



2013-2014 Annual Report

Aurora
Public Schools
FOUNDATION

Our students' stories drive our passion, and we are privileged to serve Aurora Public Schools.

There are many factors that come together to build strong communities, and we believe the most critical component is a thriving public school system. Aurora Public Schools is the bedrock of our community, and our students are so richly deserving of our support.

The **mission** of the Aurora Public Schools Foundation is to cultivate community investment to enrich student opportunity. Our **vision** is achieved when possibility becomes reality for every student.

Over the past year our board reflected on our work and aligned our priorities to drive positive outcomes and stay relevant in this changing world. The APS Foundation continues our rich traditions of stewarding our robust scholarship program and facilitating direct support to our classrooms and schools. And this year, our foundation established the bold goal to develop a Future Center in each of our high schools over the next six years, starting in 2015 with Hinkley High School. Our Future Center Initiative is detailed in this annual report.

The aim is simple – help **all APS students** see the possibilities for their future and chart realistic paths to accomplish their vision.

Thank you for investing in our students and our schools! With your help we look forward to continuing the tradition of developing and sustaining projects and programs that ensure our students thrive in our schools and graduate ready to succeed.

We look forward to engaging with all of you on this journey.

Paul Lhevine
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In 2013-2014, the foundation benefited from the dedicated service of the following individuals:

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About the Aurora Public Schools Foundation

In our 27th year, the Aurora Public Schools Foundation continues a strong tradition of raising and leveraging resources, engaging volunteers and developing partnerships across the public, private, non-profit and philanthropic sectors to support our students, teachers, classrooms and schools. The foundation's goals and priorities are aligned to drive measurable outcomes.

- Establishment of Future Centers in each of our high schools over the next six years, starting in 2015 with Hinkley High School. Future Centers – modeled after the work of the Denver Scholarship Foundation – are resource centers located in high schools where the sole focus is helping students plan for their future. These centers are the place where career and college readiness support services come together to serve the entire school population.
- Stewardship of a robust student scholarship program created through the generosity of individuals, families and organizations throughout our community. This scholarship program fosters the college-bound culture within the district. Last spring we saw a 25 percent increase in scholarship applications – a result of improved communications and more noticeably an increased need for financial assistance.
- Facilitation of direct philanthropic support to classrooms and schools across the district. For donors wishing to identify specific projects and programs and address specific needs, the foundation stewards these contributions to ensure donor intent is fulfilled.

We are focused on our new mission and vision and hope that you will join us in serving the students of Aurora Public Schools every day.

Our vision: Possibility becomes reality for every student

Our mission: Cultivate community investment to enrich student opportunity

Aurora Public Schools By the Numbers

More than **40,000** students attend APS.

APS students come from more than
130 countries and speak more than
130 different languages.

38% of our students are second language learners.

69% of our students receive free or reduced lunch.



Supporting Our Students

Future Center Initiative

In the spring of 2014, the APS Foundation launched the Future Centers initiative to ensure all APS students graduate ready to succeed in postsecondary opportunities.

Future Centers are an innovative approach to connect high school students to postsecondary options. Advisors guide students and their families through the college application process: how to construct essays, apply for financial aid and scholarships, and understand the dynamics of postsecondary institutions.

Future Centers coordinate closely with the school district, principals and school counselors to complement the pre-collegiate programs already in place and strengthen the college attendance culture in the school.

There is an acute need to support APS students in creating and executing postsecondary plans. APS's four-year graduation rate is 53% (24% lower than the state average) and college enrollment rate is 40% (17% lower than the state average). However, earning a postsecondary credential is increasingly necessary to be competitive for jobs in today's economy. By 2020, 74% of Colorado's jobs will require some form of postsecondary education.

Future Centers will be a dedicated, central hub for postsecondary planning and a place where students can access information, guidance and support, in their building, during the school day, as well as after school.

The APS Foundation is focused on a sustainable resource development plan that includes public and foundation funding in addition to support from individuals. Our generous funding community is paving the way for students across APS to take the necessary steps to secure the promise of postsecondary education.

2014 Scholarship Recipients

Aurora Public Schools Scholarship

Nin Mya Mya Aung – Aurora Central
Carolina Sanchez Serrano – Gateway
Tania Gonzalez – Hinkley
Nathaniel Bradley – Rangeview
Sierra Sky Volutra – Vista PEAK
Darling Najjar Madera – William Smith

Aurora Public Schools Music Scholarship

Rachel Heather Nuttall – Rangeview

Advantage Security Scholarship

Eduardo Garcia – Aurora Central
Noah James Jones – Hinkley

James Burns Memorial Scholarship

Jose Ivan Leal – Aurora Central

Bob Caviness Scholarship

Shakir Mohamed – Aurora Central
Abelard Palmer – Aurora Central

Gerkin Family Expository Writing Scholarship

Benjamin Muratov – Gateway
Matias Gabriel Saez – Hinkley

T. Matt Hirschfeld Scholarship

Andre Emmanuel Russell – Gateway

Linn Hogue Memorial Scholarship

Jessica T. Huynh – Rangeview

Elinor Knapp Scholarship for Girls

Jessica T. Huynh – Rangeview

Jack Knapp Memorial Scholarship

Matias Gabriel Saez – Hinkley

Nora Jane Crocker Redding Scholarship

Summer Bonnie Knoshaug – Rangeview

Dr. Sheila W. Robertson Memorial Scholarship

Kandace Alyssa Santistevan – Rangeview

The Myrtle Replogle Travis & Russell Romaine Travis Memorial Scholarship

Jose Ivan Leal – Aurora Central

Vista PEAK Business Pathway Scholarship

Nick Cisneros – Vista PEAK

Community Partners

We are proud to partner with these organizations. Their support is vital in the enrichment of student opportunity.



