

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

AKIRA KIRKPATRICK, VALERI NATOLE,
CANDACE N. GRAHAM, NICHOLAS BOWES,
and CARLY SWARTZ, *on behalf of themselves
and all others similarly situated,*

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-690-WSS

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR AWARD OF ATTORNEYS' FEES, COSTS, AND
CASE CONTRIBUTION AWARDS TO NAMED PLAINTIFFS**

Through undersigned counsel, Plaintiffs Akira Kirkpatrick, Valeri Natole, Candace N. Graham, Nicholas Bowes and Carly Swartz (collectively, "Named Plaintiffs") respectfully move this Court for approval of reasonable attorneys' fees, costs, and case contribution awards to Named Plaintiffs pursuant to the proposed Stipulation of Settlement that this Court preliminarily approved in its Order dated April 14, 2025. Named Plaintiffs move for an award of attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,616,405 and litigation expenses in the amount of \$38,085.34 with such amounts to be paid from the Settlement Fund in accordance with the terms of the Settlement. Named Plaintiffs additionally move for Case Contribution Awards in the amount of \$5,000 each. In further support of this Motion, Named Plaintiffs refer the Court to the contemporaneously filed memorandum of law and the Declaration of Nicholas A. Colella.

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Respectfully submitted,

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