



TulalipCares.org

Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

NAME OF AGENCY: Seattle Education Access

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GENERAL GOALS: Seattle Education Access provides higher education advocacy and opportunity to young people struggling to overcome poverty and adversity throughout King County.

SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:

Please find our 2014 Annual Report enclosed, which details the number of students served and how their achievements. As you can see, our organization is growing and thriving, thanks to donors like you. In 2011, we served 438 students and this year we will serve over 750 students. Not only have we aimed to serve more students, we have worked to maintain our high level of services. Though our students come from poverty and adversity, 84% of students in our College Success Program either have graduated from their program of study or are in good academic standing. By comparison, only 58% of community college students graduate, regardless of socioeconomic background. Thank you so much for being part of their success.

For more information, see the attached report from Seattle Education Access.



July 16, 2015

Marilyn Sheldon
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund
8802 27th Avenue NE
Tulalip, WA 98271-9694

Dear Ms. Sheldon:

We want to thank you again for the November 2014 gift from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund to support of Seattle Education Access's program and students (**Q3 2014 14.2**). Please find our 2014 Annual Report enclosed, which details the number of students served and how their achievements. As you can see, our organization is growing and thriving, thanks to donors like you. In 2011, we served 438 students and this year we will serve over 750 students. Not only have we aimed to serve more students, we have worked to maintain our high level of services. Though our students come from poverty and adversity, 84% of students in our College Success Program either have graduated from their program of study or are in good academic standing. By comparison, only 58% of community college students graduate, regardless of socioeconomic background. Thank you so much for being part of their success.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Development Director, Katy Childers, at (206) 523-3662 or katy@seattleeducationaccess.org. Again, thank you for your support. Because of you, more students facing profound adversity have the opportunity to achieve their dream of graduating from college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthon Smith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anthon Smith
Executive Director



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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

Because of You

Thank you! Because of you, SEA has been able to provide college access services to over 1000 youth and young adults since 2011.*

Everyone deserves the opportunity to have a good education. Your support has helped hundreds of young people to have that opportunity.

Because of you, SEA students have the support and tools to overcome poverty, succeed in school, and reach their goals. Together we are building a community that empowers young people to realize their dreams through education.

Thank you for helping more young people receive college access services each year.

SEA Students Served Since 2011*

1,021

64% of SEA students are enrolled in a transfer or 4-year program

36% of SEA students are enrolled in a Professional / Vocational program

Areas of Study

Automotive Technology

Geography

Medical Technology

Psychology

Business

Interior Design

Nursing

Social Work

Computer Science

Marine Biology

Philosophy

Welding

Dental Assisting

Math

Physics

and many more...

*2011 marks the year SEA implemented new data collection and reporting methods.

Our Model

SEA serves young people whose educations have been disrupted by poverty, homelessness and adversity. We put the student first so they can choose the best path for their gifts and goals.

Because the barriers low income young adults face can be challenging, and access to college can be daunting, we offer a low barrier service model. Our program is open to any low income person ages 16-29 regardless of legal issues or immigration status.

We offer a free, welcoming, non-judgmental approach to helping young people living in poverty get the education they need to thrive.

SEA staff meet students where they are in their own communities. Our Education Advocates and tutors have regular office hours at nearly every King County community college as well as in community based organizations that provide GED instruction, case management, and basic need support. SEA staff are stationed in every region of urban King County.

SEA Partner Sites

Bellevue College

Highline Big Picture School

Realistic Transitions Program

Green River College

iGrad

Renton Youth Source

Highline College

Interagency Academy

ROOTS Young Adult Shelter

North Seattle College

Kent Learning Center

Safe Futures

Renton Technical College

Kent Phoenix Academy

Solid Ground

Seattle Central College

Learning Center North

The Mockingbird Society

Shoreline College

MetroCenter YMCA

Treehouse

South Seattle College

Neighborhood House

University District Youth Center

Auburn Youth Resources

New Horizons

YearUP

Career Link

Nurse Family Partnership

YMCA

Federal Way Multi-Service Center

PSKS

Youth Care

Pre-College Prep Program

Thousands of young people in our community have had to leave school because of poverty, or never gain access to higher education.

