



PULLMAN TOGETHER

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I am pleased to share our 2022 Annual Report. It is a testament to the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation's many achievements over the past year, and more importantly, those of our Pullman Scholars.

In 2022, the Board of Directors welcomed our new Executive Director, Eric Delli Bovi, who brings a new and exciting dynamic to the work of the Pullman Foundation as we navigate the post-pandemic world.

After two years in a virtual setting, we were able to return to an in-person Scholar Symposium. 78 new and existing Pullman Scholars attended seminars to learn about finances, networking, business etiquette and transitioning to life after college. Existing Pullman Scholars gave the freshmen class important tips on how to survive their first year of college. Afterwards, we welcomed Alumni to a Returning Scholars Reception where they not only reconnected with each other, but also met the current Pullman Scholars.

Despite the pandemic, the Pullman Foundation has never wavered in its dedication to provide the financial and educational resources to help each Pullman Scholar reach his or her true potential. We draw our inspiration from the incredible legacy of the nearly 12,000 Pullman Scholars who came before, and from the tremendous hard work and determination demonstrated by our current Pullman Scholars.

The continued success of the Pullman Foundation is due to the collective commitment of many people who devote their time, expertise, and resources to advance our mission. On behalf of the entire Pullman community, we extend our deepest appreciation to our generous and dedicated donors, members of the Alumni Selection Committee, and the many volunteers and partners without whom that mission would be greatly diminished. Your support enables the Pullman Foundation to enhance and expand our services, and to effectively respond to the evolving needs and challenges of our Pullman Scholars.

Congratulations to our new Class of 2026 Pullman Scholars as they embark on their college journey. We extend our best wishes to the graduating Class of 2022, our newest class of Pullman Alumni, as they begin the next phase of their lives, whether furthering their education or pursuing their careers. We look forward to celebrating your many achievements.

Together, we are Pullman.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Kaufman, President



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am truly honored to join the Pullman Educational Foundation community and I appreciate the warm welcome I have received as its newest member, together with the new 73rd Class of Pullman Scholars. As I begin connecting more with Pullman Alumni, the recurring and resounding theme I have heard is the high value placed on paying it forward. Every day, I gain a deeper appreciation for the Foundation's enormous and immeasurable impact on the lives of so many through the shared purpose of attaining a college education, and through a deep desire to help ensure that other students benefit from the life-changing support they received when it was needed the most.

As the rising costs of post-secondary education and other barriers continue to challenge aspiring college students and their families, the George M.

Pullman Educational Foundation remains firm in its commitment to help cultivate the next generation of leaders and innovators. With over half of Pullman Scholars becoming the first in their families to attain a bachelor's degree, the Foundation is making key investments in the vitality of youth, families, and communities for generations to come with every scholarship awarded.

Each Pullman Scholar comes to the Foundation from diverse backgrounds and circumstances that have shaped them for their individual college pursuits. While each scholar is unique, together these outstanding young people demonstrate the special qualities and characteristics of a Pullman Scholar under a shared purpose and the high level of tenacity and talent required to achieve success. We hope you will continue to stay connected with

us as we look forward to another exciting year of providing essential scholar services. Thank you so much for your inspired support.

Sincerely,



Eric Delli Bovi, *Executive Director*



MEET OUR 73RD CLASS OF PULLMAN SCHOLARS



Zachary Carter
Lindblom Math & Science Academy
ELMHURST UNIVERSITY



Stephany Flores
Lindblom Math & Science Academy
POMONA COLLEGE



Leeann Gladney
DeVry Advantage Academy
High School
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



Oswaldo Grajeda
Stephen Tyng Mather High School
CORNELL UNIVERSITY



Gabriella Hani
Noble Street College Prep
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Sophia Hani
Noble Street College Prep
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Tristan Hardy*
Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
Fred and Natalie Marcon Scholar



Ebony Ikeemeka
Chicago Math & Science Academy
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY
OF CHICAGO



Soumia Kaltimi
Evanston Township High School
UNIVERSITY ILLINOIS AT
CHICAGO



Summaiya Khan
Von Steuben Metropolitan
Science Center
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



Baron Lei
Lindblom Math & Science Academy
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Nina Lin
Jones College Prep High School
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY



Jonah McArthur
Jones College Prep High School
PITZER COLLEGE



Karime Munoz
Noble Street College Prep
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY



Othel Owen
Francis W. Parker School
UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



Molly Sheahan
Harold L. Richards High School
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT
URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Paulina Slowakiewicz
Jones College Prep High School
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



Safia Tariq
Von Steuben Metropolitan
Science Center
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



Carlos Trejo
John Hancock College Preparatory
High School
CARLETON COLLEGE



Michelle Valencia
John Hancock College Preparatory
High School
UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS

