



Maguire Scholars News

Summer 2021

Kimberly B. aspires to be “a woman for others”



Kimberly B. is a 2012 graduate of Gesu, a 2016 alumna of Merion Mercy Academy, and a 2020 graduate of the University of Scranton. Kimberly was a Maguire Scholar in both high school and college and is now a student at Villanova University's Charles Widger School of Law. Kimberly had the honor of giving the 2020 commencement speech at Gesu. Here is an excerpt from her speech:

“Gesu prepared me well academically, mentally, and socially for high school. It was then at Merion that I continued to develop my talents and leadership skills through clubs. I got involved in different community service opportunities around Philadelphia, which deepened my desire to be a ‘*woman for others*.’ The past four years at Scranton, I took the time to learn as much as I could about different social justice issues both internationally and domestically. I participated in two eye-opening service trips, one to Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California, and the other to the Kino Border in Nogales, Mexico.

Experiences like these have only furthered my resolve to contribute to our society and shape it as a better, more welcoming place. My undergraduate experience taught me about service, but this fall, when I begin law school at Villanova, I will gain the fundamental tools and skills necessary to take action, because advocacy allows you to change the world. There needs to be advocates for social justice, who look to change and improve our systems of law, regulations, and society itself. Service opened my eyes to the problems. My ambition that was instilled in me at Gesu, to student, learn and apply the law, pushes me to find the solutions.”



Meet Noel D.

*Class of 2021
Bishop Shanahan*

Noel, a Maguire Scholar at Bishop Shanahan, has worked incredibly hard taking mostly honors classes, and devoting his time to Boy Scouts leadership, the Swim and Dive Team, and Track and Field. He has Varsity lettered in both of his sports and was honored to serve as Co-Captain of both the Shanahan Swim and Dive Team and the Boys' Track and Field Team. In December 2020, he was accepted to the Computer Science program at Villanova University.

While this is all very exciting, what has been so precious about Noel's time at Shanahan are the deep friendships he has made with students who share his Catholic values. His friends are supportive, kind, full of faith, and inclusion.

Have Maguire Scholar News to Share?

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Middle School Scholars

St. James School

- ❖ The St. James Maguire Scholars kept busy this summer. Three Maguire Scholars attended the Mercersburg Summer Academy and one scholar attended Camp Agawam. We are proud of our recent graduates who will be attending Westtown School, Perkiomen School, and of the two Scholars attending Cristo Rey!

Hope Partnership

- ❖ All three 8th grade Maguire Scholars received 2nd honors despite a difficult school year. Raheem also received the Principal's Award for Character and Commitment. Jordan received the Math Award and Ionesty received the Art Award. Two of our 7th grade Maguire Scholars received recognitions from the World Affairs Council Model UN Program:

Harmony D., delegate of Mexico, was honored with a World Affair Council Americas Award as the "Outstanding Student Delegate" in the break-out room caucus.

Nahla C., delegate from South Korea, received an award for "Recognition for Outstanding Position Paper." Her paper was chosen from hundreds of submissions. Over 750 middle school students from the Philadelphia region participate in the Junior Model United Nations program each year.

Next Steps!

8th Grade Maguire Scholars have matriculated to the following high schools:

Abington Friends High School
Academy at Palumbo
Agnes Irwin
Agora Cyber Charter School
Archbishop Carroll High School
Archbishop Ryan
Big Picture Learning Academy
(Camden Magnet School)
Bodine High School for
International Affairs
Bonner-Prendie High School
Boys Latin
Camden Catholic
Camden County Technical Schools
CAPA
Cardinal O'Hara
Cheltenham High

Community Academy of
Philadelphia Charter
Cristo Rey
Father Judge
Franklin Towne
Gloucester Catholic High School
Haverford School
High School for Creative and
Performing Arts
Hill Freeman World Academy
La Salle College High School
Little Flower
Lower Merion
Mercy Career and Technical
Merion Mercy
Mount St. Joseph Academy
Neumann & Goretti High School

