

HEADLIGHTS ON NEW STAFF



GABRIELLA DAVIS
Program Coordinator

Gabriella is a Pittsburgh native and graduate of Delaware State University. She received her BA in Political Science and has extensive expertise in youth programming, restorative justice practices and conflict resolution. Gabriella is excited to join Crossroads because of the support and services provided to our scholars.



CHAHNI PEEPLES

Development & Communications Coordinator

Chahni holds a BA in European Studies from Vanderbilt and an MA in Global and Comparative History from Rutgers University. She has experience working as a research associate and grant reviewer, as well as mentoring high school students in a career readiness program. She is excited to be part of an organization that is empowering young people through education.

We invite YOU to be part of our scholars journeys!

Your support will pave a direct pathway to college and career success for all Crossroads scholars. Nick, a senior at Central Catholic, recognizes the value of his pathway. **"I know that Crossroads and Central have prepared me for college,"** he said. **"But more importantly, they taught me how to succeed in life."**

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The Road Ahead from the Executive Director's Desk

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The true impact of any college prep program is realized in the spring. That's when we honor our seniors and commemorate their college decisions, scholarship awards and graduations. As I watch these young adults celebrate their achievements, I hold memories of them as they entered Crossroads at 14 – timid and inexperienced but brimming with determination and dreams. Their final two years of high school were nothing that they could have imagined, but their fortitude in the face of challenges, their drive to continue on the path to college, has shaped them into accomplished and resilient graduates ready to take on the next stage of their journey.

But my reflections on their growth tell only part of the story. The Crossroads journey, of potential finding its path, is best described by our graduates themselves. Here, in the words of our seniors, is what it means to be a Crossroads scholar:

To be a Crossroads Scholar means that I am in a community that wants to see me succeed and will do whatever it takes to make sure I do. It also means that I am in a community filled with students that have the same goals as me. I have received so much support, encouragement, and advice over the years that has helped me become who I am today, and for that I am so very grateful. **Hadia, Seton LaSalle 2021, Colby College**

Being a Crossroads scholar has meant the world to me. Crossroads has granted me and so many others the opportunities to open doors of success in both the present and future. To be a Crossroads scholar is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and it is only the beginning of my academic and professional success, but without the foundation they lay, none of this would be possible. **Haley, Seton LaSalle 2021, Penn State**

I am honored to be a Crossroads scholar and these last four years have been a journey. It taught me that anything is possible with a good support system and there are people that want to see you succeed. I enjoyed all the memories I've made with some of my best friends from Crossroads and am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful program."

Javon, Central 2021, Carlow University

For me being a Crossroads scholar was everything. Without Crossroads I would not be attending the college I am this fall. Without Crossroads I would have never had the resources to help me achieve my academic goals, the push to find my passion that could later lead to my future occupation, the mentoring during the college process, and the overall emotional support that Crossroads offers. Without constant counseling and check-ins, I believe my grades would not be as high as they are today. Without programs like SPICE, LEAD, mentoring, and summer enrichment I don't believe I would have found something I am truly passionate about that could become my future job or life.... In conclusion, without Crossroads I wouldn't be where I am today.

Aislynn, Oakland 2021 Dickinson College

CLASS OF 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

100% GRADUATED from high school

100% ACCEPTED into postsecondary programs

FULL RIDES

Colby College
Harvard
Ohio University
Penn State
PITT
Robert Morris
Highmark Health/
Purdue University
Program (2)

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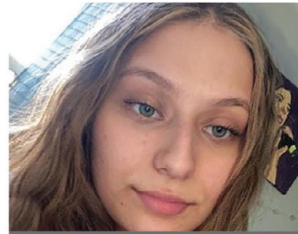
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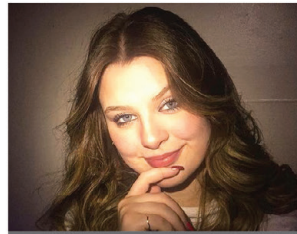
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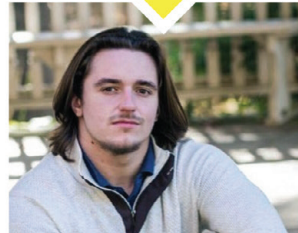
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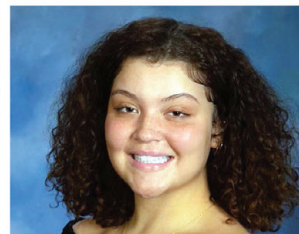
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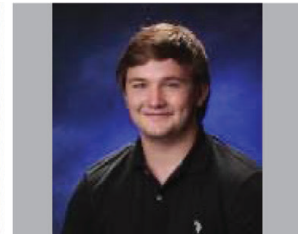
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2ND ANNUAL SENIOR CELEBRATION

Crossroads held its Second Annual Senior Celebration at the Calland Center on Saturday, June 5th. Seniors paraded outside the Calland Center as their families and members of the Crossroads community cheered and clapped in their honor. Food trucks were on hand to provide lunch for all attendees. Even our neighborhood ice cream man was there. We are proud of our graduates!

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SENIOR RETREAT



Crossroads hosts a Senior Retreat Day that provides our seniors the opportunity to gather together and complete a senior project. Seniors began their morning at GROW Pittsburgh, learning about food and self-sustainability before helping clean up the community gardens. After lunch seniors returned to the Calland Center where they created their senior project. This year, they painted shoes with designs that represented who they are, what they have learned and what they will take with them. The shoes are creative and personal to each scholar, displaying the incredible group of young people we have at Crossroads.