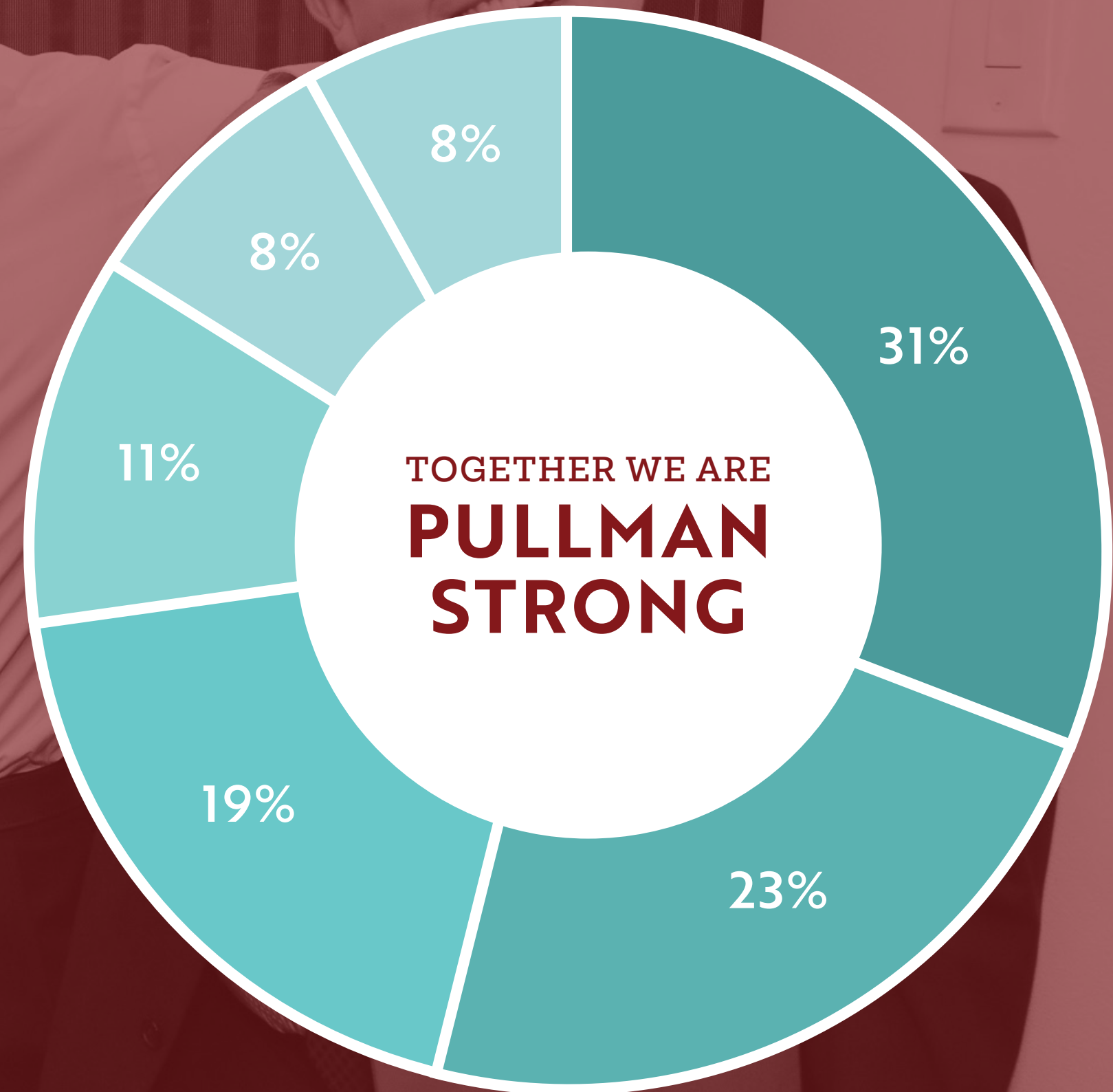


A'maree Waddell
Kenwood Academy
WESTERN MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

*Thanks to the generosity of Pullman Scholar Alumnus, the late Fred Marcon, the Marcon Foundation awards The Fred and Natalie Marcon Scholarship to an outstanding student who plans to study business or science. The scholarship is administered by the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation.

SCHOLAR STATS

31% IDENTIFY as Black, African American
23% IDENTIFY as Hispanic, Latino
19% IDENTIFY as Asian
11% IDENTIFY as Multi-ethnic
8% IDENTIFY as Middle Eastern or North African
8% IDENTIFY as White



64%
IDENTIFY AS
FEMALE

36%
IDENTIFY AS
MALE

3.87
AVERAGE
CUMULATIVE
GPA

“I intend to give my education, the path towards my dream career, 100% of my focus. Reaching my dream job would be a great pride not only for myself but for my family as well. I would be the very first person to go to college and become an airline pilot in my whole

family. My friends and family members in Mexico would be very proud of me and the person that, with determination and dedication, I would’ve been able to become.”

JUAN ALMANZA, LEWIS UNIVERSITY ‘26

“Every opportunity thrown my way, I have taken because I think the more experience and exposure one gets, the more one can expand their knowledge and skills and the closer they are to achieving their dreams and goals. I dream of being the first to graduate from

college in my family. I dream of having goals and accomplishing them without stopping.”

SOPHIA HANI, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ‘26

“While it may not be a challenge to most, or many may not see it as a challenge, I want to complete college. In my family I am the first to go to college, not only for my sister but also for my cousins. I am

my grandma’s first granddaughter to go to college. I am setting an example for those in my family and paving the way for them.”

KARIME MUNOZ, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ‘26

“Being able to graduate college, especially as a first-generation student from a low-income family, has always been rather significant to me. The motivation to acquire success and accomplish more than my parents and grandparents has enticed

end of the tunnel. I was also advised to chase my dreams and to always follow good morals.”