SEA provides the resources, tools and support low income youth need to prepare for college, earn their GED or High School diploma, and make a smooth transition to higher education.

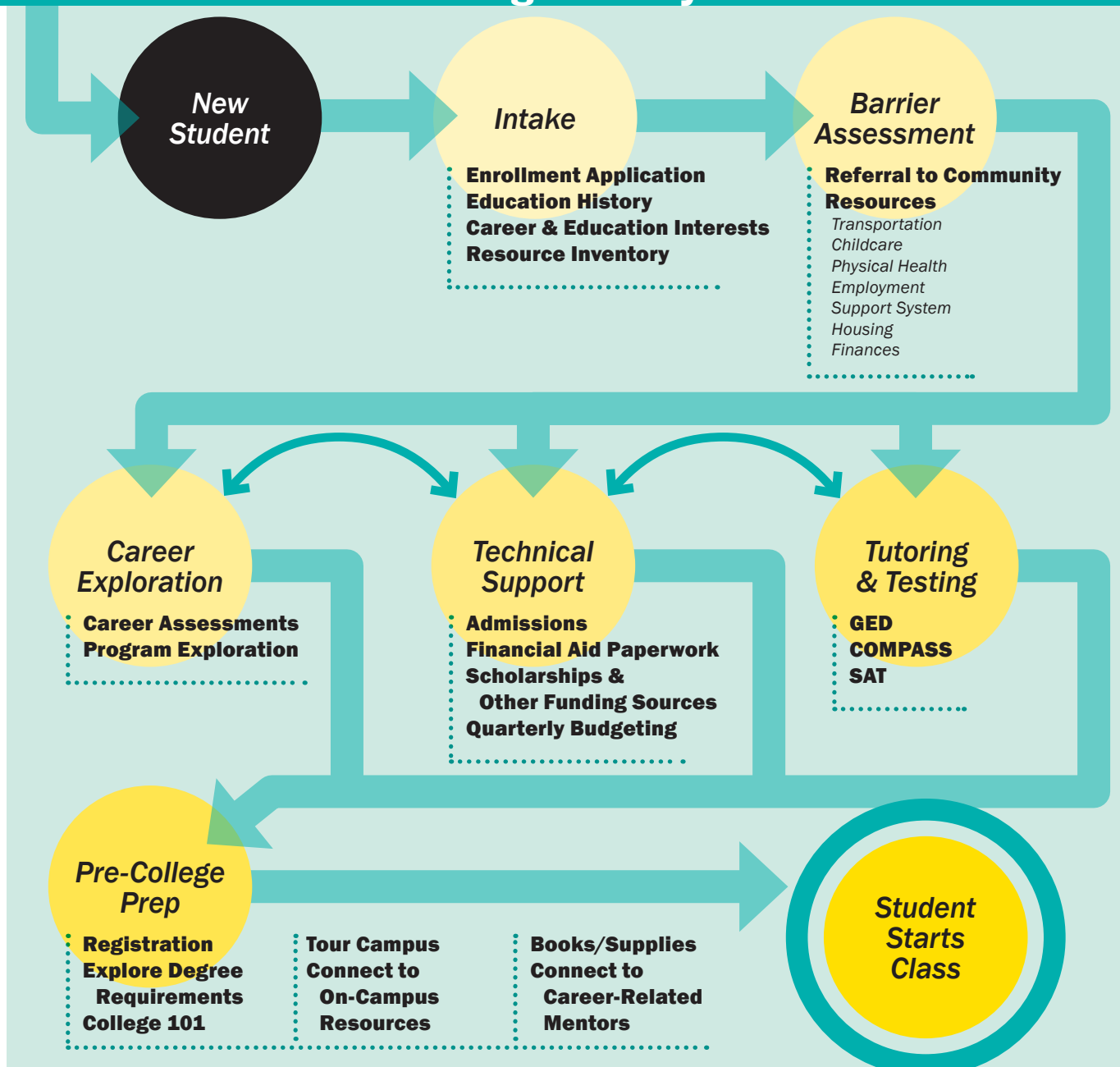
302 students were enrolled in the Pre-College Prep Program in 2014. These students were preparing to take the GED and/or Compass test, and working with our community partners to lower life barriers that might otherwise disrupt their studies.

