

"The IAP is not just about academic excellence, it is about PERSEVERANCE,
COMMUNITY, AND MAKING
A LASTING IMPACT. As an IAP scholar, I will bring my newfound resilience, passion, and commitment to uplift those around me."

- SOLIANA AMAN '29



"[My hard] work and [my] challenges have made me realize that I have the strength and resilience to OVERCOME ANYTHING I SET MY MIND TO. I've also realized that I do not know what the future has in store for me—I never thought I' be in college this year- so I need to work hard at everything so I can prepare for anything."

- BRITNEY SANTOS '29

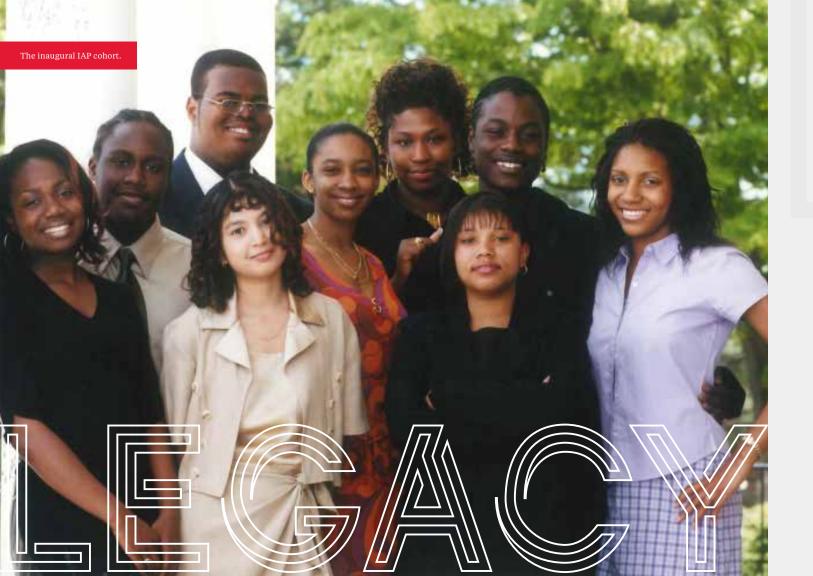
"With IAP's values, I am confident that it will help me become **THE LEADER I ASPIRE TO BE**, and I ensure that I will take advantage of any opportunity IAP offers and not take it for granted!"

- JAYZANAY BLESSETT '29



"I am confident that every single step I take towards a better future will be something not only for myself but for my mother who has given her all TO HELP ME GET THIS FAR. I am committed to growing and learning because as a first generation future graduate, I am committed to growing and learning because as a first generation future graduate, I want to be the pioneer in my family and community who will inspire the younger generations."

- FRANCKLIN CABALLERO RAUDALES '29



# VISION TO LEGACY: 25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

Dear Friend.

After the first cohort of Incentive Awards scholars matriculated at the University of Maryland, the transformative effect of the program was evident. The world opened up for those nine brave students. Their lives were filled with so much hope and promise. College was more than just an academic or professional exercise—it was a personal journey. Every subsequent year, the program and the students grew. Each new cohort brought opportunities, challenges, and reasons to celebrate.

At the core of this program is one simple truth: our students are the heart of everything we do. Since 2000, the goal has always been to recognize the potential in each of them and to help them become the best versions of themselves. Every plan, every decision, every move is intended to give students the tools to thrive. And every year there are new lessons learned and new ways of helping our students succeed. There has been one constant, however, which is an abiding belief in our students' potential.

I fully expect that 25 years from now, we'll be celebrating our 50th anniversary. We will be just as excited and passionate as we are today. That celebration will be built on the same values that guide us today: **OPPORTUNITY**, **BELIEF** and **COMMUNITY**.

We will continue telling our stories, sharing our successes, and making it clear: this is not a scholarship program. It is a force. A transformative force in the lives of our students.

Best wishes.

Jacqueline Wheeler Lee



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Being part of a community means contributing in whatever way you can, whether that's through leadership, mentorship or simply being a positive presence. The key to maintaining strong relationships within any community is frequent contact—staying in touch, meeting regularly, and fostering an environment where members support and uplift one another."