FARIYA ADIL, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY ‘26

up small educational camps that would be approachable by all.”

SUMMAIYA KHAN, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY ‘26

me to apply to highly selective universities and hopefully earn a degree in a field I am ardent about.”

PAULINA SLOWAKIEWICZ, DEPAUL UNIVERSITY ‘26

61% IDENTIFY AS FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

MEET OUR 2022 GRADUATES

ORLANDO ABREGO

University of Illinois at Chicago,
Kinesiology

Orlando is working as a Rehabilitation Aide and plans to go to graduate school for physical therapy.

“The scholarship provided me with the opportunity to dorm on campus. This opportunity was huge towards my growth as a student and as a person. It felt great to experience 100% independence and it is an experience that will stick with me forever.”



IFEOLUWA ATUNNISE

University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Community Health/
Public Health

Ifeoluwa is enrolled in a joint degree program and will now be continuing to earn her Master of Public Health.

“The Pullman Foundation Scholarship has had a huge impact on me as I’ve earned my degree. My financial life has been made so easy because of the Pullman Scholarship. My family and I never had to worry about loans or paying any debt relating to college. I forever feel grateful to the foundation because of the scholarship, and how the scholarship has made life in college so smooth.”



LILIYA BANDUROVYCH

University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, Supply Chain
Management & Marketing

Liliya is working as a Rotational Program Specialist at Topco Associates.

“[The scholarship] allowed me to focus on my studies and not have to worry about money or how I will be paying for my rent in the upcoming month. The panels helped to spark my interest and knowledge in various topics.”



CATHERINE BUCHANIEC

Northwestern University, Journalism
& Political Science

Catherine is working as a defense technology reporter for Sightline Media in Washington D.C.

“The Pullman Foundation Scholarship allowed me to pursue the education that I wanted rather than the one that aligned most with my financial situation — it provided the resources for me to attend a school with unrivaled opportunities.”



89%
graduated within four years

JAKELIN CERVANTES

University of Wisconsin-Madison,
Psychology

Jackelin is working while applying to Physician’s Assistant programs.

“The Pullman scholarship allowed for me to connect with peers who were interested in many different fields which helped me narrow down my major choice my freshman year. It also helped me focus on my classes because the scholarship helped me pay for housing which was a huge weight lifted off my shoulders. The staff at Pullman have always been so attentive and the monthly check-ins were very helpful and supportive specially when I was in situations where I needed advice.”



KAWAI CHEUNG

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Early Childhood Education

Kawai will be teaching early childhood education.

“Without Pullman I would have to work while I went to school. I am so thankful that I could focus on school.”



The average student loan debt among graduating Pullman Scholars was

\$5869

LUIS CORDERO

Davidson College, Neuroscience

Luis is pursuing a Watson Fellowship where he will spend the year traveling to different countries to understand how these cultures address their aging population needs.

“As a first-generation, low-income, queer, and LatinX student graduating is a reminder that with hard work I can accomplish anything in this world. I am grateful for the Pullman foundation and all the people that have supported me. I remember my first year here at Davidson was difficult with the loss of my mother, but the Pullman Foundation along with others supported me through the loss.”



JULIA JAKUBIAK

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Journalism

Julia is working as a Wedding Planner and Administrative Assistant for a local event planning business.

“[The scholarship] gave me the flexibility to go into college (something I thought would otherwise be financially impossible) and explore my interests, rather than just focus on the degree that would earn me the most money at the end.”



SAMUEL JOHNSON

DePauw University, Computer Science

Samuel is continuing his studies at Northwestern University to receive a master's degree in Computer Science before entering the workforce as a software engineer.

“As the most apparent, you all helped to pay for my college which I appreciate so much. Without you all I would have never been able to complete this. Thank you so much.”



TIRA JONES

Howard University, Finance

Tira is working at Johnson & Johnson in the Finance Leadership Development Program.

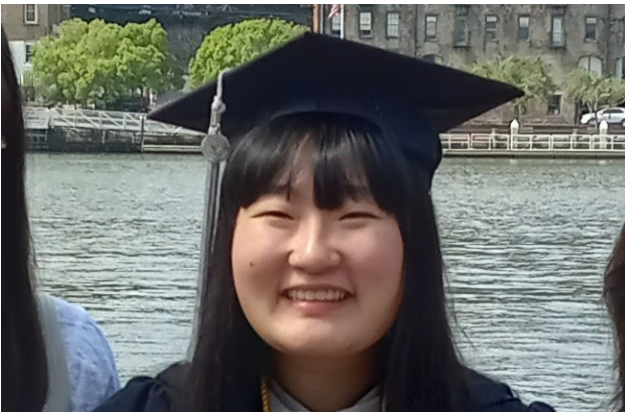
“[The scholarship] helped me pay for college and finish college debt free. Due to this scholarship, I was able to fully focus on my academics and not worry about how my schooling was being paid for. The monthly check-ins were helpful because I always felt like I had my own personal cheerleader in my corner.”



HANNAH KIM

Savannah College of Art and Design, Sequential Art

Hannah is working on designing children’s books and freelancing as an illustrator and graphic novelist.



