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SCHOLAR PRESENTATION YEAR IN REVIEW

SCHOLAR & FAMILY AWARDS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

- **ALUM OF THE YEAR AWARD: FRANKLIN REYNOLDS**
- **JOHN & ANN GEAREN AWARD: PATRICK FISHER**
- **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AWARD: DR. JULIE WELBORN**

SENIOR SCHOLAR RECOGNITION & AWARDS

TRIBUTE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

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CLOSING REMARKS

SPECIAL
AWARDS

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ALUM OF THE YEAR

FRANKLIN REYNOLDS
SENIOR ACCOUNT MANAGER,
AMAZON WEB SERVICES

Franklin Reynolds is a business transformation strategist with 15-plus years of experience pushing boundaries and uncovering hidden opportunities to reduce cost and support profitable business growth.

Today, he is a Senior Account Manager, strategic independent software vendor sales for Amazon Web Services. A proud LINK Unlimited Alum, Franklin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Williams College, a Master of Arts in Engineering Management from Northwestern University's McCormick School of Engineering, and a MBA from The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.



JOHN & ANN **GEAREN AWARD**

PATRICK FISHER
MANAGING PARTNER, CREATION
INVESTMENTS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

Patrick Fisher has been a LINK Mentor since 2003, his current Mentee Landon Johnson is the sixth LINK Scholar he has mentored. Patrick is the founder of Creation Investments, an alternative investments management company focused on private equity investments in Microfinance Institutions, Small-and-Medium Enterprise lenders, Emerging Market Banks, and other BOP Financial Services Providers.

He is a global leader in the financial services industry and leads various aspects of the firm's operations. Mr. Fisher chairs the firm's Investment Committee and sits on the board of several of the firm's portfolio companies globally, along with other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Theology, and Computer Applications from the University of Notre Dame. He also received his MBA from Northwestern University. He speaks Chinese and is fluent in Spanish. He lives in Chicago with his wife, children, and dog.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AWARD

**DR. JULIE WELBORN
ASSOC. PASTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE,
LASALLE STREET CHURCH**

Julie Welborn is the Associate Pastor of Youth & Family Life at LaSalle Street Church in Chicago. She is a skilled teacher and preacher who has worked at the Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the Director of Catholic Identity, as a program Director for LINK Unlimited Scholars, and as Director of Youth & Young Adult ministries for the Faith Community of Saint Sabina.

Julie holds a Bachelor of Arts in theater from Williams College. She also holds a Master of Arts in Communication from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master of Divinity, a Doctorate of Ministry and a certificate in Spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union.

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HIGH STANDARD OF SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

· SCHOLARS WHO HAVE MAINTAINED A 3.8 GPA OR ABOVE ·

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- Davion Nutall
- Ava Okai
- Natalia González-René
- Auttum Thomas

CLASS OF 2024

- Jayda Anderson
- Gelyn Boling
- Alonzo Manning
- Kennedy Turpeau

CLASS OF 2025

- Akila Baker
- Trinity Cowles
- Ezra Essex
- Manuel French
- Terrelle Jackson Jr.
- Landon Johnson
- Opemipo Kuku
- Michal Lampejo
- Kylee Ng
- Ethen Stampley
- Jady Thomas
- Monroe Thompson Jr.

CLASS OF 2026

- Ameer Bunkley
- Saniyah Freeman
- London Hampton
- Cori Hardiman
- Nailah Jones
- Ari Jones
- Zuri Joplin
- Chace Martin
- Chioma Nwagwu

BEST ATTENDANCE OF THE YEAR

· SCHOLARS WHO HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND ·

CLASS OF 2023

- William Dotson III
- Ellis Jones
- Samaia Nunn
- Madison Pearson
- Natalia González-René
- Auttum Thomas
- Zachary Tobias
- Marquelle Waterford
- Leonard White Jr.

