



MAYOR'S SCHOLAR CHRISTOPHER GRIFFIN, CLASS OF 2012

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For Christopher Griffin, C'12, raised just miles from campus, Penn has always been part of the landscape – but part of a world he understood little about. All that changed in one short summer when Chris participated in Penn's Project SEED, a special academic program for high-achieving but economically-challenged Philadelphia high school students. Sponsored by Penn and the American Chemical Society, Project SEED gave the junior from Overbrook's Lamberton High the chance to come to campus and work in a chemistry lab, where he learned about science and experienced firsthand the world of higher education. Months later, with the encouragement and support of the program's faculty and staff – and a mother who has worked tirelessly to

provide opportunities for her son – Chris applied to Penn. His acceptance may be among his proudest accomplishments, but it was the financial aid package he received that made attending a reality. At Penn, there is no higher priority than opening the doors of this great University for high-achieving students of all socioeconomic backgrounds. It's a commitment that has distinguished Penn nationally, extending from outreach initiatives such as Project SEED to new University policies alleviating student debt. The result is a diverse and vibrant academic community that enriches the educational experience of all students and prepares leaders for every sector of society.

This is Penn. History Starts Here.

Through *Making History*, we will significantly boost our financial aid resources, empowering Penn to offer generous need-based financial aid to undergraduate students of talent and high potential – remarkable young men and women who can both benefit from and contribute to the life of the University.

Raising funds for undergraduate scholarships is a top campaign priority. To learn more, contact Lisa McClatchy, Campaign Director, at 215.898.7922 or visit www.makinghistory.upenn.edu