“The Pullman Foundation was just such a network and community of support and encouragement for me. I felt so blessed to be part of a community of so many incredible scholars and alumni, and it was amazing to me that the Pullman Foundation believed in me too! The scholarship enabled me to go to art school, which was my dream but one I didn’t think could be possible because of finances. I felt like the Pullman Foundation wanted me to not only succeed in college financially, but as a person. The Foundation truly supports and cares for their scholars in every way and I am so grateful!”

DANIEL MORENO

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Systems Engineering and Design

Daniel is working as an engineer for Constellation Energy at Oswego, New York.



“[The scholarship] helped tremendously reduced the amount of stress and anxiety that comes with trying to earn a degree. It helped eliminate something that I did not need to worry about which is money. I was also able to use the resources necessary to succeed into my academics using the Pullman Connect website and attending symposium to network and engage more into my community. The foundation helped me better understand the challenges that come with starting college but also post-graduation, my own self, my skills and using them to succeed.”

The average cumulative GPA of the senior class was

3.52

ERIKA PEREZ

DePaul University, Communication and Media

Erika is working with the Spanish news channel Univision Chicago as an Assignment Desk Editor.

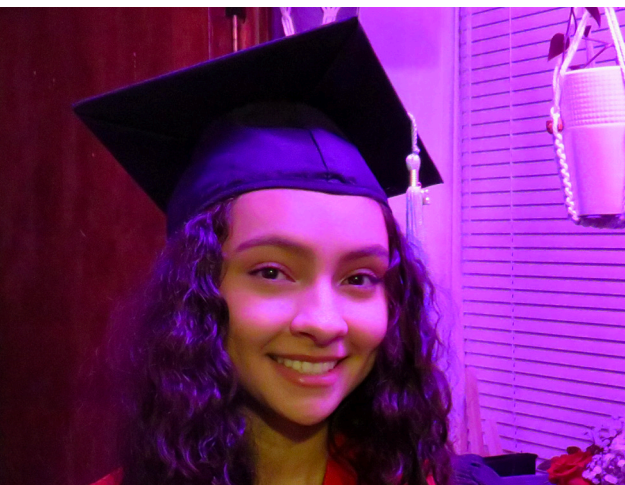


“The Pullman Foundation provided me with interactive workshop and sessions to be prepared for interviews and writing cover letters. The weekly check-ins helped a lot in terms of advice and over reflecting on what I would like to improve as a student.”

ABRIL PEREZNEGRON

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Education Studies

Abril is working as a tutor teaching Spanish and Algebra to adult and student learners before applying to graduate school.



“The Pullman Scholarship Foundation taught me how to network and how to keep myself accountable during my time in college. Being a first-gen student I was very afraid of what life at a Big Ten would look like, but I always had resources to rely on. The Foundation allowed my dreams to come true and I always knew that I had people rooting for me.”

ALAN PHUNG

Denison University, Financial Economics

Alan Phung is working at Morningstar in the Credit Track, while also working on his Vietnamese Coffee startup company named Mai Coffee.



“[The scholarship] has allowed me financial freedom with taking no loans to go to college. I am very thankful for that. I learned how to speak better with people in interviews and in general.”

TAOFEEQ RASAKI

University of Southern California, Mechanical Engineering

Taofeeq is working at Boeing as a Maintenance Programs Engineer.

“I felt like I always had the backing of people that really cared about me. Anne knowing my name was a small step but it had a huge impact that she knew every single scholar’s name and face so easily.”



KEYLA RUIZ

George Washington University, Criminal Justice

Keyla is attending Marymount University to obtain her master’s degree in Forensic and Legal Psychology.

“Pullman Foundation Scholarship played a major rule as I earned my college degree. Pullman has helped me financially to attend the college that I wanted to go to. They helped the financial burden that was holding me back my senior year of high school and made it possible for me to attend college. It was helpful doing monthly check ins with the foundation to keep one another updated.”



OBSIDIAN RUIZ

Loyola University Chicago, Political Science, Psychology

Obsidian is working with the Urban Growers Collective and The Back of the Yards Coffee House and continue to serve Chicago’s most vulnerable communities.

“Providing the funds and the check-ins with Tori has been instrumental to my success.”



WERONIKA RYBARSKA

Illinois State University, Human Resources Management

Weronika moved to Denver, CO to start her career in Human Resources at a cybersecurity company.

“Pullman Foundation Scholarship helped me get my degree without worrying about money and making the ends meet. I’ll be forever grateful for that. The Foundation provided me with a great network to connect with and learn more about career opportunities.”

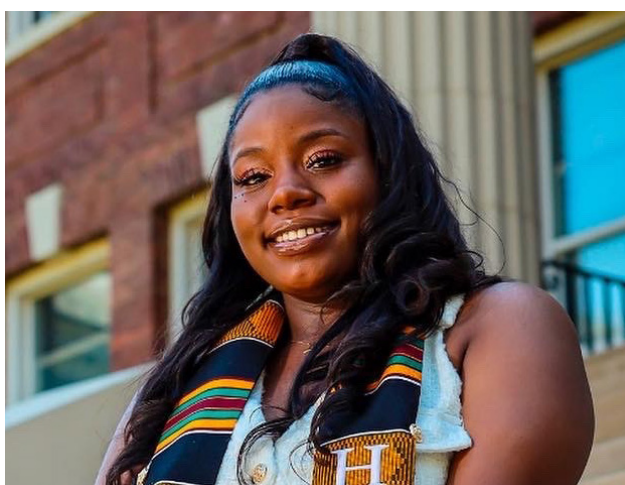


JADE STEPNEY

Howard University, Clinical Laboratory Science

Jade Stepney is working at Rush Medical Center’s Blood Banking Department before entering medical school in 2023.