CLASS OF 2024

- Mitchell Bender III
- Joseph Butler II
- Omar Elane Jr.
- Miyah Heard
- Karmyn Jackson

CLASS OF 2025

- Donavon Allen
- David DeLacy
- Timothy Harris
- Ronia Linton
- Bryce Rogers
- Ethen Stampley
- Steven Robinson III
- Noah Vaughn
- Kevin Wilson III

CLASS OF 2026

- Laleeh Brand
- Saniyah Freeman
- Christian Gates
- Ari Jones
- Maurice Neeley
- Tessa Schultz

BE YOU X10 AWARD

OLIVIA CAMERON

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NAILAH JONES

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CHACE MARTIN

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THE MOST SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDS RECEIVED

▣ **DAVION NUTALL** ▣

SCHOLAR ATHLETES

- Mahogani Anderson
- Maya Banks
- Kenneth Davis
- William Dotson III
- Seth Lewis
- Michael Novy Jr.
- Natalia González-René
- Marquelle Waterford
- Leonard White Jr.

SCHOLAR CREATIVES

- Mahogani Anderson
- Maya Banks
- Xavier Buford
- Samaia Nunn
- Madison Pearson
- Auttum Thomas

THE RESILIENCE AWARD

▫ **ERYN OSEI** ▫

JAMES J. GAVIN HUMANITARIAN AWARD

▫ **DAVION NUTALL** ▫

JOHN PARMER OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

▫ **MARQUELLE WATERFORD** ▫

EXEMPLARY LINK SCHOLAR AWARD

▫ **AUTTUM THOMAS** ▫

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W I N G S

JORDAN WINGS SCHOLARS

- ▣ **NATALIA GONZÁLEZ-RENÉ** ▣
 - ▣ **AUTTUM THOMAS** ▣
 - ▣ **MARQUELLE WATERFORD** ▣
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JORDAN WINGS NOMINEES

Mahogani Anderson
William Dotson III
Jhanaye Marshall
Samaia Nunn
Madison Pearson
Kirstin Smith
Krista Smith

POSSE

POSSE SCHOLAR WINNER

▣ **DAVION NUTALL** ▣

POSSE SCHOLAR NOMINEES & SEMI-FINALISTS

- Mahogani Anderson
- Morgan Berryhill*
- Xavier Buford*
- Seth Lewis
- Samaia Nunn
- Ava Okai*
- Eryn Osei*
- Kirstin Smith
- Krista Smith
- Taylor Thomas
- Zachary Tobias
- Leonard White

**Denotes Semi-finalists*

SMITH-HENDERSON COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIP

▣ **MAHOGANI ANDERSON** ▣



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ANDERSON

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COLLEGE DECISION

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE

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MARIA & BRIAN HODAPP

Name

MAHOGANI
Anderson

High School

KING COLLEGE PREP

College Decision

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& A&M College

Mentor

MARIA & BRIAN
Hodapp

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MENTOR
ANICIA MILLER

MAYA



Name

MAYA
Banks

High School

GWENDOLYN BROOKS
College Prep

College Decision

NORTH CAROLINA
A&T

Mentor

ANICIA
Miller

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2023

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CHICAGO HOPE ACADEMY
COLLEGE DECISION
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NATASHA NORRIS

MORGAN



BERRYHILL

Name

MORGAN
BERRYHILL

High School

CHICAGO HOPE
ACADEMY

College Decision

SAINT LOUIS
University

Mentor

NATASHA
Norris



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TONY

TONY BROWN
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HIGH SCHOOL
PROVIDENCE ST. MEL
COLLEGE DECISION
CARLETON COLLEGE

