

# PITTSBURGH

## chapter spotlight

### 2018



Heinz Field | Pittsburgh, PA  
April 7, 2018



2018 New Scholars: **62**

2018 Recognized Scholars: **165**

Cumulative Pennsylvania/Ohio Scholars: **(1312, 1263 Pennsylvania)**

**Highlights:** During lunch, the room was filled with the sounds of a piano performance by 3-time Carson Scholar Alexa Brown, whose classical rendition of popular hits astounded the crowd. Ella Walsh, Carson Scholar alumna and neonatal nurse at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, was inducted into the CSF Hall of Fame. The Pittsburgh Chapter of the CSF was thrilled to announce the Endowment in Honor of Sonya Carson to honor the legacy of Dr. Carson's late mother through future Carson Scholars who display perseverance and a love of learning.

**\$987,745.28\*** have been paid out to colleges on behalf of the scholars who won their awards in Pittsburgh and the surrounding areas.

*\*As of fiscal year 2018*



Commitment in Pittsburgh

**“It means that I have to take more opportunities in influencing others to lead others the same way the Carson Scholars Fund leads me to do great things in life.”**

**Katherine Marks, 2-time Carson Scholar, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**



**Cianni McGhee**

2018 Carson Scholar  
Peters Township High School  
McMurray, PA

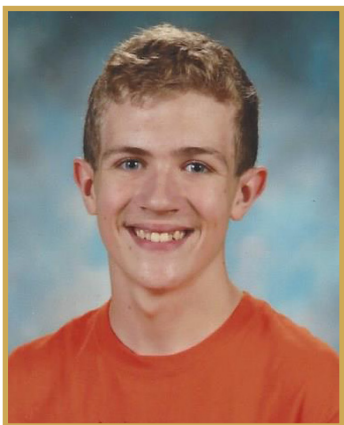
Cianni is a hard worker who doesn't give up until the task at hand is complete. She is currently training for her second degree black belt in taekwondo and teaches classes to younger students at her taekwondo studio. At school, Cianni is a member of the National Honor Society and Forensics Speech and Debate, and serves as the junior class secretary and a team lead ambassador for new students. On the weekends, she helps out in her church's café and special needs ministry. As a volunteer in the emergency department at Washington Services Hospital, Cianni is already working towards her dream of becoming a pediatric surgeon.

Zain is a natural leader who is involved in a variety of activities inside and outside of school. At school, he is a member of the school band and honors band, and has been an involved member of the student council for several years. Zain was chosen to attend the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair as well as the Quiz Bowl at a local high school. Outside of the classroom, Zain enjoys volunteering in his community by packing food at the local food bank and donating toys to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. In his spare time, he likes to read, play with Legos, and make short movies.



**Zain Adamo**

2018 Carson Scholar  
Sacred Heart Elementary School  
Pittsburgh, PA



**Benjamin Laderer**

4-time Carson Scholar  
Beaver Falls High School  
Beaver Falls, PA

Benjamin is a talented musician with a passion for serving those around him. As an experienced trumpet player, he is a member of the Beaver Falls Tiger Marching, Concert, and Jazz bands, as well as the orchestra for the school musical. Through his church, Benjamin served as a leader of the Love Your Neighbor project, leading a group of kids as they helped families in the parish with chores such as painting houses, clearing weeds, and building porches. He also volunteers through church by packaging food for families during Easter and Thanksgiving. Benjamin plans to pursue a career in teaching to help younger generations learn and grow.