

Aurora Public Schools FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

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From the Board Chair and Executive Director

This past year has been an exciting year full of change, innovation and success. In March of 2015, the APS Foundation launched its first College and Career Center at Hinkley High School. College and Career Centers ensure all students have access to the resources and guidance they need to plan for life after high school. Jazmin Lopez, who directs the Hinkley College and Career Center, guides students and their families through applying for financial aid and scholarships, completing college applications, preparing for college life, and understanding the dynamics of work-force opportunities like internships and vocational programs.

Jazmin was the first in her family to graduate high school and earn a college degree. She tells us, "I personally know the challenges of being a first generation college student and graduate. I am passionate about making sure these students know their possibilities!"

The results so far have been amazing. During school year 2014-15, the amount of scholarship funds awarded to Hinkley students was more than double the amount awarded to students the prior year, totaling \$5.4M.

The work and planning by staff and our board of directors during school year 2015-16, coupled with our success at Hinkley and community support, enabled us to launch our second College and Career Center at Rangeview High School in spring of 2016. The APS Foundation plans to launch a College and Career Center in each of Aurora Public Schools six comprehensive high schools.

In July 2015, the APS Foundation hired a new executive director, Jay Grimm. Jay is an experienced director, fundraiser and change-maker who is a graduate from Aurora Public School's Rangeview High School and Metropolitan State University of Denver. His career has been focused on helping Colorado's underserved communities, and he is proud of his American Indian heritage. We hope you will have a chance to meet Jay soon and help us continue our success and growth for the benefit of APS students.

Thank you for helping us realize our vision of making possibility a reality for all APS students.

Mary Spillane, Chair of the Board of Directors
Jay Grimm, Executive Director

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36% of students are English language learners.

71.3% of students receive free or reduced lunch.

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College and Career Centers

When junior Itchel Cardenas walked through the doors at our Hinkley College and Career Center, she was thinking about the challenges she had overcome in her journey to graduate high school. As a child she beat cancer. And at Hinkley High School, she has worked very hard to complete her International Baccalaureate (IB) Degree. Now, she is going to be the first generation in her family to attend college.

Itchel was intrigued by the opportunities at the University of Denver (DU), but was resistant because she thought it was too expensive and too hard to get accepted. College and Career Advisor, Jazmin Lopez, suggested Itchel attend DU's summer programs and eventually helped Itchel apply to DU.

This year, Itchel was accepted to DU's Daniels School of Business and offered a full-ride scholarship valued at \$272,000! She is completing her IB Diploma, and is on her way toward triple majoring in International Business, Spanish and Marketing. She is thankful that Jazmin pushed her to explore her dreams.

The APS Foundation is working hard to launch a College and Career Center in all six of APS's comprehensive high schools. Find out how you can help students like Itchel achieve their dreams at: www.educateaurora.org.

85% of the seniors who visited the Hinkley College and Career Center completed their financial aid (FAFSA) application.

Scholarship Winners

Advantage Security Scholarship
Michael Lozoya, University of Colorado
– Colorado Springs

Elinor Knapp Memorial Scholarship
Elshaddai Mulugeta, University of
Southern California

**The Richard Anderson and Anderson
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Conar Bullock, Metropolitan State
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Nick Cisneros, University of Phoenix

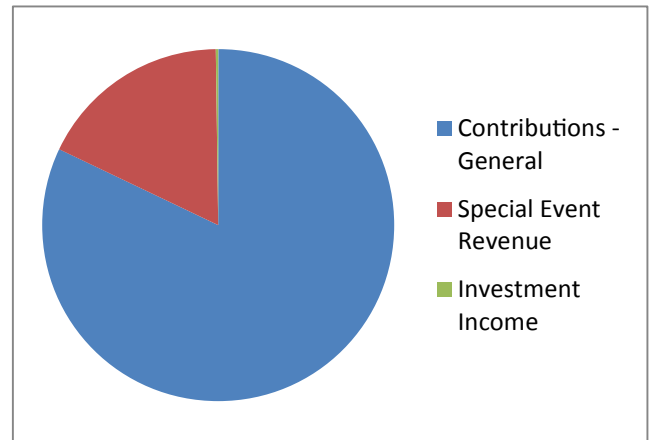
Linn Hogue Scholarship
Megan Graf, Colorado School of Mines

456 students from Rangeview and Hinkley visited local colleges thanks to our College and Career Centers.

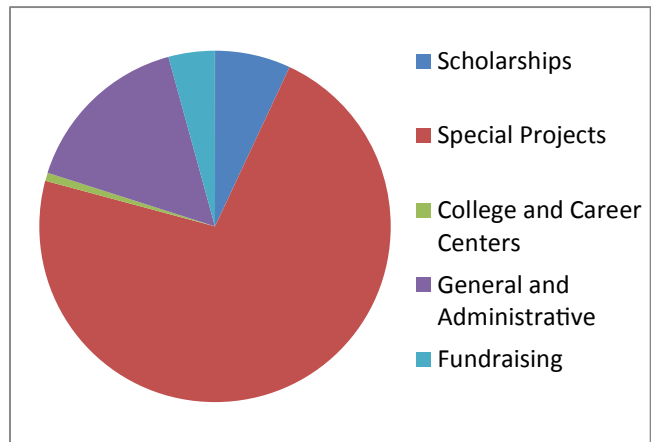
Hinkley graduates had a **\$2.2M** increase in scholarships compared to the previous year.

Financial Statement of Activities

Revenue 2014-15	
Contributions - General	\$367,887
Special Event Revenue	\$79,282
Investment Income	\$967
Total Revenue	\$448,136



Expenses 2014-15	
Scholarships	\$50,678
Special Projects*	\$524,176
College and Career Centers	\$5,443
General and Administrative	\$114,665
Fundraising	\$31,019
Total Expenses	\$725,981



*Special Projects include services and resources provided to the APS community through solicited restricted donations for programs such as the Jamaica Early Development Center, summer education, performing arts and athletic programs.

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