

PEIRCE ELLIS



PERSONAL

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Grade	12th + Dual Enrollment
Languages	English; Courses in Mandarin, Latin, & Spanish

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PROFILE

Peirce Ellis is a high school senior who will attend Harvard University in the fall. He is a 2021 Ron Brown Scholar and a violist who has performed at the White House and in Iceland, New York, Chicago, Miami, and California. He was featured on NPR's *From the Top* radio show where he received the Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist award. Peirce is a student at Juilliard Pre-College studying with Toby Appel, and during the summer of 2020, participated in Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra, the Wharton School's business programs, and USC's Bovard Scholars. Past orchestras include the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra, Temple University's Youth Chamber Orchestra, and UPenn's orchestras. He performed nationally with the Perfect Fourth Quartet through the Sphinx Organization and co-founded EllisVillage, a community arts engagement venture supporting non-profit organizations that serve young people. EllisVillage performances include a two-hour set at the Philadelphia Eagles' Fashion Touchdown fundraiser, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Building Big Awards, and a gala honoring Dionne Warwick. He also teaches violin and viola to elementary-aged students in his small, private studio.

Peirce was selected to represent the United States at a two-week leadership program at the International School of Karuizawa in Japan with students from over 30 countries. He participated in the Kimmel Center's Showstoppers musical theater program and is an alumnus of Schoolyard Ventures, a program that trains students to develop their own entrepreneurial ideas. He is a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society member, USC Bovard Scholar, College Board National African American Recognition Program honoree, and 2020 Questbridge Finalist.

EXPERIENCE

- 2021** ● **BLK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**
BLK Capital is a 100% black-owned long-short equity hedge fund with 100k AUM.
- 2021** ● **FIRST GENERATION INVESTORS**
FGI teaches high school students in underserved communities the power of investing.
- 2020** ● **WHARTON FUTURE OF THE BUSINESS WORLD & GYM**
Business and finance summer program. Designed, developed, and pitched a product. The Global Youth Meetup (GYM) included a two-month stock market challenge where students learned to read the market and pick stocks.
- 2020+** ● **GOTV PHONE BANKING - AFSCME COUNCIL 47**
Phone-banking to members during election cycles. Discuss issues and encourage voting.
- 2017+** ● **ELLISVILLAGE - CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT**
Venture that supports organizations supporting young people. Performances include: Philadelphia Eagles gala, Big Brothers/Big Sisters awards show, soirees, fundraisers, school assemblies, libraries, and more. ellisvillage.com
- 2019+** ● **VIOLIST - JUILLIARD PRE-COLLEGE**
Student of Toby Appel. Orchestra, chamber, ear training and music theory. Masterclass with Kim Kashkashian.
- 2017+** ● **VIOLIST - NATIONAL SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVALS**
In 2020, I attended Carnegie Hall's National Youth Orchestra virtually. In 2019, I spent seven weeks at Meadowmount. Multi-year alumnus of Boston University Tanglewood Institute, the Sphinx Performance Academy, Carnegie Hall's NYO & NYO2, and Luzerne Music Center.
- 2016** ● **WHITE HOUSE PERFORMANCE**
National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Performance for Michelle Obama and other dignitaries. <https://youtu.be/MTD5jkQ8NMw>
- 2016** ● **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF KARUIZAWA**
Leadership Program in Karuizawa, Japan
Represented the U.S. at a leadership camp with 80 students from around the world.
- 2016+** ● **SCHOOLYARD VENTURES**
Student Entrepreneurship Program. Two cycles.

EDUCATION

- 2017+** ● **DREXEL UNIVERSITY & LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES**
Over 60 college credits. Currently taking Differential Equations and Statistics. Dual enrollment classes began freshman year in high school. Calculus I-III, Biology I&II, Physics, Acoustics, English I&II, Spanish I&II, Global Studies, Africana Studies, Music Business, Creative Writing, American Government.
- 2008+** ● **MARPLE ACADEMY - Homeschool, Online, and Private Study**
Personalized college-prep curriculum

HONORS/AWARDS

- RON BROWN SCHOLAR - 2021
- NPR'S FROM THE TOP RADIO SHOW - 2020
- JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG ARTIST - 2020
- QUESTBRIDGE FINALIST - 2020
- USC BOVARD SCHOLAR - 2020
- COLLEGE BOARD AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLAR - 2020
- PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY - 2020
- PRESIDENT'S HONORS LIST - DELCO. CC- 2018, 2019
- MU ETA SIGMA NATIONAL MATH HONOR SOCIETY - 2019
- VENTURES SCHOLARS - 2019
- PHILADELPHIA NAACP ACT-SO-CLASSICAL - GOLD - 2019, 2020
- BRUCE MONTGOMERY SPRINGBOARD AWARD - 2018
- MARIAN ANDERSON AWARD RECIPIENT (3 YEARS)
- PMAY & PRIMAVERA FOUNDATION ARTIST 2016 - 2019
- NAMM FOUNDATION PERFORMANCE, ANAHEIM, CA - 2017

HOBBIES



VIOLA



TRAVEL



BASKETBALL



WRITING



STARTUPS



THEATRE