“The Pullman Foundation had an immense impact on getting my degree. I was able to not worry about financial issues as much and really focus on my degree. Since I was pre-med, I had to take a lot of classes and needed all my attention directed towards them.”



17

seniors reported that they are graduating debt-free

Retention rate of
100%
over four years

TEREY TELLEZ

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Industrial Design

Terey is moving to Germany for the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a yearlong cultural immersion program.

“Pullman reminded me I wasn’t alone in my college journey, connecting me to students with the same obstacles and achievements I had. It provided me the opportunities to reflect on my experiences I otherwise wouldn’t have taken the time to do.”

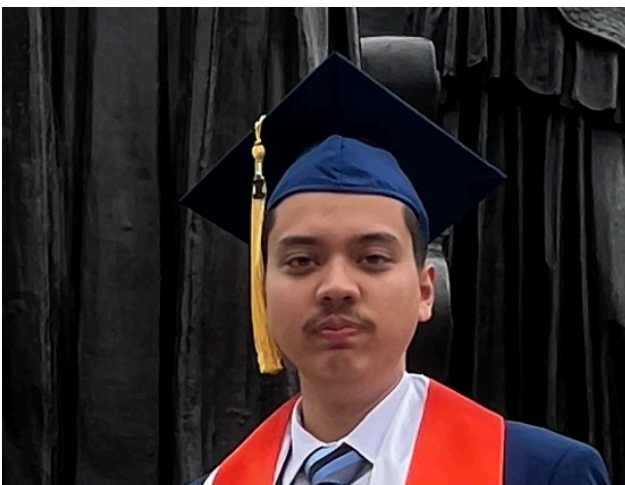


JORGE ULLOA

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Technical Systems Management

Jorge is working at F.H. Paschen as a Project Engineer.

“The Pullman Foundation Scholarship had a huge impact as I earned my degree. It covered the remaining amount of my financial aid without needing to take out a loan. I will always be thankful for that! The educational and professional support the Foundation provided was very helpful. I have learned a lot and gained guidance that is not easy to find. Pullman Foundation is/was very helpful especially since I am the first in my immediate family to go to college.”



INARA VIRANI

University of Illinois at Chicago, Marketing

Inara is working for Amazon in Seattle.

“[The scholarship] helped me financially with external costs of school such as textbooks and commuting. It made me feel bold about my career changed and choice of major.”



TABITHA WILLIS

Ohio State University, Medical Anthropology

Tabitha is going to the University of Virginia School of Medicine as an SMLP Scholar and as a Georgetown Medicine CORE Fellow. Then, she will head to Northwestern Medicine as a NU-MHRT Fellow for her gap year as she applies to medical school.

“I greatly appreciated the reflection I was able to have when talking to Pullman staff each month about updates in my life. I found it super helpful to keep myself accountable for my actions in and out of the classroom and track my own progress towards goals I had for the semester. It’s cool to see how far I’ve come each month in my reflections throughout the years.”



MELANIE ZUNIGA

Loyola University Chicago, Biology

Melanie is pursuing her MBA at the Loyola University Chicago Quinlan School of Business.

“I would never have earned my degree without the Pullman Foundation Scholarship. After being accepted into Loyola University Chicago, I was saddened by the fact that I would most likely not be able to attend because my family and myself could not afford the tuition. But the Scholarship changed my life because it enabled me to attend a four-year university and receive my degree. The educational support that the Foundation provided was instrumental in my success. Specifically, the monthly check-ins and the yearly symposium were very helpful in ensuring that I was successful in completing my degree.”



PULLMAN PROGRAMS

The Foundation works to ensure Pullman Scholars graduate on time and with as little debt as possible. In addition to essential financial aid, Pullman Scholars receive educational, personal, and professional resources. These non-financial supports provide Pullman Scholars with the tools necessary to succeed in and beyond college.

SCHOLAR SUCCESS SEMINARS

are held throughout the academic year featuring special guest speakers designed to respond to the needs and interests of Pullman Scholars. These live webinar sessions are recorded and made available to scholars for ongoing access. Topics this school year included:

LANDING INTERNSHIPS with a panel of three recent Pullman Scholar graduates who discussed how they secured a top-tier internship during college, and how it helped them land a full-time job after graduation.

APPLYING TO MEDICAL SCHOOL with a panel of three recent Pullman Scholar graduates who shared their journey of navigating the medical school admission and selection process.

LEVERAGING LINKEDIN for networking and visibility with Pullman Scholar Alum Nick Tarleton, University of Illinois '16, who discussed best practices on LinkedIn and provided tips for making a professional profile stand out.

FOSTERING MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

through the Sista Afya Community Mental Wellness and led by Camesha Jones, a social worker, entrepreneur, and community mental wellness advocate. This webinar focused on strategies to care for one's mental health during college.