North East Magnet
Northeast High School
Parkway West
Paul VI
Pennsauken High School
Perkiomen School
Roman Catholic
Sacred Heart Academy
Science Leadership Academy
Springfield Township High School
Springside Chestnut Hill
St. Hubert
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Upper Darby High School
West Catholic
Westtown School

Cardinal O'Hara High School

- ❖ Maguire Scholar Yaneana L. is a graduate of the class of 2021 at Cardinal O'Hara High School. Besides Yaneana's contagious smile, she has done so much for the O'Hara community and beyond to spread happiness. She has been a Lion Ambassador for the school, giving guests extra special treatment during school open houses, tours, and various events. She has made a lasting impression singing in the choir and as an enthusiastic member of the dance team. Along with her in-school activities, Yaneana has managed to volunteer for Acts Christian Transitional Services and the Philadelphia Public Library. Yaneana said, "Thanks to the Maguire Foundation, I was given the opportunity to achieve greatness here at Cardinal O'Hara." Yaneana has done just that by earning a half million dollars in college scholarships. She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall.

Germantown Friends School

- ❖ "The highlights of the 2021 summer included attending chemistry tutoring sessions and French tutoring sessions. From those tutoring sessions I've gained an abundance of knowledge, from learning how to apply the Conservation of Matter rule in problems to conjugating irregular and regular French verbs. Outside of my studies I got the opportunity to focus on sports, such as basketball and wrestling. I attended a wrestling camp at Ohio State University where I learned various wrestling moves that will help me become a more efficient wrestler.

Along with wrestling moves, I adopted a handful of skill sets I can use in my everyday life. I attended the camp with the Germantown Friends School's Wrestling Coach, and a wrestling teammate. The stay in Ohio was wonderful. In addition, I attended a basketball camp for a South Jersey AAU team where we went to a tournament in Philadelphia, but unfortunately came out short of qualifying to the championships.

Lastly, I would categorize this as one of the most proactive summers I've had because I was not only able to enjoy it but learn from it. I am grateful for all that I've learned because I am looking forward to applying things my sophomore year and evolving as a young man."

- Khalil D. '24

LaSalle College High School

- ❖ The Union League Legacy Foundation held the 75th annual Good Citizen Day on April 28, 2021. The Legacy Foundation honored and recognized 275 young men and women as "good citizens." The students were nominated from over 50 youth-serving organizations throughout the Greater Philadelphia region. Charles S. '22 was among those whose achievements were recognized! Congratulations, Charles!

About Maguire Scholars

The goal of the Maguire Scholars Program is to support and enrich the leaders of tomorrow by providing an opportunity for an excellent education through partnerships and strategic alliances with middle schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. As men and women for others, we encourage our Maguire Scholars to dedicate their time and talent to community service.

Mercy Career and Technical High School

- ❖ Two juniors, Saige A. and Aslenny V., had summer employment through the Work Ready Program.

West Catholic

- ❖ Rinnah A. '21 received a prestigious Liberty Scholarship (a full ride!) to Drexel University. Tamia J. '21 received THREE full tuition scholarships to the following: Rosemont College, Lincoln University, and Shippensburg University!

Next Steps!

12th Grade Maguire Scholars have matriculated to the following colleges and universities:

American University	Harcum College	Princeton University
Arcadia University	Holy Family University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Barnard College	Howard University	Rider University
Barry University	Immaculata University	Rowan University
Bloomsburg University	Indiana University of	Rutgers University
Boston University	Pennsylvania	San Diego State University
Bowdoin College	Keystone College	Seton Hall University
Bryn Athyn College	Kutztown University	Saint Joseph's University
Bucknell	Labette Junior College	Temple University
Cabrini University	LaSalle University	Thomas Jefferson University
Cheyney University	Lehigh University	United States Coast Guard
Clark, Atlanta	Lincoln University	Academy
Clarkson University	Lock Haven University	University of Chicago
College of the Holy Cross	Loyola University	University of Dayton
Community College of	Loyola University Maryland	University of Miami
Philadelphia	Manor College	University of Oregon
Cornell University	Mansfield University	University of Pennsylvania
Dartmouth College	Marywood University	University of Pittsburgh
Delaware County Community	Maynooth University in Ireland	University of Richmond
College	Millersville University	University of St. Andrew's in
Delaware State University	Monmouth University	Scotland
Dickinson College	Montgomery County Community	University of Tampa
Drexel University	College	University of Tennessee Knoxville
East Stroudsburg University	Morehouse College	University of the Sciences
Emory University	Morgan State University	University of Washington, Seattle
Fairfield University	Mount St. Mary's University	Vanderbilt University
Fairleigh Dickinson University	Neumann University	Villanova University
Fordham University	New York University	Washington & Jefferson College
Georgetown University	North Carolina Agricultural and	West Chester University
Georgia State University	Technical State University	Widener University
Gettysburg College	Northeastern University	Williamson College of the Trades
Goldey Beacom College	Penn State University	
Gwynedd Mercy University	Pepperdine University	

Bowie State University

- ❖ “I am two weeks into my internship at MIT working with the Alumni Associations Alumni Relations team. We have had several guest speakers and staff educating us on the importance of Alumni Relations, fundraising, and all the other pieces that go into advancement and higher education. Scholarship money comes from people who believe students can make a difference through education. My receiving this award means you believe in me as being a capable and promising young woman. Thank you for believing in me and supporting me.

I have also been chosen to be an RA for the semester, which I am also excited about! I am still involved with softball and am very excited for our new fundraisers happening this August. I am also looking to donate blood for the first time in the next few weeks, which I am nervous and excited for. I've also been working on gathering clothes for a small clothing donation at one of our local donation centers.”

-Breanna H.

Drexel University

- ❖ “I am very happy to report that I completed my winter term at Drexel in March of 2021. I completed the term with a grade point average of 3.92. Just like so many, I had a very challenging year, but I am proud that I was able to overcome many obstacles. On March 29th, I began my co-op with Estee Lauder, Northtec, in Trevese, PA. My experience at Estee Lauder, Northtec, has been interesting, demanding, strenuous and rewarding. I have met some wonderful people and learned a lot. I feel that I have been very successful at my position as a production supervisor.

I have had very little time this summer to engage in other activities, however, I have kept active in collecting donations for one of my favorite charities, Purple Heart. I have also volunteered my time with fundraisers through my sorority.

I am looking forward to returning to campus at Drexel in September. I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and being present in my classes. This past academic year I had the pleasure of being a peer mentor. I really enjoyed the interaction with other students and guiding them to their own personal goals. I am eager to return to campus and resume this position. I am also very interested in the study abroad program and so very excited to get started.”

- Rina D. '24



Meet Kwahmyre B.

Class of 2023, Fairfield University

“As a Maguire Scholar at Fairfield University, I have been blessed and grateful to form many great connections. Most recently, I have been fortunate to be introduced to the Fairfield University Alumni Chapter of Pennsylvania and was given the opportunity to network with a variety of individuals and financial companies. This past year, being a Maguire Scholar allowed me to find a summer internship at Value Management,

Inc. in Jamison, PA. Throughout this internship, I have been able to apply my skills as a Management and Finance double major, and I learned the importance of placing priority on company culture—who I work for rather than *where* I work. The family dynamic of the office is one that I will never forget and one that I will strive to be a part of during my job search post-graduation.”

Gallaudet RMI



Jad G. was recently hired as a Client Concierge position with Arthur J. Gallagher in their Manhattan office. The Client Concierge position is responsible for maximizing the value that new and existing clients receive from their relationship with Gallagher. On his own, Jad studied and passed the New York State Property & Casualty Brokers Exam, a requirement for the position. Arthur J. Gallagher is a global leader in insurance, risk management and consulting services. The 4th largest insurance brokerage in the world, Gallagher has been recognized as one of the world's most ethical companies and America's best employers for diversity. Gallagher is also known in the industry for having one of the best training programs for new employees.