JAIDY AMADOR
BALTIMORE POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE



SOLIANA AMAN SENECA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

My journey of growth has sculpted me into a resilient and tenacious individual who refuses to let challenges prevail. My experiences have also given me a deeper understanding of courage to empower myself and others. I have found my voice through adversity and with the support of IAP, I will continue to use my voice, and break barriers not just for myself but for the people that come after me."



NARIELA ANDRADE ZAVALA

NORTHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

I believe in the power of tenacity, belonging and transformation. I want to be part of a community where students uplift each other, break barriers, and leave a lasting impact. Through IAP, I aspire to contribute to a network of students who inspire and support one another."



ANGEL ARROYO BUITRAGO

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JAYZANAY
BLESSETT
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Being the second in my family to graduate high school and the first to attend college fuels my passion for learning, helping others, and improving my community even more. Through advocacy, systemic change, and giving back to my community, I dream of creating opportunities for others who, like me, have faced adversity but refuse to let it define their future just as IAP does for students."



FRANCKLIN CABALLERO RAUDALES

**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL** 



KENZANG DECHEN
BALTIMORE CITY COLLEGE

I want to be the pioneer in my family and community who will inspire the younger generations. I know that each effort I make today can pave the way for those who come after me, proving to them that with discipline and good decision making you can overcome any obstacle. As I pursue my aspirations of becoming a lawyer, politician and eventually president, the lessons learned... will be invaluable to get to my final destination.



GABRIELLA ELIAS
RICHARD MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL

I am committed to achieving my goal of becoming a physician, no matter the difficulties I face. My determination grows in the face of adversity, and my perseverance helps me overcome significant challenges. Pursuing personal development and striving for self-fulfillment will support my journey toward realizing my utmost capabilities.



GENESIS FLORES

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**ELEANOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL** 

Having a community like IAP, where I can attend events and connect with donors and colleagues will allow me to build relationships with people who are just as passionate about making a difference or who are willing to learn from a new perspective. Additionally, the mentorship and resources I will be provided in IAP will allow me to build my voice as a journalist and advocate, to speak up rather than stay silent and be a part of the conversation.



JAIEL GREEN
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Growing up, I was always driven to succeed, not just for myself but also for my family and community. My parents have sacrificed so much for me, like taking the time they need to care for me, and I want to make them proud by achieving my goals and giving back to them in any way I can. I am committed to making the most of this chance and excelling in my academic pursuits.



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I thrive in environments where I can collaborate, learn, and contribute meaningfully. IAP aligns with my values by fostering a community of driven individuals who strive for success despite obstacles. With the support and mentorship offered by IAP, I know I can continue to grow academically, professionally, and personally, making the most of every opportunity.



ALYNE MARTINEZ
NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL

I am excited to be part of a program that empowers students to rise above barriers, as my resolute mindset has pushed me to turn any challenge into an opportunity. IAP's foundation of using education as a tool for transformation mirrors the very mindset that has guided me and perfectly represents all I look for in a community. I am very eager to contribute my persistence, support, and leadership to this program in the most impactful ways I can.



MOUHAMMED MBAYE
PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL



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BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

meaningful ways.

I've learned that challenges aren't roadblocks, they're stepping stones. I was drawn to IAP because it offers a supportive environment where I can continue stepping outside of my comfort zone. I thrive in diverse spaces, where different

perspectives push me to think critically and connect with others in



HASSAN MURRAY
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MIKYAH ROGERS
PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL

I learned determination and resourcefulness through my experiences. I acquired a deep sense of responsibility and the ability to inspire others in times of uncertainty. These qualities, along with my passion for growth and community service, make me a perfect fit for IAP. I am eager to bring this same passion and leadership to the program, using my experiences to contribute positively and inspire those around me.



CHRISTIAN SALAMANCA CARBALLO

WATKINS MILL HIGH SCHOOL

Now that I stand on the precipice of this new chapter of my life, I realize that I must also succeed to inspire my younger siblings and my newborn nephew, so that they might follow their own dreams when their time comes. I strongly believe that IAP will not only help me make those before me proud through my accomplishments, but also empower me to continue paving the way forward and uplift those who will follow in my footsteps.



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I have learned that belonging is not just about finding a space for yourself, but about creating that space for others. At the University of Maryland, I hope to continue this work–engaging with IAP not just as a beneficiary of its support, but as someone who contributes to the strength of its community. The lessons I have learned through solitude, self-reflection, and persistence are ones I carry forward with purpose, and I am eager to bring that perspective to IAP.





