Excitement is building at the Oliver Scholars headquarters as they prepare for a big move! Oliver has found a new place to call home, a place to continue their critical work of helping scholars Outdream. Outdo. Outshine.

Oliver has signed a lease for new office space at 14 Wall Street in Manhattan’s Financial District. The historic building was originally named the Bankers Trust Company Building, a skyscraper located at the intersection of Wall Street and Nassau Street. The building is 540 feet (160 m) tall, with 32 usable floors. Located in the same neighborhood as their current home, the new space will provide a significant opportunity to continue serving and prioritizing the high potential, historically underserved Black and Latinx students who are at the center of Oliver Scholars’ mission.

Dr. Danielle Moss Cox, the organization’s Chief Executive Officer, shared her enthusiasm for the new location and sees great things on the horizon for Oliver Scholars. “As a youth serving organization, we worked tirelessly under constrained conditions to ensure programmatic continuity for our young people. This move provides a positive opportunity for us to deepen our work with young people and will ultimately help us to ensure future sustainability for years to come.”

Grand Opening April 27th

Stay tuned to Oliver news, we will be hosting our grand opening this April and would love to see you at our new location.

For Community Service Day, Oliver Scholars partnered with the Oasis Learning Center in Puerto Rico. Students made individual greeting cards and organized a drive to gather about 500 packages of school supplies for students ages 6 - 12. School materials were shipped and distributed to underprivileged youth.
The Oliver Scholars Fellows Program launched at the top of the year. The Scholar Success team identified 15 high-performing college juniors and seniors for a four-day stipend career exploration experience. During the program, scholars visited a variety of workplace sites to gain exposure to a broad range of successful professionals who spoke about preparation for their career journey and offered sage advice about how students could explore new fields of their own.

This launch would not have been possible without the partnership of:

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- BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- ALSTON & BIRD LAW FIRM
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College Bound Initiatives partnered with Oliver Scholars Alumni to host a Mentoring Mixer. Scholars had the opportunity to sit with alumni who came before them to ask questions about not only their Scholar Journey but navigating college life, their current careers, and the pathway to get there.

The mixer was open to first and second-year college scholars and followed a week-long conference of workshops that ranged in topic including Maintaining the Oliver Connection, The Art of Endurance, I am not my Major, Finding your Community, Time Management, The Importance of Internships and more!

Scholars on the Move...

Ian Borges, Peddie School (Class of 2025)

Let’s give it up for Ian Borges! Ian has been thriving so far in his sophomore year. Ian has achieved all As on his midterms and is a leader for the NEST program. He is a chemistry tutor and is on the school’s track team. Ian is projected to beat a school record for his track team. He is also currently in the process of starting his own sports debate club and is serving as a mentor in local elementary schools.

Ian has been described as a charismatic and emerging leader on campus by school leadership and has been a great support to freshman scholars as they have transitioned into Peddie.

Alain Huertas, Church Farm School (Class of 2023)

A huge congratulations to Oliver Scholar, Alain Huertas who received the National Hispanic Recognition Award through the College Board.

In addition to networking with various CEOs and Board Members, the Fellows attended workshops such as The Power of Presence, presented by Zanade Mann, The Leader in Me, presented by Zelda Owens, and Money Management presented by George Barrow.

Fellows were able to gain valuable skills, expand their network and ask crucial questions to help them prepare for life after college.
Oliver Scholars kicked off the year by hosting the Alumni Spotlight Series and the CEO Salon Series. The Alumni Council held the first of these engaging community discussions, which focused on service, its impact, and unlocking opportunities in the community. Oliver Scholars Founder John Hoffman moderated the event, which featured special guests Kimberly King ’93, Paul Williams ’02, and Ibrahim Sidiben ’21.

In February, the council hosted a Financial Fitness Workshop that discussed innovative techniques for budgeting, saving, and debt management in order to boost the Oliver community’s financial health. The workshop featured guest panelists, Paul Williams ’02 Associate Director, DTCC, and Dr. Frank Arce, Director of Financial Aid, Harvard Graduate School of Education. Following this Financial Fitness session, the CEO Salon Series focused on establishing generational wealth, the importance of numerous streams of income, and developing a legacy strategy. Oliver Alumni Johnny Arujo ’09 and TA Burrell ’95 were among the featured guests on the panel, as was Sabrina Lamb, CEO of World of Money.

In recognition of the recent Alumni Spotlight Series event focusing on Oliver’s core pillar of Service -- we’re shining the spotlight on Kimberly King ’93, who holds the record for most community service hours completed by any Scholar to date!

Kimberly King was recently named VP, of diversity, equality, and inclusion at NBCUniversal’s worldwide advertising and partnership unit. She will help establish and lead diversity strategies aimed at generating business outcomes for the NBCU ad sales team, brand, and agency clients. Kimberly has a successful career as a writer, editor, copywriter, talent producer, creative strategist, and integrated marketer across several communication platforms. She has previously overseen the ideation, management, and production processes for a variety of advertiser/agency activations across broadcast, digital, and in-market experiential platforms, including The BET Awards, Black Girls Rock, and the Soul Train Awards for BET Networks, a division of Viacom Media Networks. Kimberly continues to be a champion of service to the community serving as a Board Member of Wesleyan University and Urban Arts and an active member of The Links Incorporated.