Many Pre-College Prep students have completed tests and credentials that allow them to begin college:

88 students completed GEDs or earned High School diplomas.

152 students have completed the Compass or SAT.

Academic & Career Planning Pathway



College Success Program

SEA's College Success Program offers support throughout a student's college careers. No matter where a student chooses to go, they can connect to SEA staff to help them navigate the college system. Our staff work with each student to create an individualized academic plan tailored to their unique situation.



371

ENROLLED STUDENTS

in the SEA College Success Program in 2014

79

GRADUATES

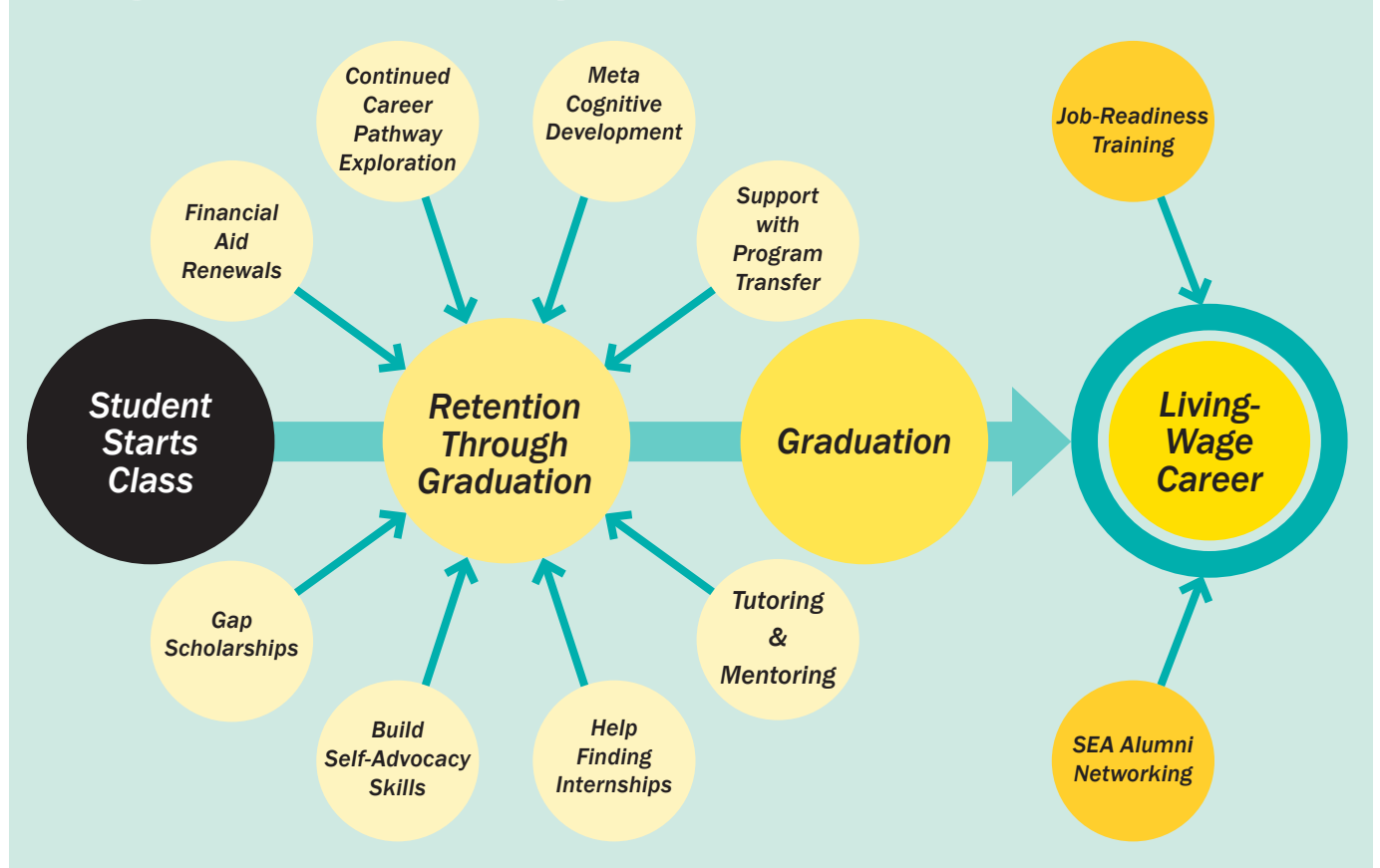
from the SEA College Success Program
(completed a program of study) in 2014

