

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



A Message from our Executive Director

...PLEASE PREPARE TO LAUNCH

Dear friends of OJS,

2021 brought many firsts to Operation Jump Start as we navigated what felt like a new world. A world less connected physically while simultaneously empowered to innovate. This prepared us for a future unlike any we have ever known. Today, we remain fast at work making the program we all love better than ever before. We successfully brought back in-person events, onsite staffing, and ultimately more connection without social distance. In this space, we are preparing ourselves to launch OJS scholars into their best possible tomorrows.

During times of change, one thing is for certain: our scholars evolve. They grow. And now they are ready for brighter and bolder futures. So, strap yourselves in and prepare to launch. We are eager for what's next... a greater purpose and promise for all we serve, transforming their underserved lives every step of the way.

Always grateful,
Irene Quevedo
CEO & Executive Director

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



1,300+ STUDENTS
SERVED SINCE
INCEPTION



\$100,000+ IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



OVER 2,100
ONE-ON-ONE
MENTORING HOURS

86%

COLLEGE
GRADUATION RATE



WHY WE EXIST

For most low-income, 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. Additionally, low-income is not just a financial constraint to get into college but also limits the students' ability to prepare themselves to get accepted and excel once they are in college.

At Operation Jump Start we are addressing the issues that are preventing these low-income first-generation students from getting their college degrees 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, 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.

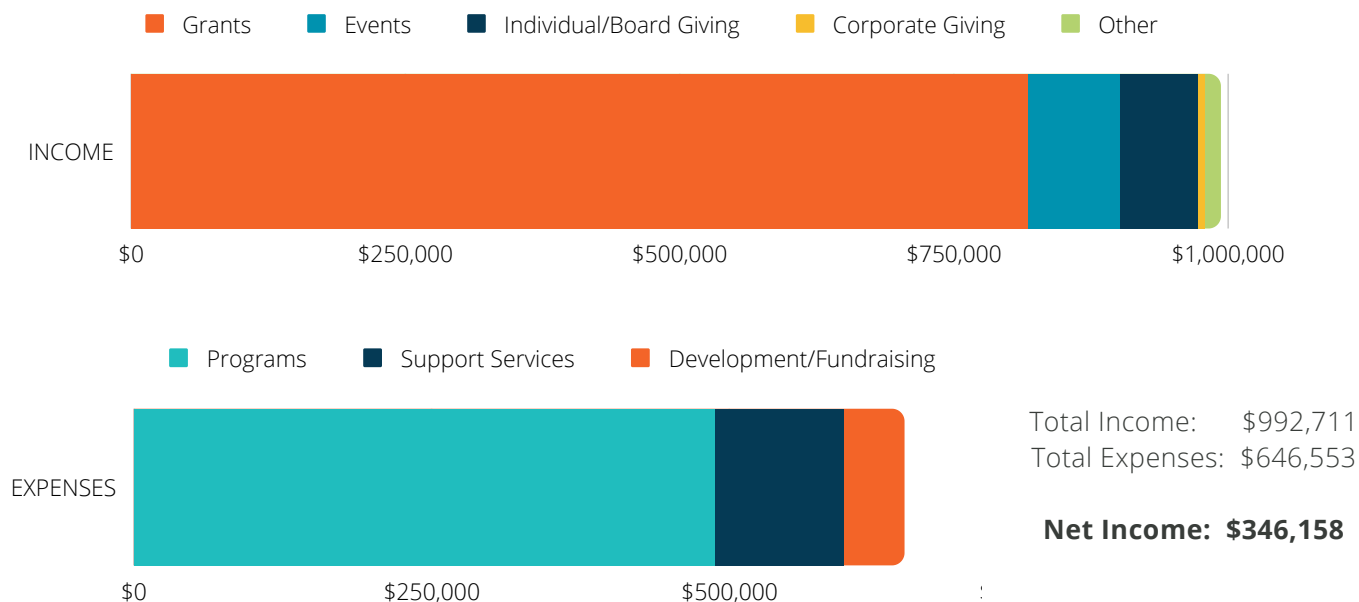
College Success

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.

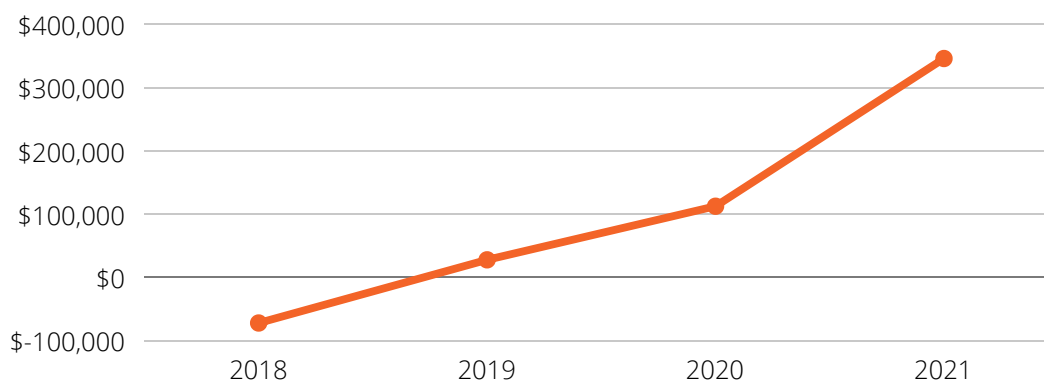


Our Programs
OVERVIEW

BY THE NUMBERS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



NET INCOME - FOUR YEAR COMPARISON



Our Finances
AT A GLANCE





Be the Change
TODAY

The need is greater than ever...

