**BIO:**

I am a junior undergraduate student from Doylestown, Pennsylvania pursuing majors in Politics-Philosophy and Psychology. I have had enriching internships with the Pittsburgh City Council, the New York City Garment District Alliance, the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office, and a campaign for PA Supreme Court. Additionally, I work with PittVotes as a Civic Influencer fellow, and am the founder and co-host of the Panthers on Politics Podcast with PittNews. I love being involved in various campus clubs, and currently hold the positions of Internal Affairs Chair for Women in Law and President for National Residence Hall Honorary. I have also worked with the Rottman Lab to assist in improving a Psychology Research Methods course. These experiences helped me to realize the power embedded in shared stories, and crystallized my passion for fostering increased civic engagement.

**PARTNERING ORGANIZATION:**

University of Pittsburgh Community Engagement Centers

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

My project is dedicated to increasing political engagement within low-income African American communities, with a specific focus on Pittsburgh neighborhoods that exemplify these demographics – Homewood and the Hill District. I aim to construct a comprehensive repository of research on their existing political engagement status, infrastructure, strategies, and plans for current and ongoing voter engagement. This endeavor will involve developing a thorough set of resources, including a typology of groups involved in political outreach, literature reviews encompassing effective engagement strategies and voting barriers, and a self-assessment tool of best practices. I believe that political involvement possesses the potential to significantly enrich the well-being of residents in Homewood, the Hill District, and beyond. When people are empowered to actively participate in the political process, they will catalyze positive change for themselves and their communities.