Here we are again - celebrating another year of middle, high school and college graduations, and the stellar high school placements and college admissions that have been hallmarks of Oliver Scholars for nearly 40 years.

And, while this time of year always makes me a bit warm, fuzzy, and sentimental, I can’t help but think about the ways the world has changed. While we’re all hopeful that the pandemic has abated to a large degree, we aren’t immune to the impact the turmoil of the last few years has had on so many people and institutions. I am so proud of our results, but I acknowledge that those results come against a backdrop of declining student enrollment in college, a generational demand for student debt relief, and a shifting job market and economy. If those reasons are not enough to give you pause, we are a leadership development and college access organization promoting the promise of higher education as a great equalizer with the full awareness that our students are most likely to be underemployed and undercompensated because of endemic racial and cultural biases that have persisted across centuries.

Still, we march on. Frankly, I don’t know of an anti-poverty strategy that can outperform the impact of a college degree and its ability to change the entire socioeconomic trajectory of a family in a single generation. Want proof? Look at our alumni.

The other reason I am so deeply connected to this organization and our work is the ways in which our alumni have not only changed their own lives, but also show up as leaders in government, industry, education, law, the arts, and social change work. Our scholars and alumni take what they get from Oliver Scholars and leverage to create change and spark conversations that have the potential to transform not only their own communities, but the world at large.

So, three cheers for the Oliver Scholars Class of 2022! We are counting on you to save the world!
It is with great honor that I write this letter of congratulations to the class of 2022. With much hard work, dedication and determination they crossed the finish line and graduated high school with success! For many scholars high school graduation is simply the next step in their educational journey, but having worked side by side with this class and seeing them persevere through school, Oliver’s SIP program and a pandemic I am confident they will meet each challenge with that same vigor and determination.

I would like each graduate to remember that the diploma they will receive is their insurance policy which is paid in full by their hard work over the past four years. The value of that policy depends on how much effort they put into their education and what they do with it as they go on. Use it. Take advantage of what it offers. Statistics show that a high school diploma is a passport to higher earnings and protection against tough economic times. It’s not a guarantee, but it will always be a help. They have earned their passport. Now it’s time to use it well. And I hope they never forget that Oliver Scholars remains committed to their success then, now, while they’re in college and beyond.

The Class of 2022 has a total of 59 scholars from 40 independent high schools across the country. In spite of the usual academic hurdles and challenges presented by COVID-19, Scholars were able to earn an outstanding $9.9 million in scholarship and grant aid. Additionally, 100% of scholars were accepted into at least one college or university in addition to one CUNY and SUNY college. 15% of scholars were accepted to an Ivy League Institution, and 30% were accepted to a college ranked in the top 25% nationally, according to the U.S. News & World Report. One scholar, in particular, received acceptances from 5 out of 8 Ivy League schools.

I am extremely proud of this class! Congratulations again!
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

OLIVER SCHOLARS

ALUMNI REUNION

JUNE 25, 2022

SPOTLIGHT

2022 Alumni Reunion
Come reconnect, remember, and have fun with old classmates!

Are you an Oliver Scholars Alum? If so, were waiting on you to come home to Oliver! Plans are underway for our second annual reunion and it’s the perfect time to remember how Oliver Scholars has impacted and changed lives since the first graduating class of 1985.

It is also a time to have FUN while reconnecting and celebrating the milestones and successes of all Oliver Alumni! In short, we’d love to see you on June 25th! Register today to join this special celebration!

Are you a member of Club 1984? If so, get ready for a private reception to kick off the Alumni reunion.

Join the Alumni Council and Club 1984 members for a private reception to kick off the second annual Alumni Reunion! To celebrate, the event will begin with a toast and feature special guests to welcome our newest alumni and members of Club 1984. Become a member of Club 1984 by June 17, 2022 to be part of this private event!

Club 1984 Reception
Private event
Saturday, June 25 | 12:30 - 1 PM

Oliver Scholars shines its spotlight on Kevin Erwin ’04. Kevin is a skillful musician who takes a seasoned approach to create an atmosphere where artists are able to be their best. He is also an organizational culture ambassador, motivational and inspirational speaker, transformational leader, and a for-impact executive. Kevin is the executive producer of the musical, Follow, that recently premiered at Berkeley NYC.
Help Us Congratulate The Class of 2022

The Senior Tribute is an important way to celebrate our graduating seniors with a lasting impact! Join Oliver Scholars and the Alumni Council as we congratulate the Class of 2022 and welcome our newest alumni to the fold!

As we celebrate our scholars' amazing accomplishments, we'd like to give them something tangible to look at as they transition to higher education – a memento of hope for the promise ahead! Our goal is to raise $2,022 for the Senior Class in five days! Funds raised will be used to gift the Class of 2022 with care packages, including Oliver swag.

Pay it Forward by making a recurring gift or a one time gift that will benefit the next generation of Scholars. Your support will ensure that Oliver will continue to thrive. Donate today!

Ways to Get Involved

DONATE
VOLUNTEER
SHARE YOUR DAY
NOMINATE A STUDENT
BECOME A SOCIAL MEDIA AMBASSADOR
BECOME A COLLEGE COACH
JOIN AN EVENT:
SUMMER OPEN HOUSE 7/15

Share your day with Oliver Scholars!

Whether you're celebrating your birthday, graduation, anniversary or any other special day, use the occasion to raise awareness and funds for Oliver Scholars.

Friends and families can join the celebration with a donation to Oliver Scholars. Learn more here!