

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY OJS!

As we enter our 25th year of existence, I want to thank each and every one in our circle of donors, mentors, volunteers, and scholars. This milestone celebration wouldn't be possible without your generosity and commitment to improving the lives of marginalized youth.

It is your contribution, one of 148 donors throughout 2018, that's afforded Long Beach scholars the opportunity to experience life-changing milestones of their own. You - our valued partners - funded students' first plane rides or visits to a dream college campus. You funded small but significant outings to large life-altering retreats.

We need you to make the next 25 even more impactful! Will you join us on this mission to transform 1000's of scholars lives through education?

-Irene Quevedo, Executive Director

## YOUR IMPACT

**85%** RECEIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREE WITHIN 6 YEARS



1000+ STUDENTS SERVED SINCE INCEPTION

**90%**

COLLEGE ATTENDANCE RATE



1,900+ ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING HOURS



\$54,600 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

## 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 the achievement gap through programs and mentoring that enable these students to achieve educational opportunities they never thought possible.

“OJS has given me the necessary tools and support to have the courage and aspiration to go to college and graduate.”

- Jalen Shelton, Class of 2018

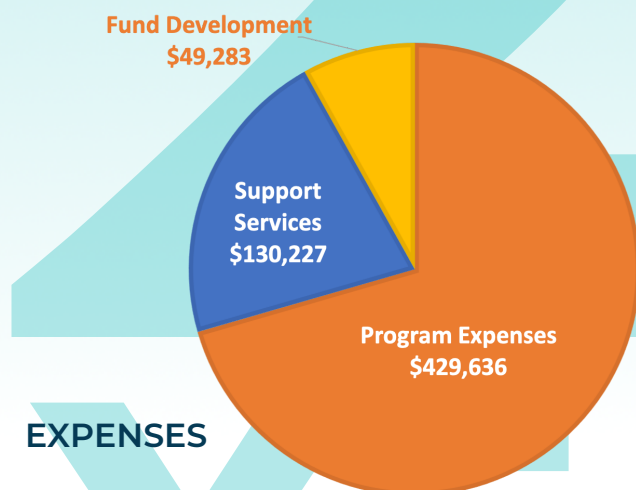
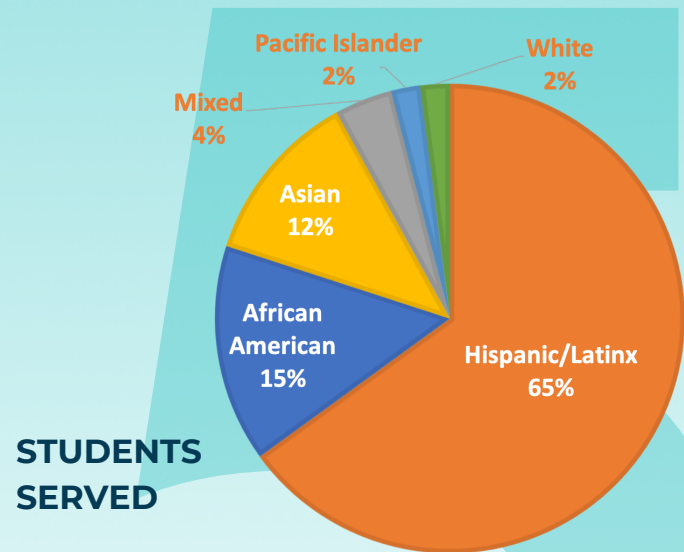


## OUR PROGRAMS

**College Access** equips students starting 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. 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 2018



## MISSION

We help 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.

## VALUES

Gratitude | Education | Mentoring | Transparency



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