BECOME A SCHOLAR

OJS Students get unparalleled support on their path to a college education. From college visits to scholarships, we are with you every step of the way. Are you a student in Long Beach? We're here for you.

Unlock fun social events, earn scholarships, access socio-emotional counseling, and receive academic guidance and programming to make your college dreams a reality!

BECOME A MENTOR

Make a difference! When you become a mentor, you have the opportunity to work with Long Beach Students to inspire college dreams and help change legacies. Guide a student on the path to degree attainment and make college dreams a reality!

APPLY TODAY

OPERATIONJUMPSTART.ORG



Become an OJS Hero...

JOIN THE GIVING CIRCLE

Your financial support, on a predictable and consistent basis, helps our students in a variety of ways beyond just the actual dollars. It allows for better long-term planning, makes fundraising cost-effective, and is overall much easier for not only us but our donors as well!

YOUR MONTHLY GIFT:

\$500 Sends six students to an experience of a lifetime through our Exposure to a Broader World program expanding their horizons.

\$250 Supports an interactive career fair where students learn about different career opportunities and how to network.

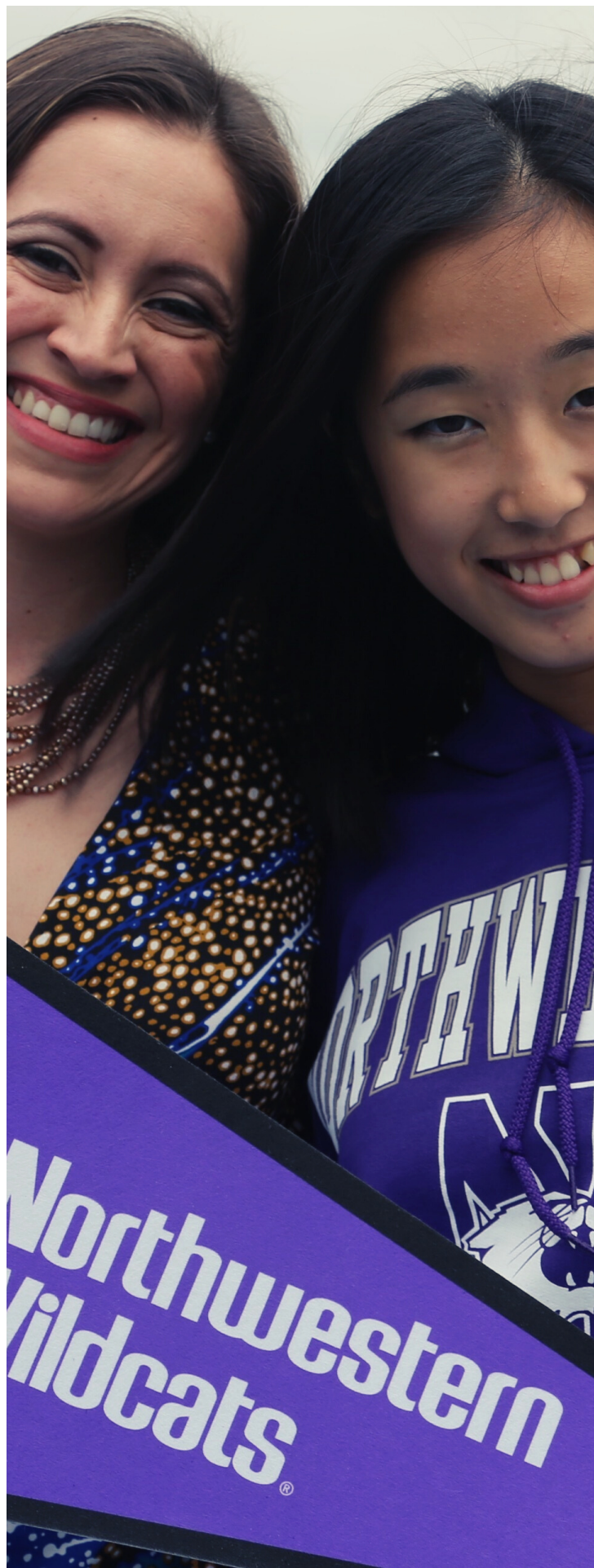
\$100 Funds one cultural or community service event outing for fifty OJS scholars and their mentors.

\$50 Funds transportation for fifty OJS scholars and mentors to visit a college or university.

\$25 Supports one session of bi-weekly Junior or Senior Supper Club, the yearlong college prep curriculum delivered in family-dinner setting.

Make a monthly donation at
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Don't forget to check the box to make your donation monthly. Thank you!





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