

Aurora Public Schools FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

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From the Executive Director

We are thrilled about our continued success with our College and Career Centers, and are happy to announce that we launched a second site at Rangeview High School during Spring 2016.

College and Career Centers ensure all students have access to the resources and guidance they need to plan for life after high school. Betty Gessesse is our new College and Career Advisor at Rangeview and 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.

Born in Southern California into a close-knit Ethiopian family and raised in Colorado, Betty brings with her very diverse experiences and a cultural understanding unique to her first-generation upbringing. Betty is an APS alumna having graduated from Rangeview High School (RHS), and attended the University of Northern Colorado obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology. Betty has worked with the students at RHS for the last two years as a Progress Monitor. Her responsibilities included assisting students recover credits and to work towards the goal of raising the graduation rate at RHS. "I am driven to use my knowledge and experiences to help students reach their goals of obtaining acceptance to the university of their dreams." Betty has seen first-hand how far education can take anyone who cherishes it, and her passion is to ensure that every student has the opportunity to pursue the future that they desire and deserve!

We are excited to have Betty on our team! Our staff and board are continuing to work towards launching more sites in our high schools.

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

Jay Grimm, Executive Director

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College and Career Centers

By the numbers at the Rangeview and Hinkley College and Career Centers:

456 students

visited college campuses.

851

students applied to college.

423 families

completed financial aid forms.

87% of students

who applied to college in our centers were accepted!

We assisted

548 students

with concurrent enrollment, earning college credits while in high school.

We helped

418 students

complete scholarship applications.

We helped students get

\$8.5M

in scholarships!

2016 APSF Scholarship Winners

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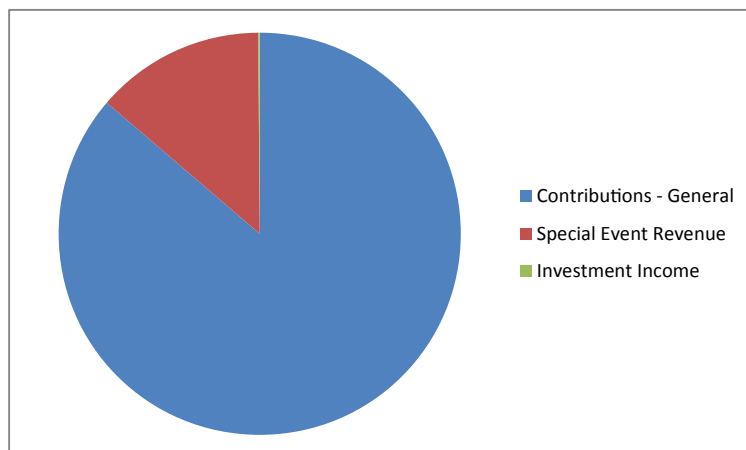
Darrien Hammond, University of Colorado Denver

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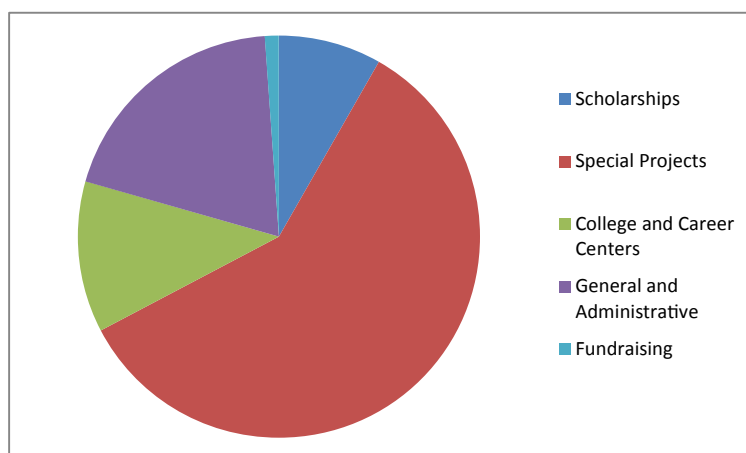
Vicky Ramirez, Colorado State University

Financial Statement of Activities

Revenue 2015-16	
Contributions - General	\$734,459
Special Event Revenue	\$115,940
Investment Income	\$992
Total Revenue	\$785,329



Expenses 2015-16	
Scholarships	\$41,444
Special Projects*	\$296,307
College and Career Centers	\$60,927
General and Administrative	\$97,568
Fundraising	\$5,661
Total Expenses	\$501,907



*Special Projects include services and resources provided to the APS community through solicited restricted donations for specific programs.

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