



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

COVID DIDN'T MEAN QUIT



"My mentor has encouraged me to seek the best higher education and do my best in school to reach my goals. I am certain I couldn't have made it this far without her support. She has been a true mentor and true friend."

-Stephanie Abad, OJS Alumna

OUR PURPOSE

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

COMMUNITY IMPACT



1,200+ STUDENTS
SERVED SINCE
INCEPTION



\$77,000+ IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



OVER 1,000
ONE-ON-ONE
MENTORING HOURS

86%

COLLEGE
GRADUATION
RATE

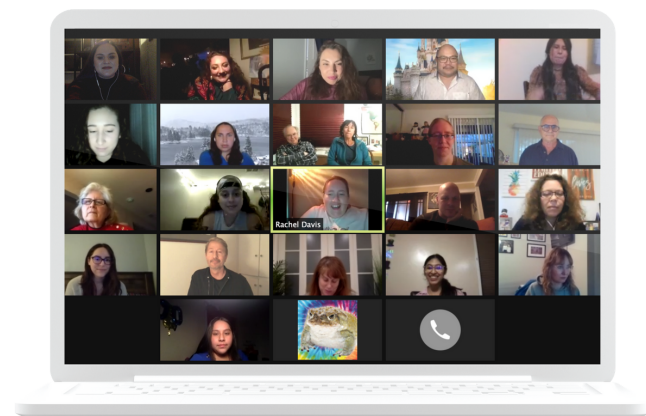


WHY WE EXIST

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.



In 2020, Zoom became an indispensable tool.

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, support, 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.

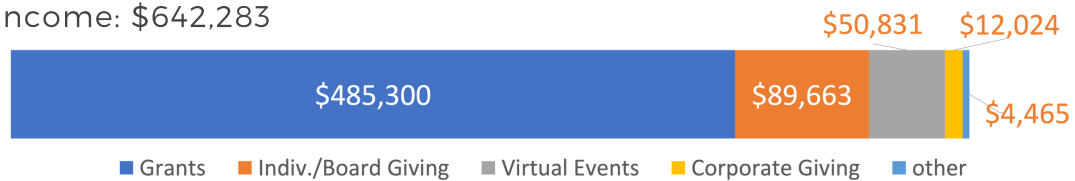
College Success

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 by equipping students with a counselor (MSW intern) for each academic year while they are in college.

BY THE NUMBERS: FISCAL YEAR 2020

Net Operating Income: \$112,556

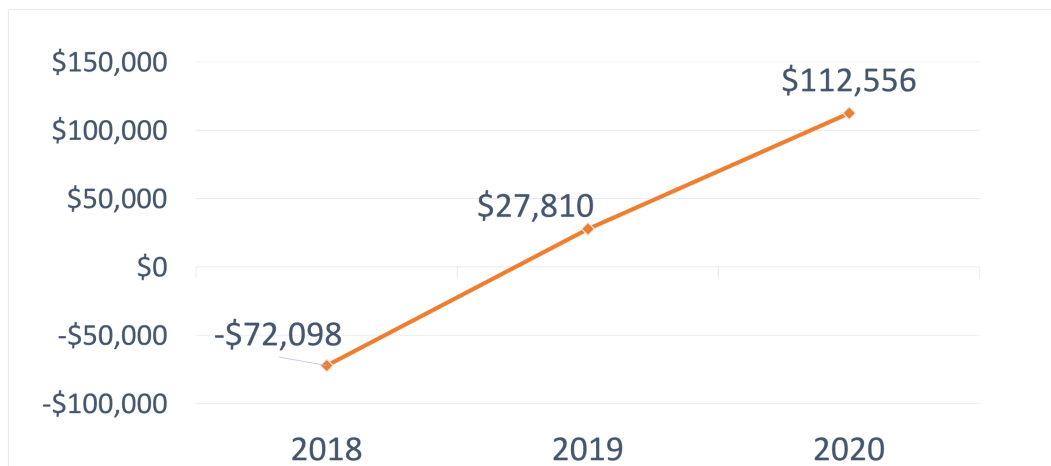
Income: \$642,283



Expenses: \$529,727



Year over Year



A Message from the ED:

When I think about greeting you my friends, I think about how everything has changed and nothing feels quite the same. Life felt upside down in 2020. While the year saw our world forever changed, our little corner of it thrived and it thrived because of scholars, parents, volunteers, and donors who refused to quit. Our staff, board, and donors were deeply committed to turning college dreams into reality for students facing new and mounting set-backs. To these individuals, much is owed, thank you.

As an agency, we experienced profound perseverance in the face of adversity. Soon we hope to see you again in person, but also appreciate the swift virtual strides we've made to already excellent OJS programs. We trust those efforts will result in continued stability and success. I thank you for safely sticking together in 2020. We are beyond thrilled for what 2021 will bring and we'd be honored if you came along with us!

Your friend,
Irene Quevedo - Executive Director



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