



# OPERATION JUMP START

## Annual Report 2018

OJS helps low-resourced, high-potential first generation students get in, stay in, and graduate from a four-year college. We do this by providing academic support, mentoring, and exposure to a broader world.

For almost 25 years, OJS has provided the comprehensive resources and mentoring needed to enable youth in underserved communities to reach their full potential through a college education.

### Why We Exist

For most first-generation students in Long Beach, the dream of not only attending but also graduating from college is never realized.

Nationally, only 9% of low-income students earn a bachelor's degree by their mid-20s compared to 77% of high-income peers. Over 80% are considered 'very low-income' according to federal income guidelines. And 22% of low-income students who were college-intending never show up.

At Operation Jump Start, we are closing this achievement gap through programs and mentoring that enable these students to achieve educational opportunities they never thought possible.



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*With OJS behind me, I believe I can do anything. I am so thankful to OJS for helping me build confidence and inspiring me to turn my college dreams into reality.*

- Erin Williams, Class of 2018

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### Your Impact

85%

RECEIVE BACHELOR'S  
DEGREE WITHIN 6  
YEARS



90%

321 STUDENTS  
SERVED

COLLEGE  
ATTENDANCE  
RATE



1,500+ ONE-ON-  
ONE MENTORING  
HOURS



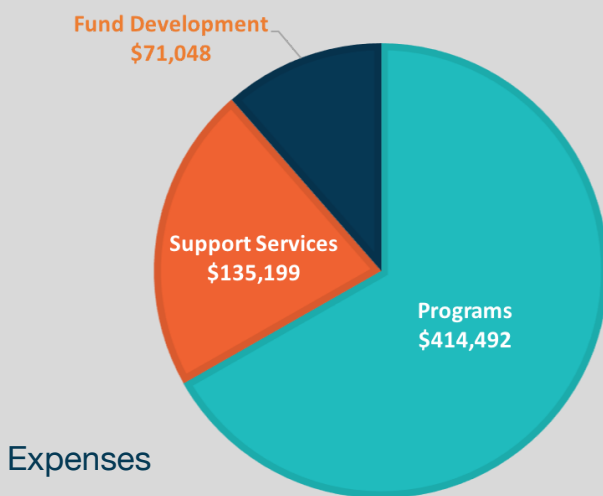
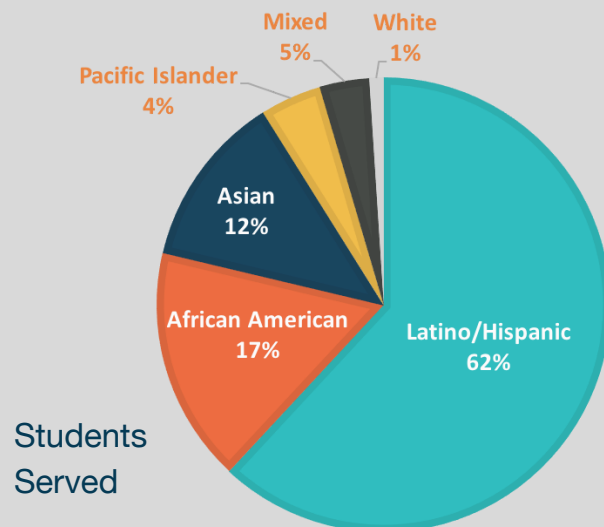
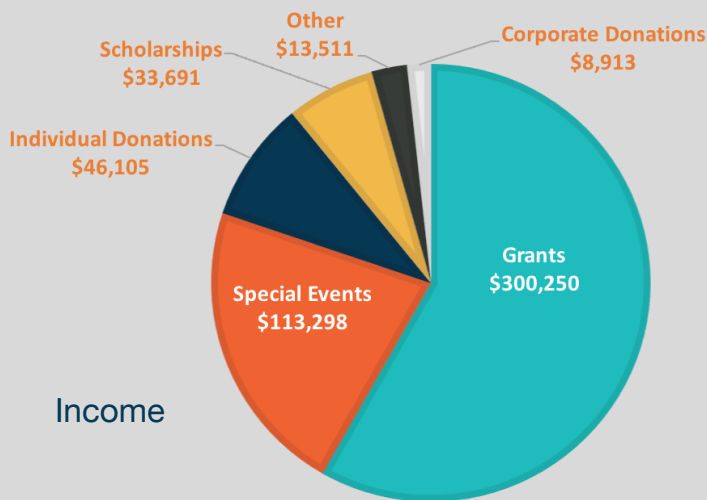
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SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED

## Our Programs

**College Access** begins equipping students in the 8th grade with resources and continues to guide them on the path to college readiness for the next three years. This is realized through individualized academic advising, year-round enrichment programming and one-on-one mentoring. As part of this program, students are matched with volunteer mentors to provide positive role models actively involved in the community. Mentors guide and assist our students to achieve their educational, social, and personal goals.

**College Success** provides enhanced support to high school and college students to learn how to navigate barriers first-generation college students face in higher education. In this program, our youth receive college application assistance, peer-to-peer support workshops and case management sessions that address the transitions that accompany college. The program also provides emotional support and academic guidance along with scholarships, alumni mixers, and educational webinars.

## By the Numbers: Fiscal Year 2017



Fellow OJS Supporters,

Twenty-seventeen was a year of true growth for our students, their families, and for me personally. Together, we evolved. We were exposed to a broader world in a year full of new experiences and adventures. Growth often results in lessons. As we learn from those, we continue to improve all aspects of OJS in our pursuit of success. I look forward to 2018 with a renewed passion and focus as we continue our planned strategic expansion through 2020.

-Irene Quevedo, Executive Director



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