BROWN

Name

TONY
Brown

High School

PROVIDENCE
St. Mel

College Decision

CARLETON
College

XAVIER BUFORD
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XAVIER

BUFORD

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Buford

High School

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College Decision

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Mentor

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DOTSON, III

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MARIST
High School

College Decision

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College

Mentor

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Edwards

High School

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Hodari



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GONZÁLEZ RENÉ

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High School

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Mentor

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Prep

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Mentor

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TOMMIE MEYERS



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ELLIS
Jones

High School

MARIAN
Catholic

College Decision

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
University-Carbondale

Mentor

TOMMIE
Meyers



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COLLEGE DECISION

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MENTOR

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JOSEPH

Name

DOMINIQUE
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High School

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Caldwell



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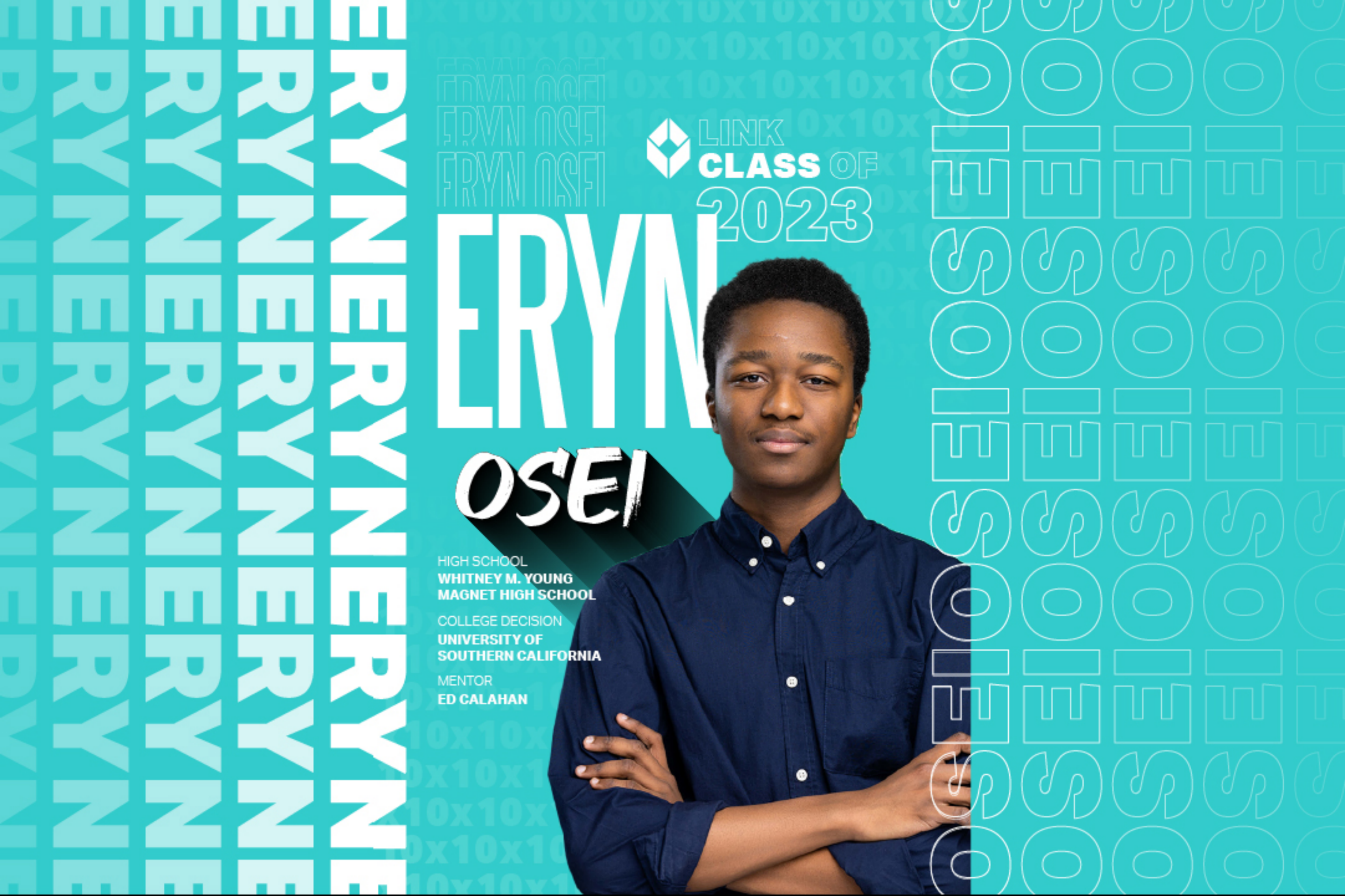
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High School

