



# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

## YOUR IMPACT



1,200+ STUDENTS  
SERVED SINCE  
INCEPTION



ALMOST 1,000  
ONE-ON-ONE  
MENTORING HOURS

85%

COLLEGE  
PERSISTENCE  
RATE



\$77,500+ IN  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED



*Thank you for all the support. I would not have been able to complete my five years at CSULB without the help of Operation Jump Start.*

-Brent M,  
OJS Class of 2014



## Why We Exist

### VISION

All students in our community have equal access to college success.

### MISSION

Operation Jump Start (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.

### VALUES

Gratitude | Education | Mentoring | Transparency

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.

# Our Programs

## College Access

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

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 2019

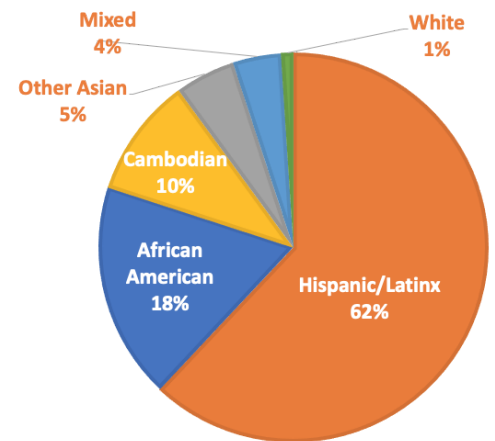
Income: \$658,397



Expenses: \$630,587



Net Profit: \$27,810



Students Served

Greetings,

Last year, OJS proudly celebrated 25 incredible years of service in the Long Beach community. Our programs grew in functionality as we expanded both our youth leadership ambassadors program and hired on new tutors and support staff. Specifically, OJS received funding to build capacity in the critical areas of technology, volunteer management, and youth advocacy. These opportunities will indelibly enhance OJS' success imprint among the most vulnerable youth in our communities.

I, as well as our Staff and Board, remain eternally grateful to the hundreds of individual donors, generous foundations, and community partners that make our continued progress possible. Without your support, low-income, first-generation scholars are 4 times as likely to drop out of college in their first year of schooling when compared to their higher income second-generation peers. Our proven programs ensure scholars persist in college, escape poverty through education, and become the most resilient workforce of tomorrow. There is so much work to be done, and we at Operation Jump Start, are honored to do it!

Onward and Forward,  
Irene Quevedo - Executive Director



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