84%

PERSISTED

in good academic standing or graduated from their program of study in the SEA College Success Program. The national average for all students is 58% regardless of socioeconomic background [NSCRC, 2014].

College Success Pathway



SEA Gap Scholarship Fund

SEA's Gap Scholarship Fund fills the gap between a student's financial aid package and their total budget so they have enough to cover basic needs while working toward a degree. Gap Scholarships not only cover tuition and books, but also essentials like transportation, safe and stable housing, child care, and emergency funds.



989

Students have received SEA Gap Scholarships since 2011, totalling more than

\$375,000

in assistance to low-income students

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Thank you Seattle Education Access for putting my life back on track! I'm now doing really well in school and I'm able to pursue my dreams of majoring in biology to become an orthodontist. The scholarship awards have helped pay for necessities such as textbooks as well as rent assistance. I cherish this gift you have given to me and will continue to defy gravity by accomplishing goals that no one ever thought I could achieve. — Alfa

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Student Demographics (2011 - 2014)

Of SEA's students served since 2011:

100% are low income

81% of students are in South King County

31% are immigrants

55% have experienced homelessness

15% identify as LGBTQ

78% are people of color

81% are 1st generation college attendees

26% are single parents (324 children)

45% are 1st generation HS/GED graduates

12% have been in foster care

57% female

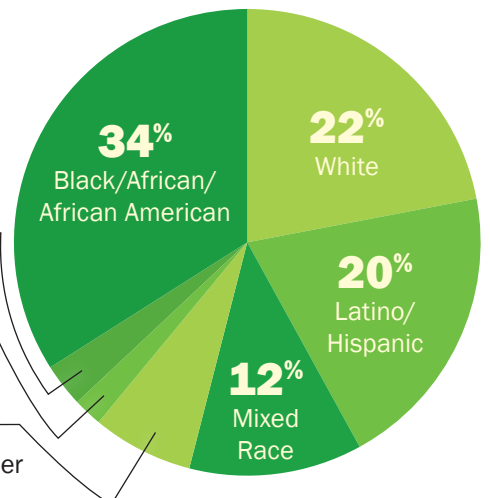
41% male

2% transgender

3% Other/Unknown

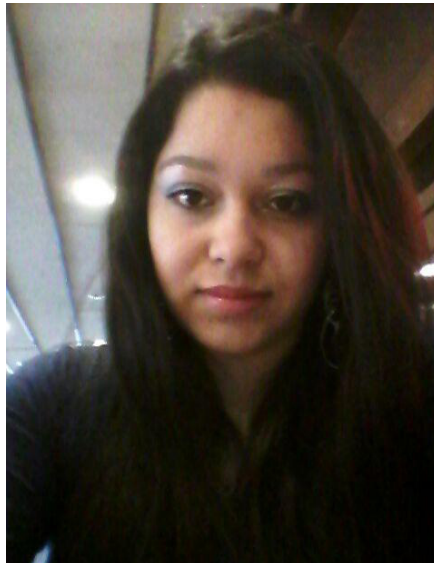
2% Native American

7% Asian/Pacific Islander



Current SEA Student: Mayra

Mayra started working with SEA in early 2012. She was in the Skills for College program at Renton Technical College, where SEA lead workshops for students interested in going back to school. Mayra knew that she wanted to pursue higher education, feeling that it would set her on a path to financial security and personal fulfillment, but she didn't know yet what she wanted to study. Her original idea was to pursue paramedic training. After talking with Jeff, her Education Advocate, about the curriculum, job prospects, and work environment, Mayra reconsidered. She reflected on her past, particularly difficult but formative childhood experiences, and decided she wanted to pursue Developmental Psychology. Mayra is passionate about helping children, wanting to learn about their experiences and understand how their brains function during times of trauma. Her goal is to work with children who have been neglected, to help them understand that traumatic experiences are not their fault.



