

# OLIVER SCHOLARS



## Summer at Oliver Scholars!

This summer was full of excitement at Oliver Scholars! We welcomed 121 students to this summer's Scholar Immersion Program (SIP), which was held in-person for the first time since 2019. Grace Church hosted four weeks in New York City, and the Berkshire School hosted the one-week boarding school experience in Massachusetts. Students carried a full course load in academic subjects that included Math, History, Writing, Computational Thinking, Psychology Health and Wellness, Philosophy, Sociology, and STEM, in addition to test prep for admission to independent high schools. They also took advantage of Performing Arts, Film, and Art electives.

The final week offered Pre-Scholars a first hand experience of Boarding School Life. To balance out the rigorous academic curriculum, students also enjoyed lighter activities including a talent show, a scavenger hunt, and The Oliver Olympic Games.

To celebrate the Class of 2026's completion of the SIP program, we hosted our annual Recognition Ceremony on August 13th at The Trinity School in New York City, where our rising 9th graders formally transitioned into Oliver Scholars!



# SCHOLAR SUCCESS

## Here's a glimpse of some of our Summer Activities

**Summer Open House:** The first in-person Open House since 2019 offered a peek at Summer SIP. The program included in-person classroom observations and a panel discussion featuring current Oliver Scholars, program staff, and special guests from partner schools.

**Summer Scholar Immersion Program (SIP):** Our signature pre-Scholar program which is designed to acclimate rising 8th and rising 9th grade students to the rigor and independence they will experience when they begin high school.

**Brand U Camp:** As part of our Scholar Services efforts, this week-long program is designed to teach high school Sophomores and Juniors how to leverage their strengths, accomplishments, and visions for personal and professional growth.

**Recognition Ceremony:** Our annual celebration and awards ceremony honors our newest cohort of Oliver Scholars after their successful completion of the 14-month Scholar Immersion Program.

**Summer Senior Seminar:** A new annual offering, this 3-day workshop and activity series (following the Senior Transition to College Retreat) is designed to ensure rising seniors are equipped to successfully navigate the college application process.



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



## 2022 Alumni Reunion

Oliver Alumni from near and far came home to Oliver Scholars for the Annual Alumni Reunion celebration on June 25th. The reunion was generously underwritten by Alumni Trustees Keith Canton '93, Adrian Millan '94, and Nicholas Doering-Dorval '98. Hosted by the Alumni Council, attendees were offered a wide array of activities including a fun Meet & Greet Bingo game, a photo booth, and a variety of raffle drawings including a prize donated by alumna LaToya Massey '98. We were especially excited to have Oliver Scholars CEO, Dr. Danielle Moss-Cox and Oliver Scholars Founder, John Hoffman in attendance.

The Alumni Council wishes to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all attendees, sponsors, and partners who made the Alumni Reunion a huge success! If you missed it, don't worry - mark your calendars for our 2023 Reunion, scheduled for Saturday, June 24th, 2023. We look forward to seeing you next year!



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



**Donald Ruff '91**  
President & CEO,  
Eagle Academy Foundation

The Eagle Academy Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving educational, career, and life outcomes for young men of color, recently announced that Oliver Scholars Alumnus Donald M. Ruff Jr. '91 has taken over as the Foundation's new president & CEO. In his new role, Donald will lead the organization's efforts to transform the lives of young men of color in New York City and across the country through education, mentoring, and post-secondary support. Donald has over 15 years of experience with The Eagle Academy Foundation. During his tenure, the Eagle Academy's post-secondary work has led to a college-acceptance rate of 98% for last year's graduates and an alumni network of more than 2,400 successful and driven young men.

Donald's "exceptional expertise, management, and leadership have proven that he is the most suitable person to lead The Eagle Academy Foundation and the young men and communities we serve toward an even brighter future," said A. Mark Getachew, chairman of The Eagle Academy Foundation's Board of Directors and partner at Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP.

# DEVELOPMENT CORNER

## Do A Good Deed:

## Celebrate International Day of Charity With Oliver Scholars

Declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012, the International Day of Charity is observed annually on September 5th. In recognition of the global day of philanthropy, we invite you to support Oliver Scholars's mission to prepare high-achieving Black and Latinx students for success at top independent schools and prestigious colleges. We welcome your monthly contributions or a one-time gift - your support will impact the lives of our Scholars today as well as generations to come.

Interested in deeper engagement?

Visit [oliverscholars.org/volunteer](https://oliverscholars.org/volunteer) to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.



## Ways to Get Involved

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International Day of Charity 9/5

Oliver Scholars Gala 10/25



Save the date for the Oliver Scholars' Annual Gala to be held on October 25, 2022. The Gala is an opportunity to recognize individuals and organizations that exemplify and promote Oliver's core pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. This year we are thrilled to be honoring Alex Doñé, Managing Director at Platinum Equity, as well as Trustee and alumnus Keith Canton '93, Managing Director at JPMorgan Chase. We hope you will join us for this inspiring celebration!



2022- Summer Volunteer Meet & Greet