

Aniyah and  
Kwymaje took

## DIFFERENT PATHS

Aniyah has followed the traditional path: complete high school in four years and gain acceptance to a four-year post-secondary institution. Now a senior at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School, she has committed to her top choice, Ursinus College as an Abele Scholar.

Aniyah says, "St. James is always there whenever you feel like you should give up, nudging you to work harder and do better because they know you can."

Kwymaje took a non-traditional path. "Looking back," he says, "my younger self could not see the benefits of study hall, being in school through July, and strict behavior rules."

Now a first-semester freshman at Cabrini University, **Kwymaje credits St. James with changing the trajectory of his life:** "I am forever grateful for the staff that stepped out of their job descriptions to make sure that I would develop into the young man and scholar I am this very day," he says.

St. James walks beside all alumni throughout their college journeys.

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**JONATHAN (Class of 2015) in 16-week training program at ITWorks in Philadelphia:**

"The pandemic was hard on my family because we had many little kids at home all day. I helped out around the house and delayed my post-secondary education. I'm happy to be working toward a big goal now."

**MONAE (Class of 2017) will attend La Roche University in Pittsburgh:**

"It took me a few tries to find the right high school, but I graduated with honors from YouthBuild Charter School last year. Then I tried a few different fast food and retail jobs. That experience made me realize I want more out of life. Knowing I have overcome a lot of obstacles makes me confident I can achieve my goals."



**TAKI (Class of 2018) First choice is Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster:**

"St. James doesn't wait until you need help, they stay on top of you. They showed up on my doorstep to help me get back on track before I got in too much trouble. Without them I wouldn't be ready to graduate high school and go on to trade school."



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