Back in person after two years, the annual **PULLMAN SCHOLAR SYMPOSIUM** offered stimulating workshops, professional development, inspirational speakers, and networking opportunities designed to help Pullman Scholars thrive in college and beyond. The day's schedule included workshops focused on business dining etiquette, networking tips, maximizing online presence, resume review, interview tips, financial literacy, and more.

The post-Symposium Networking Reception with Pullman Scholars, Alumni, Scholar Selection Committee Members, Board of Directors, and Staff

is a unique opportunity to come together in support and celebration, enabling the community to build connections, and for scholars to put their newly acquired networking skills into practice. Click [here](#) for a brief video of the 2022 Symposium.



WHAT OUR SCHOLARS SAY ABOUT PULLMAN PROGRAMS

"I loved the Pullman Foundation's Symposiums. It's wonderful to be in a room of like-minded scholars, learn practical tips about networking and career life, and hear from inspiring speakers. It was an event that made an impact on me, and I remember being amazed at the quality of the event my freshman year!"

HANNAH KIM
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART
AND DESIGN '22

"When we would have workshops whether it be on resume, cover letters, or interview tips it was helpful and added to my professional experience. Pullman helped me prepare for the professional world throughout the past 4 years and now I feel more confident with the work I send to employers."

KEYLA RUIZ
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY '22

"The Pullman workshops were very informative and touched on topics that are often not talked about on campus. The workshop where we discussed cover letters and resumes helped me organize mine and obtain job opportunities on campus."

JAKELIN CERVANTES
UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN-MADISON '22

"Attending the many diverse workshops hosted, I was able to think of new perspectives as well as develop the necessary skills for success. I feel well-prepared thanks to the education and professional support provided by the Foundation."

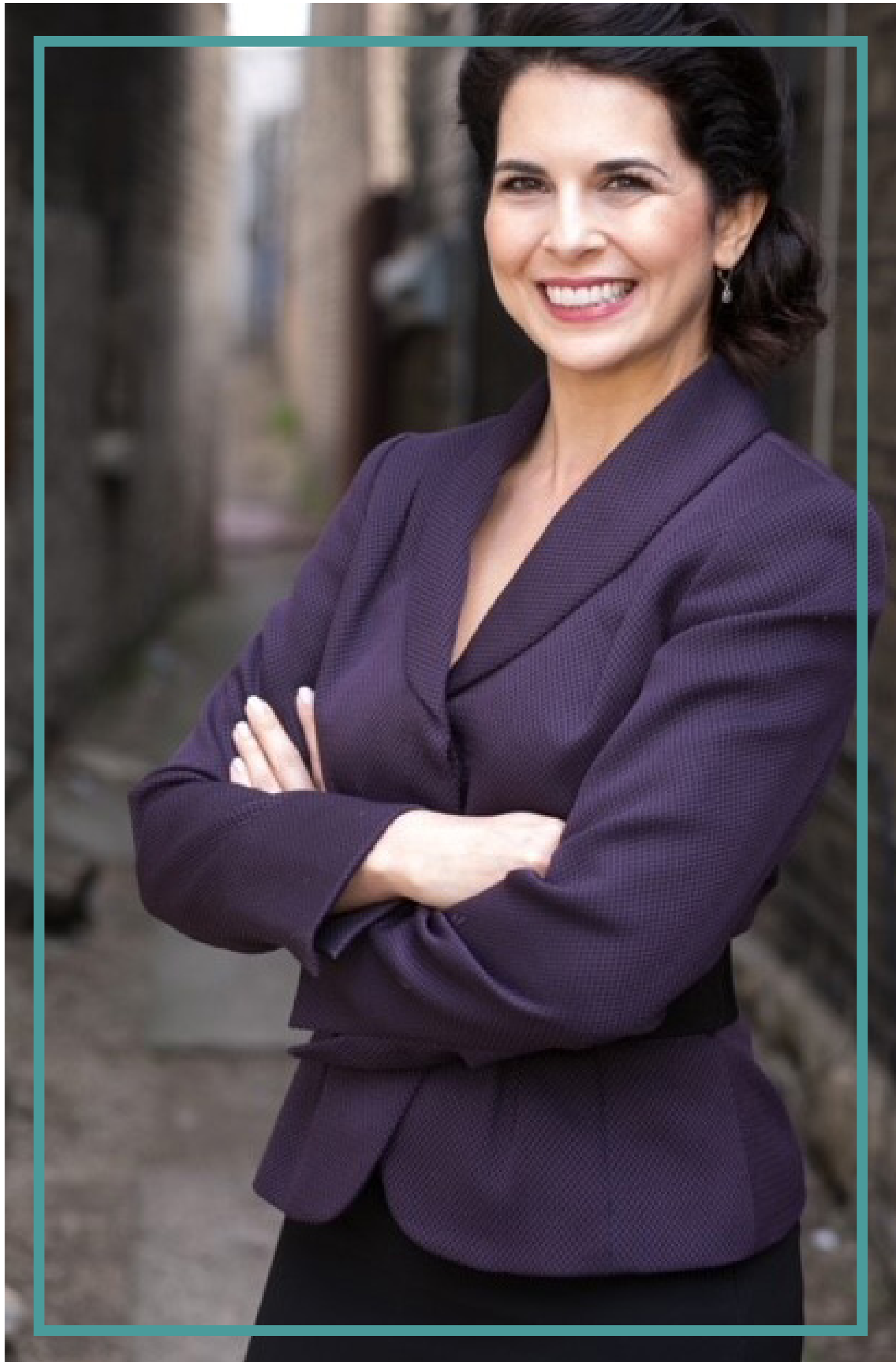
ABRIL PEREZNEGRON
UNIVERSITY OF
WISCONSIN- MADISON '21

"The educational and professional support provided unparalleled tools to help me pursue my goals and push my myself to my greatest potential professionally."

