



DENVER URBAN SCHOLARS

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GRADUATING ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Denver Urban Scholars envisions a life of choice and opportunity for every young person. We support academic achievement and positive social development for Denver youth faced with external challenges because with support and direction our students will build meaningful life plans for future success.





Our Results

82% of our seniors completed (graduated or obtained GED) high school

93% of Milestones and Stepping Stone students will advance to the next grade level on time

93% of our graduates are enrolled in college or the military

Demographics

We served **220 students** during the 2014-2015 school year

86% qualify for free/reduced lunch

72% speak English as a second language

50% have parents who did not complete high school

173 Hispanic/Latino	3 2 or more races
24 Black	1 Asian/Pacific Islander/Hawaiian
14 Other	112 Female
5 White	108 Male

Counties represented: Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Jefferson

Partner Schools

Denver School of Science and Technology – Stapleton

KIPP Denver Collegiate High School

KIPP Sunshine Peak Academy

La Academia at Denver Inner City Parish

JK Mullen High School

STRIVE Prep Westwood

STRIVE Prep Sunnyside

To Our Key Stakeholders

Denver Urban Scholars reached an important milestone in 2015, marking over 20 years of service to youth in the Metro Denver community. As we celebrate this momentous achievement in our organization's history, one message is clear: When we invest time and energy into the health and well-being of youth, the gains to youth and our broader community are significant.

I am personally very proud of our accomplishments. We have continually expanded and enhanced our programming to meet the complex needs of youth, grown to serve over 200 youth per year, and maintained our strong financial footing. This year, we engaged in a thorough agency-wide assessment that has refined our mission to focus more intentionally on college and career readiness and success; we are now implementing a new strategic plan that will improve our programs and organizational efficiency.

Because of the dedication of our donors, mentors, staff, and community partners, we are able to give each of our students the tools they need to achieve high school graduation and to pursue postsecondary success. Together, we are transforming the lives of young people from disadvantaged circumstances.

Denver Urban Scholars has developed several partnerships with community agencies such as Goodwill Denver, Aurora Youth Options, and Colorado Youth at Risk to enhance services to youth. We are also combining our best practices with those of The Bridge Project to provide new after-school opportunities

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Thank you for donating for us. We appreciate your help. Thanks to you, we have a bigger chance to achieve a better future. Many of us succeed because of you!

– KIMBERLY, 9TH GRADER

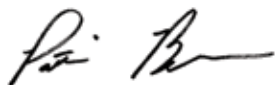
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for up to 40 middle school students in Denver's Westwood and Columbine public housing communities. This is a great opportunity for us to make a positive impact on some of our community's most vulnerable youth.

As part of our strong focus on financial sustainability, we worked hard to build upon existing relationships as well as to develop prosperous new ones. We are proud to report we increased our income by over \$200,000 and finished the fiscal year with net assets of over \$1.2 million. I am proud that we continue to cover 100% of our fundraising and overhead costs through contributions from our founder and board of directors; this financial model allows all outside donations to directly impact youth programming.

As we look forward to our next 20 years, we are inspired by the potential of our youth and their new pathway to success through our strategic programming. I hope you will continue to partner with us in this important work as a member of a remarkable team of people committed to improving lives.

Warmest regards,

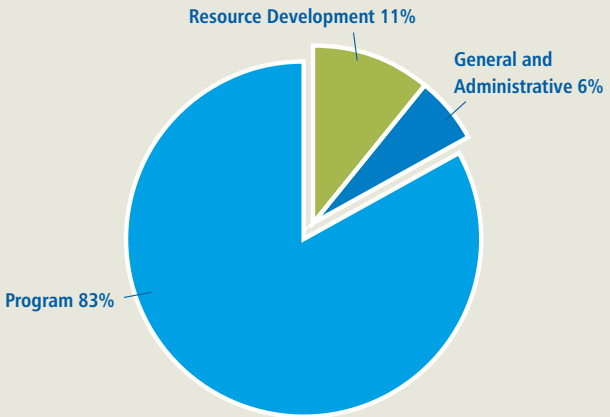


Patrick Byrne
Executive Director



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Functional Expenses



Resource Development

Total	\$100,561
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General and Administrative

Total	\$50,874
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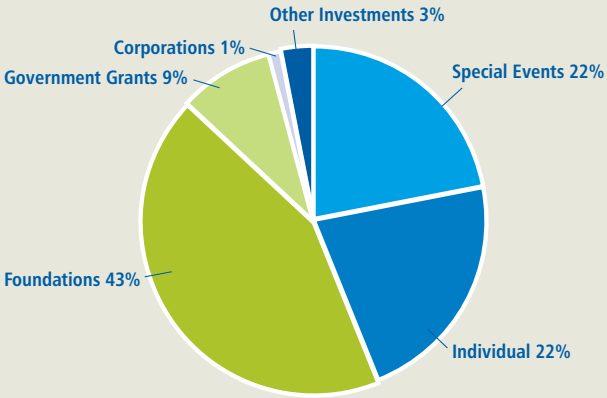
Program Expense Categories and Amounts

Case Management	\$519,908
Mentoring	\$85,295
Student Support	\$22,978
Professional Services	\$83,903
In Kind	\$1,000
Tuition	\$10,734
Total	\$723,818

Total Expense

Total	\$875,253
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Sources of Income



Sources of Income

Individual	\$241,486
Special Events	\$244,247
Foundations	\$465,126
Corporations	\$14,025
Other/Investments	\$27,778
Government Grants	\$102,047
Total Revenue	\$1,094,709

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My mentor is a really good way to balance my life out. Most adults I know haven't graduated and have kids before the age of 21. My mentor is different, we have different personalities and that is a reason why she helps balance out my life. My case manager really helps me with school problems, she helps me with realizing who are good and bad friends. Denver Urban Scholars has helped me with many things in and outside off of school, so I really appreciate them and appreciate your donation.

– ERIONNA, 9TH GRADER

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Thank you so much for what you do it means a lot to me and my family. Denver Urban Scholars has been a great opportunity for me and my family. My favorite thing about this program is being able to have a mentor. Me and my mentor Carol have had some great times. Having a mentor is not just about having fun. I know I can talk to Carol about anything if I'm struggling with my illness or with my family or school. I know she would be there for me. Another thing I like about this is having a case manager who helps us with school things and just meeting with us every once and a while to see how we're doing and if we need anything from them. I like how they can keep in touch with our teachers if we need them to and how they remind us of the things we need to do at the beginning of the week. Thank you guys for what you have done for me and my family, we are truly blessed and can't thank you enough.

– SIERRA, 10TH GRADER

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