

### **AD99 Solutions Selects 2022 Prep Forward Cohort**

*Twelve Pittsburgh youth to receive free access to all academic, athletic, life skills, and family programming provided by Aaron Donald's charitable foundation*

**Pittsburgh, PA** -- Super Bowl champion Aaron Donald's AD99 Solutions Foundation has selected its 2022 Prep Forward cohort. In the program's fourth year, this cohort includes its inaugural group of female student-athletes. All students will receive full access to all of the organization's academic, athletic, life skills, and family-based programs during the next calendar year.

Each student was selected from a pool of applicants throughout Allegheny County in grades 9 through 12 based on their demonstrated financial need, ability to benefit long-term from the program, and their commitment to AD99 Solutions' offerings. Students in good standing may remain in the Prep Forward program from the year they were selected until they graduate from high school.

Recipients:

**London Creach**  
Oakland Catholic

**Enysah Roberts**  
Ellis School

**Rob Staton**  
Sci-Tech

**NaeQuan Currington**  
Allderdice

**Shaun Robinson**  
Westinghouse

**Trinity Thomas**  
Lincoln Park Performing  
Arts Charter

**Amon Hawthorne**  
Penn Hills

**Makalah Smalls-McCray**  
Pittsburgh CAPA

**Mario Watkins Jr.**  
Allderdice

**Martel Palmer Jr.**  
Penn Hills

**NaeRon Smith**  
Allderdice

**Amaree Venson**  
Allderdice

"We're thrilled to welcome this new cohort of extremely talented and worthy young student-athletes into our Prep Forward program," said AD99 Solutions Executive Director Akita Donald. "Each represents tomorrow's promise and we're proud to provide them with practical resources and opportunities to ensure they succeed in school and life."

Founded in 2019, AD99 Solutions' mission is to change the trajectory of Pittsburgh's most vulnerable youth by providing necessary resources in a free, safe environment where they can be empowered to excel academically, socially, and athletically.

AD99 Solutions' flagship program, Prep Forward, is a tuition-free, year-round program that provides students and their families with resources and opportunities beyond the traditional school setting. Students receive academic monitoring and assistance, mentorship opportunities

(including access to founder Aaron Donald), life skills development, career exploration, athletic training, and family support.

Through events and services like Fuel for Success, Community Defense, the Mental Flex Forum, and the Living in the Pocket Skills Camp, AD99 Solutions has assisted individuals from at more than 20 states and has given over \$248,000 to Pittsburgh-area community programs. To learn more about AD99 Solutions, visit [www.AD99.org](http://www.AD99.org).

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