TABITHA WILLIS
THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY '22



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Ladder Up has been a vital partner for providing Pullman Scholars with essential tools and resources, offering Seminar and Symposium sessions on budgeting for college and other financial literacy topics. As Executive Director of Ladder Up, Phyllis Cavallone-Jurek has conducted the trainings personally to her fellow Pullman Scholars this year. The Foundation is truly fortunate to have alumni as principal trainers who can authentically connect with scholars through their shared experiences.

“Being a Pullman Scholar was very important to me and I am thrilled to be ‘paying it forward,’ in a sense, through the work I do now with Ladder Up; helping advise college bound students on how to obtain financial aid and how to manage their finances. In doing this meaningful work, students will, like I did, not only lift themselves up, but their entire family.”

PHYLLIS CAVALLONE-JUREK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LADDER UP AND
PULLMAN SCHOLAR ALUMNUS (1992)

PROFILE OF A VERY, VERY EARLY PULLMAN SCHOLAR

JAMES F. STEWART, JR

Many of our country's heroes come from the most modest of beginnings. They are raised by their parents to do their absolute best not for any awards or recognition, but simply for the love of country. They are raised in small communities like Chicago's Pullman south side neighborhood, where people take pride in service, perseverance, and hard work. As a youth, Jimmy Stewart will always remember the World War II years of patriotism and service.

When asked about his connection to the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation, Colonel James F. Stewart (B.S., AAE, 1957. Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana) responded,

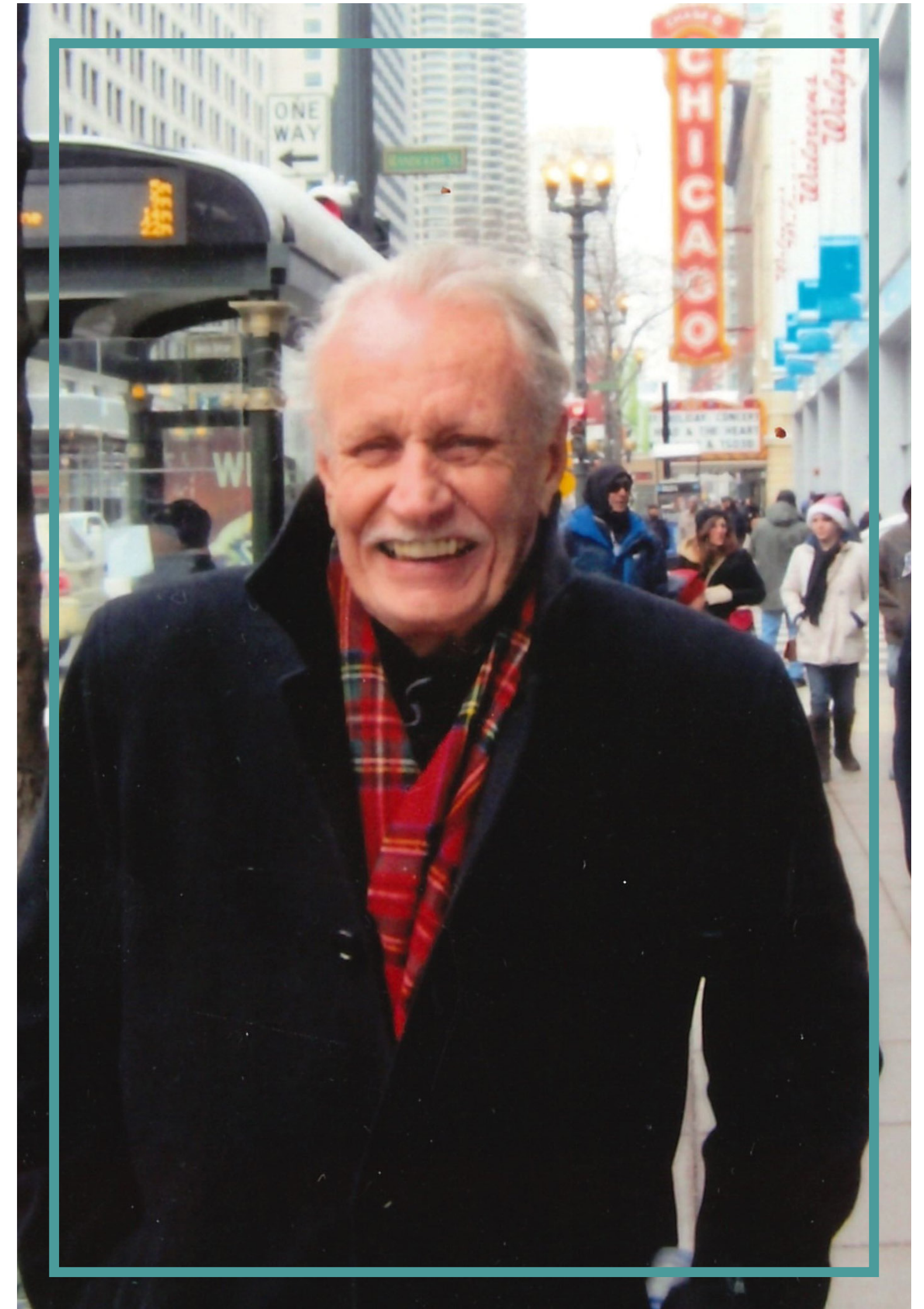
"I am Pullman."

