



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



OPERATION JUMP START

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Celebrating Student Success

Friends of OJS,

Thank you for making 2022 such a memorable year! Memorable thanks to all the cherished moments we grew to miss. We seemingly returned to the days of pre-Covid and brought back major memories and milestones including:

- Our Annual (& beloved) Scholars' Day Celebration which met its fundraising goal and then some.
- Traveling College Tours to Washington DC.
- Jam-packed in-person tutoring sessions ONSITE with fun game nights!
- Countless 1:1 sessions among students & seasoned MSW interns.
- ... and so much more!

We couldn't have had such a successful year without the many volunteers that make our work possible, an incredibly cohesive staff that clearly love what they do, and a beyond supportive Board of Directors.

We also hosted the inaugural Operation: College Extravaganza (O:CE). An event unlike any other in Long Beach prepared for 1,000's of students and their families, 100% free! This event allowed our superintendent of schools to grace us with her presence and thoughtful keynote address.

In advance, thank you for making 2023 our best year yet. We appreciate you — our community of invaluable supporters and absolutely look forward to seeing you at Scholars' Day 2023 on June 17th.

All the best,
Irene Quevedo
Executive Director



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Our Purpose

- **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.

- **Vision**

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

- **Values**

Gratitude | Education
Mentoring | Transparency

Student Impact in 2022



52 new students were matched with mentors



increased higher ed university partnerships by 125%



78% of scholars had a 3.0 GPA or higher, a 12% increase over last year



10% growth in students served. 1,500+ served since inception.



almost \$50,000 in scholarships awarded



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

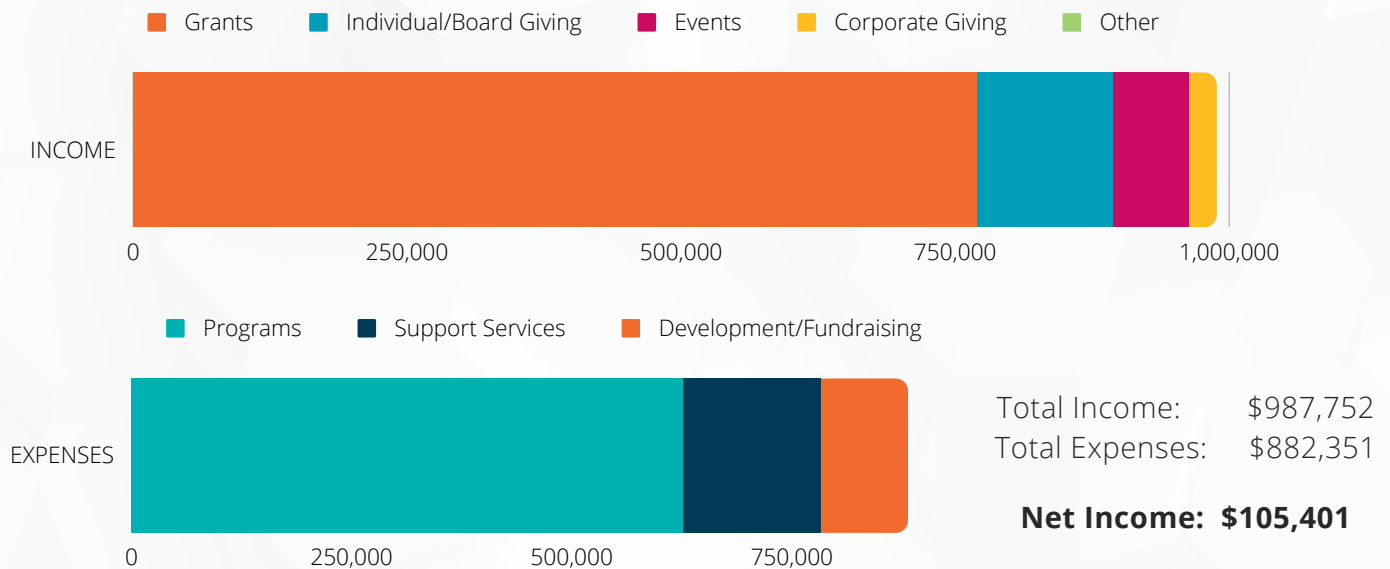
College Access equips students starting in the 8th grade with resources and continues to guide them on the path to college readiness for the next three years. This is realized through individualized academic advising, support, year-round enrichment programming, and one-on-one mentoring. Students are 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 students beginning in the 11th grade through college attainment. Students learn how to navigate barriers first-generation college students face in higher education. In this program, our youth receive college and financial aid application assistance, as well as support workshops, peer-to-peer partnerships, and case management sessions that address the transitions that accompany college. The program also provides social-emotional support by equipping students with a counselor (MSW intern) for each academic year while they are in college.