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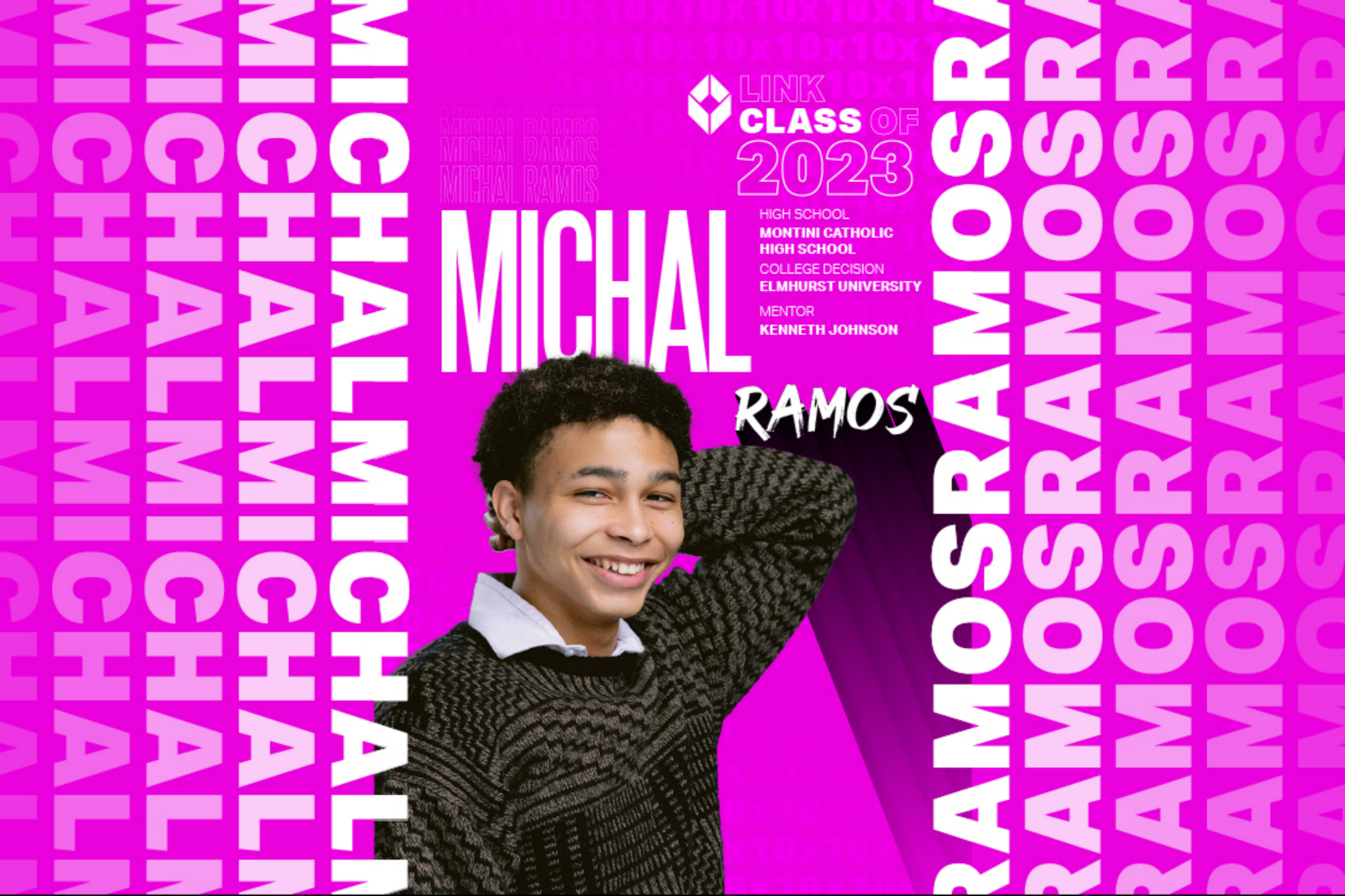
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Name

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College Decision

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Smith

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THOMAS



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Thomas

High School

MARIST
High School

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TOBIAS

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Rice

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Waterford

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KENWOOD
Academy

College Decision

MOREHOUSE
College

Mentor

DWAYNE
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