gifted student-leaders/scholars and soon-to-be professionals in their chosen fields, in the hope that they will positively impact the health and wellness of families and communities, especially those with heightened economic and healthcare needs.



The scholars “popped into spring” again this year with the Double Good Popcorn fundraiser. After their successful fundraising efforts last year they embarked on the virtual fundraiser again to raise money for THEIR scholarship program by soliciting the support of their families and friends in selling popcorn.

Double Good Popcorn has over a dozen popcorn flavors and the program received 50% of the proceeds sold over the four day campaign. The scholars enjoyed the friendly competition, setting up their personal pop-up shops, and advertising via their social media network(s). Financial incentives for the top three sellers made them work even harder for the top spot on the leader board!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP SELLERS: Danielle B., Janay S. & Omar R.

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund (PTSF) and Program were established in 1983 and are administered by the Archdiocese of New York, Office of Black Ministry. PTSF provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors of diverse cultural/ethnic backgrounds, from public, private and parochial schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York, to assist them with the educational fees and expenses associated with their college studies. Students selected into the PTSP are chosen based on their strong academic record, their active participation with their parish and school communities, and their demonstration of good character and sound leadership ability. Scholarship awards are renewable for subsequent, consecutive years of undergraduate and graduate studies, based upon their meeting certain academic, service & program requirements. PTSF also provides the scholars with ongoing mentorship and advisement: spiritual, educational, professional career, and personal.

To obtain more information regarding and /or to support the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund contact the office at 646-794-2681 or via email at obm@archny.org.

The Pierre Toussaint Scholars Program and the Pierre Toussaint - Mother Cabrini Program (for scholars preparing for careers and ministries in the fields of healthcare & social work)

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