Nabeela S. has been working for Selective Insurance Companies, in Branchville, NJ in a temporary position as an Underwriting Technical Assistant. Nabeela applied for the full time, permanent position and last week was informed that she got the job. Selective Insurance has a Best rating of A+ and was named by Forbes as one of America's best mid-size employers.

Mount St. Mary's University

- ❖ Sophia V. '22 finished her junior year at Mount St. Mary's University and accepted a full-time position as a corps member for Teach for America following graduation next May. Sophia's combination of communication and theatre studies has helped her to strengthen her leadership skills while also applying her passion post-graduation. As a Teach for America corps member, Sophia will have the opportunity to impact tomorrow's leaders. "Being a Maguire Scholar has prepared me for my role at TFA by teaching me how to organize not only my schoolwork but pretty much everything that I do in my life. It has also provided me with an amazing mentor, which is what I hope to be to my students."



We Are Men and Women for Others

The Maguire Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for people and educating the next generation of leaders. Founded by James J. and Frances M. Maguire and grounded in the teachings of St. Ignatius Loyola that we are men and women for others, the foundation invests in education, arts and humanities, and the relief of hunger and homelessness.

Saint Joseph's University

- ❖ “Throughout my four years at Saint Joseph's University, I have had the privilege of learning valuable life experiences through an array of diverse activities and programs. Having grown up in the Philadelphia area, I was able to continue serving at many of the volunteer organizations I had previously worked with, while also establishing new connections through SJU. As a freshman I was immediately able to embrace the community service culture at SJU as a member of the Weekly Service Program. Each week for the next three years I volunteered at the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County in Upper Darby. The Life Center is a soup kitchen, as well as a shelter that helps Philadelphians experiencing homelessness get back on their feet. As a food server and greeter, I had the opportunity to talk with and get to know many of the faces that passed through the shelter each week. My favorite part of serving at the Life Center was getting to observe the progress that regular visitors made over the weeks and how they were able to turn their lives around in a positive manner.

Another pivotal service-learning experience that I was able to immerse myself in at SJU was through the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia's Global Smarts Program. During my senior year, I was beyond honored to be selected by the World Affairs Council to provide students at Juniata Park Academy with the knowledge and confidence necessary to participate in this year's annual Jr. Model United Nations Conference. As a student who has always participated in every possible extracurricular activity, I understand the influential role that certain school programs play in molding the minds of future leaders. Given the unforeseen circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic, many students have been unable to take part in extracurricular activities. This mentorship program provided me with the opportunity to help students navigate through an exceptionally difficult time. Being a leader is not only important within one's specific community, but also within vulnerable communities that may need additional support when experiencing hardship. With the unconditional support of the Maguire Foundation as a Maguire Scholar during my time at SJU, I possessed a unique perspective as well as a sense of confidence that has enabled me to realize my full potential.

While working to attain my bachelor's degree within the field of Political Science, I have learned about systemic forms of oppression that disproportionately impede the intrinsic rights of and unfavorably shape the lives of defenseless citizens. The emphasis of social justice throughout my undergraduate education, in conjunction with hands-on volunteer and internship experience, has ignited a fire from within. This fervor is what drives me to pursue a legal career and fight for the protection of those deemed powerless. I can say with confidence that I would likely not be embarking on a new journey at law school this fall without the Maguire Foundation's continued support and generosity throughout my undergraduate education at SJU. Furthering my education through the study of law will provide me with the necessary resources and knowledge to aid individuals whose voices have wrongfully been seized. As an aspiring attorney, like the Maguire Foundation's mission, I am committed to improving the quality of life for others, especially those who have experienced hardship.”

- Isabella C. '21

Isabella will be attending Rutgers Law School this fall.