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Organization's General Goals:

Dedicated, innovative, and passionate, the College Possible team combines a wealth of experience and expertise to provide students and their institutions with the guidance and resources needed to succeed.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q4	\$2,501 to \$5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from College Possible Washington.

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Recent Organizational and Program Successes

We set the following annual program outcome goals:

- 1) Admission: 85% of high school seniors will earn admission to college
- 2) Enrollment: 70% of high school seniors will enroll in college
- 3) Persistence: 75% of first-year college students will persist to year two of college
- 4) Graduation: Students' six-year graduation rates will be comparable to the national average
- 5) Financial Aid: At least 90% of high school seniors will apply for financial aid

We found immense success for high school and college students during our most recently completed 2023-2024 program year, making college admission and success possible for students from low-income backgrounds. We engaged 259 juniors and seniors who were introduced to the benefits of a college education, began the process of taking practice tests, developing goals, and exploring “best-fit” colleges, and then guided to work with coaches to apply and select colleges, secure scholarships and financial aid, and prepare for the transition to college life.

We also served 793 college students who received a 1:1 coaching session at least four times per year from a near-peer coach. Key priorities for college coaches include helping students with: Federal Student Aid renewal; registration for the following semester; new and renewing scholarship opportunities; and understanding tuition statements, developing study skills, and connecting with resources on campus.

With the help of college coaches, our students received over \$800,000 in scholarships and awards to attend college (33 scholarships totaling over \$396,500 plus \$400,000 in Seattle Promise and College Bound Awards).

We hosted a Community Open House which was our first event that combined all of our champions: students, families, school leaders, alumni (students, coaches, and staff), community members, board members and donors. We highlighted the work we do with students through a coach portfolio showcase and a roundtable with our CEO and Executive Director.

We are also proud of the ways that we adapted quickly in response to the delay in FAFSA roll out, which caused significant challenges for students intending to attend college this year. We deployed additional resources, held FAFSA specific sessions (in-person, virtual, group, and one-on-one), and engaged in collaborative partnerships to ensure we could



support any student in Washington State who needed support (not just those in our program).

During the 2023-2024 school year, College Possible Washington achieved the following outcomes:

- 1) Admission: 97% of high school seniors earned admission to at least one college
- 2) Enrollment: 83% of high school seniors will enroll in college
- 3) Persistence: 79% of first-year college students who enrolled in Fall 2022 persisted to year two of college
- 4) Graduation: Data from 2023-2024 shows that 54% of students graduated within six years.

Financial Aid: 88% of students applied for financial aid (compared to the average 52% for Washington State seniors) and 94% applied for at least one scholarship

Student Story from the 2023-2024 School Year

We believe that stories directly from our coaches and their students are the best way to communicate the impact of our work. The following story is from the 2023-2024 school year told with quotes and perspective from junior and senior Coach Megan C.:

Josiah was a high school senior at Todd Beamer High School in the Federal Way School District and a first-year student in the College Possible Washington program. Megan shared, “One of the things that stands out to me about him is his passion for education. He just wants more, every single time we talk, [he is the most prepared]. I have to be five steps ahead of where I am in the curriculum, because he is so ahead and invested in getting to college. He has also taught me some things along the way in our work together.”

The biggest focus for Josiah and Megan together was applying to and preparing for as many scholarships as they could find. Josiah wanted to apply to 19 schools, so his coach also helped him narrow that list down to his top 3-5 schools Coach Megan explained to Josiah, “you go on campus and apply for a full day, it’s over night and a whole event. You interview in multiple settings, group and individual setting.” Megan shared because Josiah was very nervous “we discussed that and prepared and I was able to help calm him down.” She worked alongside Josiah to prepare for the rigorous process and was one of his references for his application. He was nervous about the final round. After all this preparation, Josiah recently received the Act Six scholarship at Saint Martin’s University.

With the Act Six scholarship and other aid he received he is going to college free. Josiah will be first the first in his family to go to college. It was a full circle moment too because his coach Megan also went to Saint Martin’s University. Coach Megan shared, “He applied to Saint Martin’s University before we met and loved the campus and culture. He loved the fact that it was a small school and felt he would be able to get the attention he needed to be successful, which is also the reason why I went there.”