Stewart's father and grandparents emigrated from Scotland and Europe to the US to escape the turmoil left in the aftermath of World War I. The Stewart family found a new home, settling in the Pullman neighborhood of Chicago. "My grandfather became a cabinet maker for Pullman in the 1920s, 1930s", he recalls. "My father, although employed with the Illinois Central Railroad, spent most of his 43 years there assigned to the Pullman Company, overseeing the designing and building of the railroad's passenger cars and locomotives."

Stewart's own Pullman ties are equally strong. As a kid of the Great Depression who "ran with a rough and tumble bunch," he recognizes that George M. Pullman's legacy was a profoundly positive influence on his life. "I grew up in the Pullman district," he says. "I attended the George M. Pullman Elementary School. I ice skated on the pond at Pullman Tech High School. During the summers of my college years, I was a draftsman at Pullman Standard."

And last but not least, Stewart became one of the first Pullman Scholars. To this day, he recalls his 1952 application interview with then-executive director Urban Wills at the very modest office above the State Theater at 110th Michigan Avenue in Roseland.

At a young age, Stewart had a great interest in aviation, especially the combat exploits of aircrews of the US Army Air Corps of World War II. Always wanting to fly for the Air Force, it was an outstanding choice for Stewart to use his Pullman scholarship to enroll in the Aeronautical and Astronautical engineering program at Purdue University and in the USAF Reserve Officers Training Corps. He received his commission as a



Second Lieutenant on Commencement Day. While awaiting active duty, he was employed by the Rocketdyne Corporation as an operations engineer to conduct acceptance testing of rocket engines for NASA and the US Air Force.

Upon entering the Air Force, Lieutenant Stewart successfully completed flight training and was assigned to the Tactical Air Command. With his Rocketdyne civilian experience, his engineering degree, and the Cold War space race with the then USSR, Stewart was later transferred to the Air Force Research and Development Command with the mission of ICBM development and launch testing. He was the Test Controller for the first test launch of an ICBM (Titan I) from a silo.

Education continued to be of great importance to Stewart. In 1965, Stewart earned his MBA from the University of Chicago through a program for active-duty military officers. Even with his new MBA and the potential to take more advantageous USAF opportunities, he opted for a more exciting and adventurous career direction and was shortly deployed to Vietnam. He also served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia through five air battle campaigns and three tours of duty.

After cross training to large, four-engine cargo aircraft, he concluded his service in Southeast Asia by evacuating Vietnamese civilians from Saigon to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. His last flight to Clark was that fateful day in late April 1975 when North Vietnamese tanks were about to enter Saigon. His last association with “Nam” was one of the most rewarding missions of his military career, by returning American POWs back home to the good ol’ USA!

His next flying years were then spent in other remote parts of the world conducting worldwide combat air drop operations with our NATO allies. For his heroic actions, Stewart has been honored with the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and an Air Medal with 11 Oak Leaf Clusters. A USAF career devoted to the service of our nation.

Stewart also had a very successful career in the aerospace industry after his US Air Force retirement through executive engineering positions with the development of Air Force advanced ICBMs and NASA space programs. He is happily married with three children and four grandchildren. Stewart also remains a loyal donor to the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation. He designates all his gifts “in honor of those I left behind in Vietnam.”

Today, this highly decorated career Air Force officer still feels extraordinarily grateful for his Pullman Foundation Scholarship. “My college education allowed me to have a very successful career in the USAF and civilian life,” he says. Throughout his life and military career, he grew to appreciate perseverance, true grit, and a “no complaining allowed” determination, and he is very pleased to recognize the same qualities in today’s scholars. “I am proud to be associated with each and every past, present, and future Pullman Scholar. They all have true grit; I am absolutely sure.”



WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARS

BEQUESTS

Memorialize your philanthropic interests and your legacy while providing for the next generation of Pullman Scholars by making a bequest to the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation for a specific amount or percentage of your estate.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Establishing a donor-advised fund may allow you to claim a charitable gift deduction in one year and advise annual gifts from your fund to support the Foundation over several years. If you already hold a donor-advised fund (e.g. Fidelity Charitable or Schwab Charitable), please consider recommending grants from your fund to support the Foundation.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

This type of donation is a way to make a gift to support Pullman Scholars and receive a steady flow of income for yourself or others for life. Learn more by contacting the Foundation office.

IRA CHARITABLE GIFT ROLLOVER

Donors at least 70 1/2 years of age can make a gift directly to the Foundation from their IRA without needing to claim the gift as taxable income. IRA rollovers, up to \$100,000, also can be used to satisfy your annual minimum distribution requirement.

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