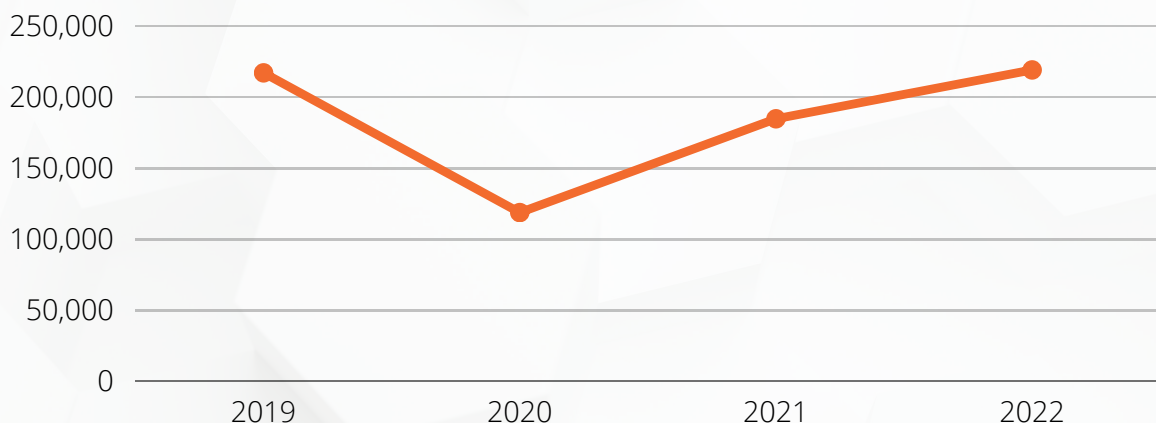
*Martha J Bailey and Susan M. Dynarski, 2011 "Inequality in Postsecondary Attainment," Gains and Gaps: Changing Inequality in U.S. College Entry and Completion.

By The Numbers: Fiscal Year 2022



Fundraising Spotlight: Individual Giving

After a few difficult years for everyone, we are incredibly appreciative of the support individual donors have shown our students and mission. Amounts below include individual giving raised via events.

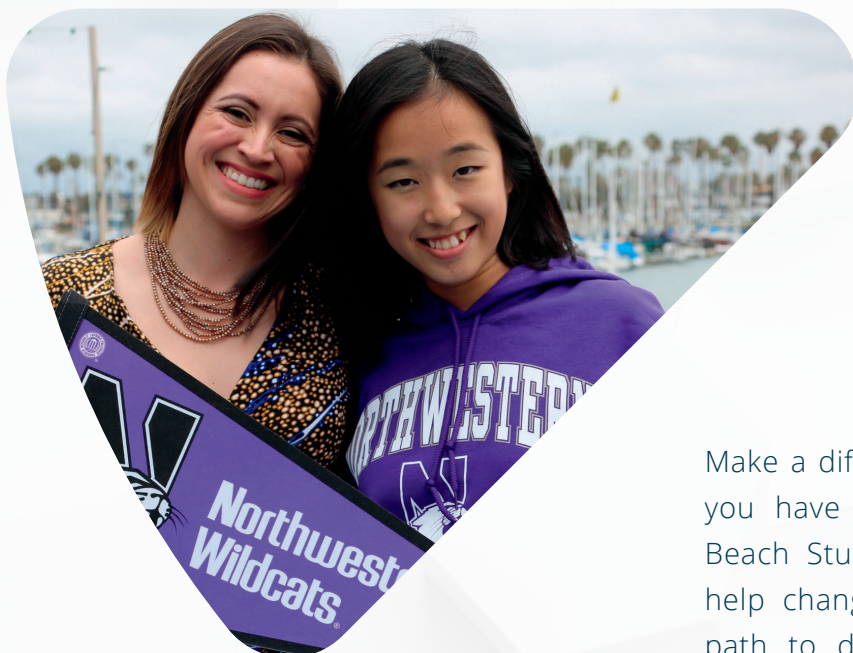
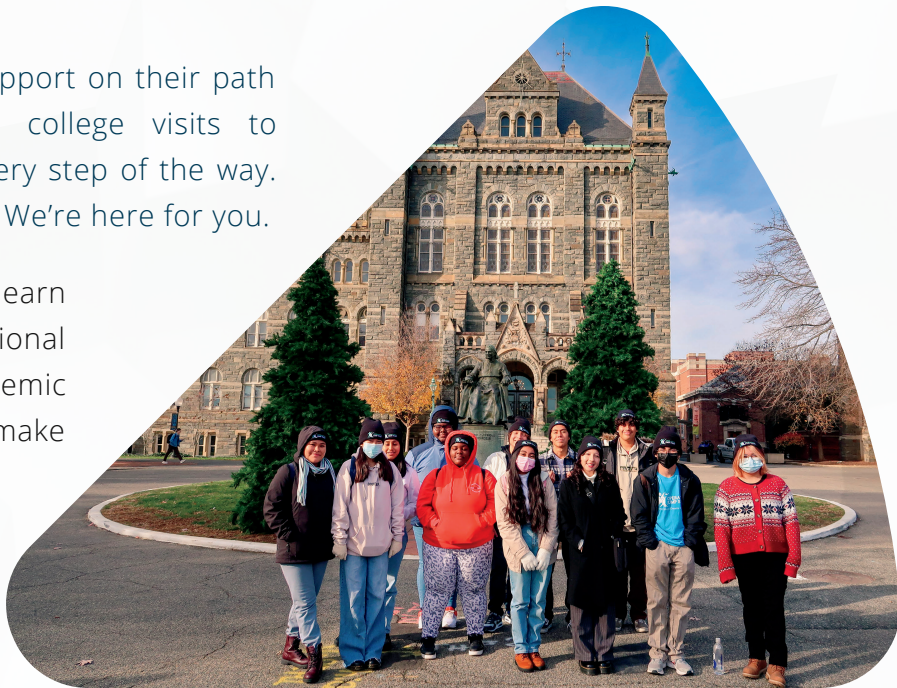


Get Involved

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!



APPLY TODAY

[OPERATIONJUMPSTART.ORG](https://operationjumpstart.org)



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!

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 50 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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