THEOPHANEIA TOSSOU CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Having moved from Russia to Greece and then to the United States, I have experienced first-hand how different cultures and communities thrive when people come together to support one another. Each change has presented challenges, such as learning new languages, adapting to new norms, and building connections, but these experiences have also instilled in me a strong sense of responsibility to make a positive contribution to the groups to which I belong and a deep appreciation for the power of community. IAP's emphasis on collaboration and innovation aligns perfectly with my passion for connecting with others, learning from diverse perspectives and embracing new ideas.



ETHAN TRAN
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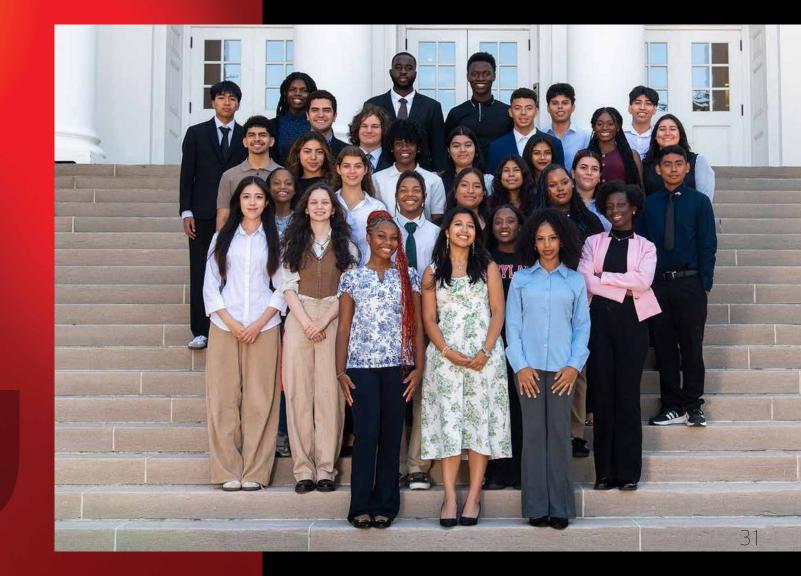
For me, being a leader is more than having a title, it's a personal gain that I am deeply committed to and apply to my everyday life. IAP not only will allow me to embark on leadership but also expand it and use it to serve the community in which I was raised. It's an environment that will help me build my character for my benefit and for those with whom I will interact.

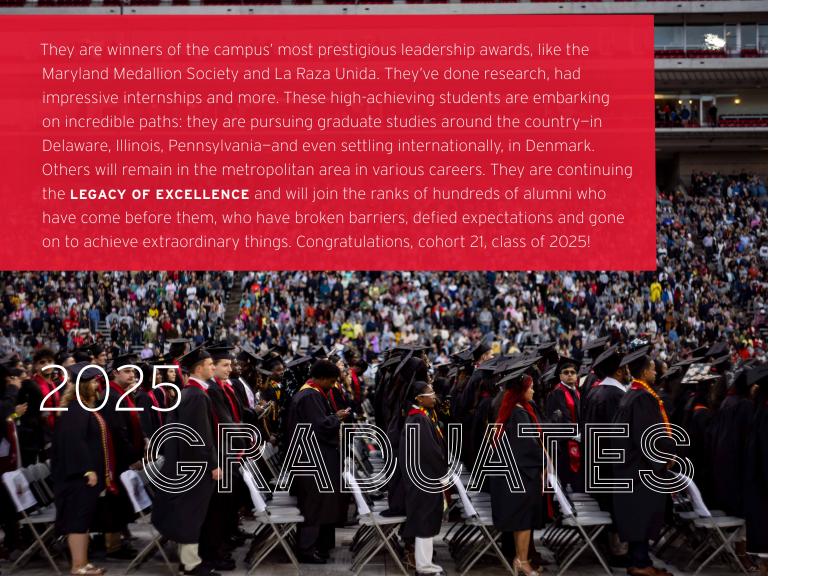
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"I view IAP as an opportunity that's beyond just a scholarship.
It's a rare chance to turn my passion into action and CREATE A MEANINGFUL CHANGE in my city."

- MOUHAMMED MBAYE '29







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