

AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

IMPACT REPORT 2018 - 2019

MAKING POSSIBILITY REALITY FOR EVERY STUDENT

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear friends,



It is an absolute privilege to be an advocate and community representative for the Aurora Public Schools District, one of the most diverse districts in the nation. I started as Executive Director for the Aurora Public Schools Foundation in February of 2019 and managed our mission and operations for the final 4 and a half months of this report. The student stories and our data-driven outcomes convey the real impact of our work. In addition, I am proud to report that 85% of all philanthropy directly supports the students of Aurora. Thank you for your generosity, your partnership, and your collaboration.

Together,
Jill Ruiter

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THE FIGURES

2,500

STUDENTS SERVED

These centers help guide students and parents through the challenges of planning for life after high school, including college visits, career opportunities, internships, externships, financial aid nights, college fairs, military fairs, college applications, scholarship essay writing, and more.

SCHOLARSHIPS EARNED

Since inception, the College and Career Centers helped students secure more than \$59,000,000 in scholarship funds. In addition to that, an investment of \$1 into a College and Career Center can be turned into \$105 in scholarships for a student.

\$24
MILLION

93
PERCENT

FASFA APPLICATIONS FILLED OUT

In the 2018-19 school year, we operated College and Career Centers in four high schools in Aurora including Hinkley, Rangeview, Aurora Central, and Gateway. We plan to open a 5th center at Vista PEAK in the fall of 2019.

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LIVES BEING CHANGED



“The College and Career Center was not only a family at school it was a place I felt like I was safe as a DACA student. I was able to actually have dreams and put them into action without any boundaries or walls holding me back. The College and Career Center set me up with resources that have landed me great opportunities. I would definitely not be where I am without the help of Matthew Mason at Gateway’s College and Career Center.”

- Leslie Gallagos

Gateway High School Graduate 2019

MSU Denver, Dream.Us Scholar, First Generation College Student

“Senior year was more difficult than I could have ever anticipated. Navigating through the complicated processes of FAFSA, college applications and scholarships was daunting. Thankfully, I had someone to walk me through the steps and give me some personal advice. Honestly, if it were not for the help I received in the College and Career Center, I don’t know where I’d be.”

- Medan Mamo

Aurora Central High School Graduate 2019

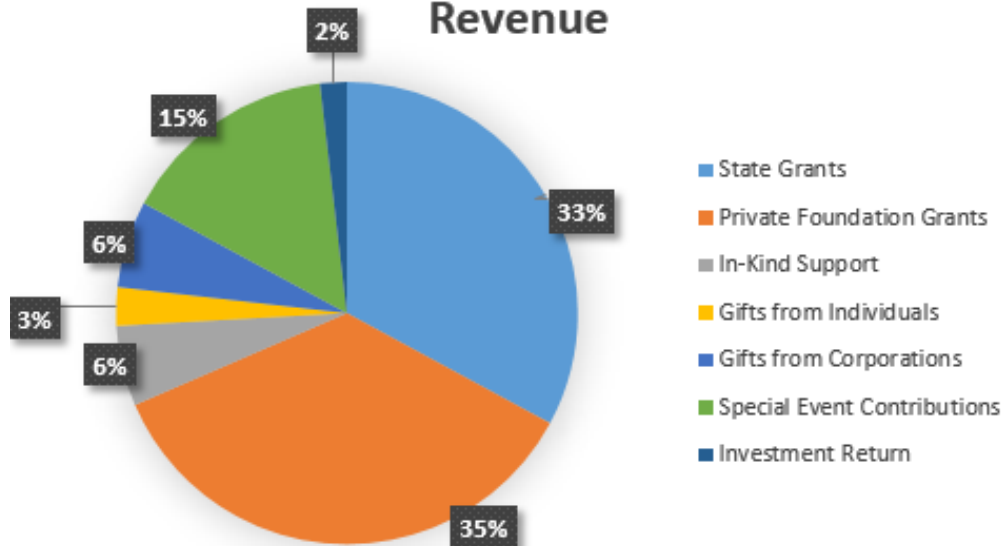
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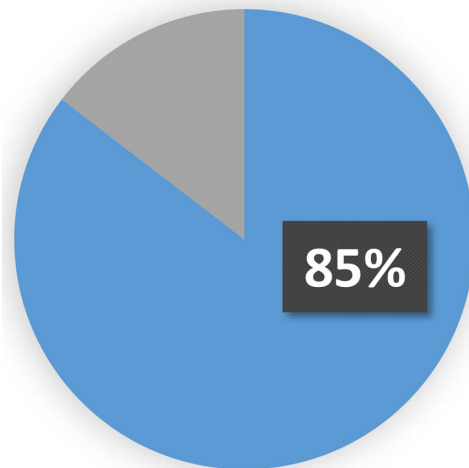
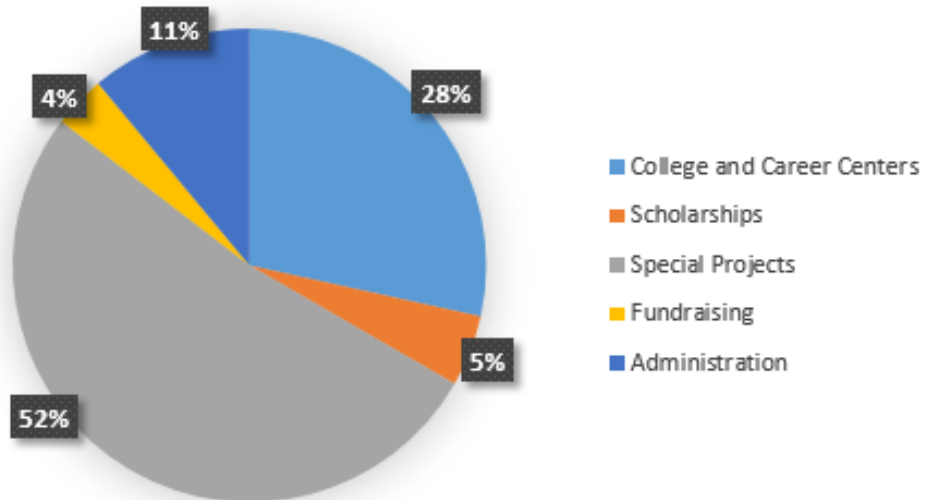
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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Revenue



Expenses



We strive to be the best possible stewards of the generous financial commitments that you, our donors, and partners make in support of Aurora's students. 85% of our funds were spent on programs for students.

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Our mission is to cultivate community investment to enrich student opportunity for Aurora.

A donation of any amount will help create a career and college-bound culture throughout APS through the support of College and Career Centers that provide high school students with critical information on post secondary options, and tools to help them find and pursue their goals after graduation.

Donate today at www.educateaurora.org/donate

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