2013 Gala

Our second annual gala was a huge success. We increased our revenue from the 2012 gala by 10 percent, allowing us to make that much more of an impact on the students of APS.

We were proud to honor the following awardees:

Outstanding Alumnus: Dave Baker, President, FirstBank (Hinkley High School)

Outstanding Community Partner: DaVita

Outstanding Volunteer: Janet Kiyota

These awards reflect the foundation's deep appreciation and respect for these individuals and organizations and the role they play in the Aurora Public Schools community.

Financial Report: Statement of Activities

REVENUE 2013-2014

Contributions – General	\$1,020,989
Contributions – Payroll Deductions	\$702
Special Events Revenue (net of expenses)	\$110,977
Investment Income	\$528

Total Revenues **\$1,133,196**

EXPENSES 2013-2014

Program Services	
Program Support*	\$68,210
Scholarships	\$57,363
Special Projects**	\$1,691,510

Total Program Services **\$1,817,083**

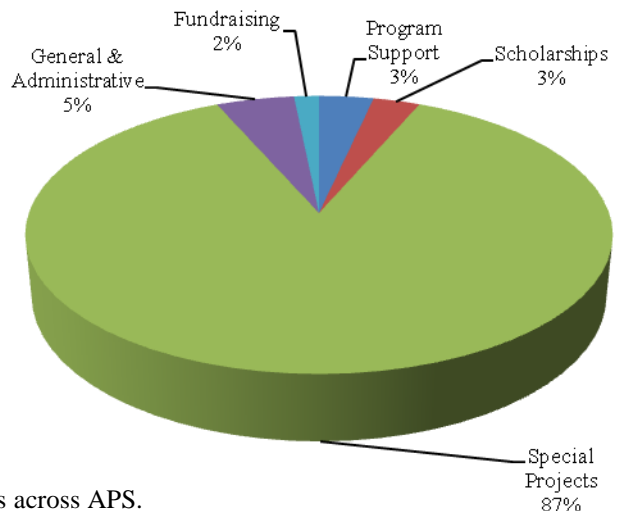
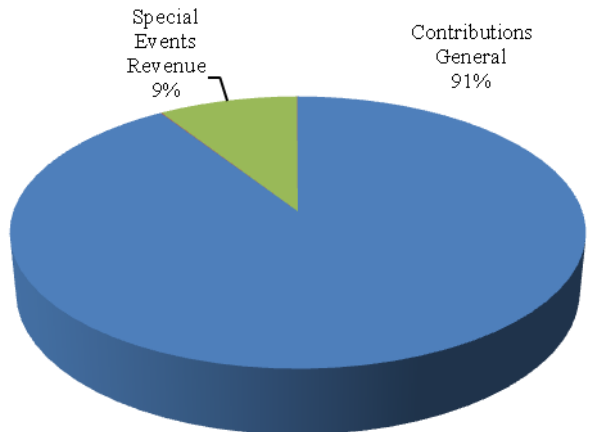
Support Services	
General & Administrative	\$101,276
Fundraising	\$32,603

Total Support Services **\$133,879**

Total Expenses **\$1,950,962**

*Program Support includes non-solicited donor directed contributions supporting classrooms, projects and programs across APS.

**Special Projects include services and resources provided to the APS community through solicited restricted donations for programs such as Early Beginnings: A Zoom Site, summer education, performing arts and athletic programs.



Thank you to our supporters!

The Aurora Public Schools Foundation extends sincere gratitude to the following individuals, businesses and community organizations who made donations between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.



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\$10,000-\$50,000

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\$5,000-\$9,999

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\$2,500-\$4,999

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Support: Our website is a great resource to learn about ways your support can benefit APS students. You can also make a donation online.



Support us!

The Aurora Public Schools Foundation is a Colorado 501c3 nonprofit organization that fundraises year-round to support programming benefiting Aurora Public Schools students and communities.

To make a gift to the foundation, you can:

1. **Mail checks**, made payable to The Aurora Public Schools Foundation, to:

The Aurora Public Schools Foundation
15701 E. 1st Ave. #206
Aurora, CO 80011

2. **Give online** at www.EducateAurora.org to make a secure and easy credit card contribution.

3. **Make a Planned Gift.** Include us in your estate or financial planning. To make a planned gift of an asset, or to learn about establishing a scholarship fund, please contact Executive Director Paul Lhevine at 303-326-2042.

4. **Become a foundation volunteer!** Volunteers engage as ambassadors to all 59 schools and help ensure the work of the foundation is aligned with the needs of our students, teachers, programs and schools. Email us at APSFoundation@aps.k12.co.us to connect with opportunities

Thank You!