With this goal in mind, Mayra worked with SEA to apply for scholarships, fill out applications for school, and navigate the new world of higher education. She was the first person in her family to pursue a college degree, which meant that she could not ask family members for advice.

Jeff was there to answer her questions. He was her "go-to person." Mayra completed her Associates Degree in Psychology at Bellevue College in 2014. She then applied to the University of Washington as a transfer student, where she is now working toward her BA. Her long-term goal is to complete a PhD in psychology and then work in her community, helping kids address traumatic experiences. Mayra is an inspiration. She has overcome life barriers that many find insurmountable, and is now thriving. When asked what advice she has for other students, Mayra says: "If you want something, you have to keep trying, despite the obstacles. There will be help, but you have to find it and use it." She reflects on her progress over the years: "It took me a long time to get where I am. SEA helped me get started and they're still here helping me today, more than three years later. I want to thank them for all of their help." Thank you, Mayra, for making us proud!

Many Thanks to Our Generous Donors

500+ Individuals	Danica Children's Foundation	Microsoft Giving Campaign & Matching Gifts	Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation
110 Consulting	Deupree Family Foundation	Morningside Foundation	Silver Family Foundation
Adrenaline Consulting	Elizabeth A. Lynn Foundation	Muckleshoot Charity Fund	SkillUp Washington
Accenture	EMC Corporation	MSIT	SR Education Group
Alaska Airlines Foundation	Ernest R. and Audrey M. Turner Foundation	Northwest Children's Fund	Tulalip Charitable Foundation
Aspen Foundation	Glaser Foundation	Posner-Wallace Foundation	The Ulmschneider Educational Foundation
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Harvest Foundation	Pride Foundation	United Way of King County
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	International District Rotary Club	Quil Ceda Village	Union Bank
Burlington Northern Santa Fe Foundation	King County	RealNetworks Foundation	Washington Women's Foundation
Ceres Foundation	Kirkpatrick Family Foundation	Safeco Insurance Foundation	Windermere Foundation
ChinaSoft International	Lucky Seven Foundation	Satterberg Foundation	Wockner Foundation
College Spark Washington	Mannix Canby Foundation	Seattle Foundation	Worldwide Technology Group
Community Center for Education Results	Medina Foundation	Seattle PI	Xtreme Consulting Group

SEA Staff & Board

Jeff, Naomi, Ashley, Angela, Jen, Danika

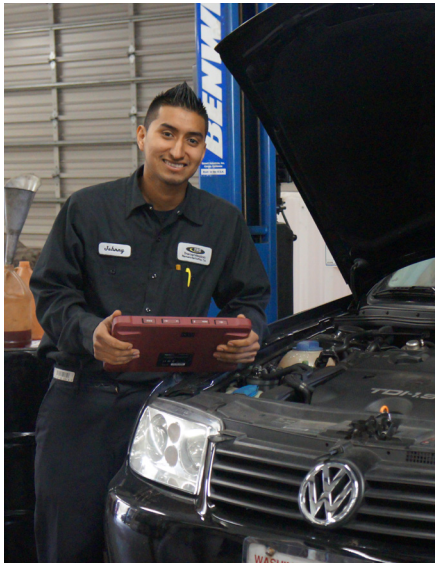


Not pictured: Anthon & Susan

Two of SEA's Board Members:
Dionne & Cris



SEA Alum: Jonathan



My family moved to Seattle from Mexico when I was six years old. Witnessing the hardships they experienced motivated me to pursue higher education. My father has always been an automotive technician; he was a hard working man and taught me the same. Thanks to him,

I had the opportunity to become familiar with the automotive field at a very young age, which motivated me to pursue an education in this field. During high school my family opened an automotive shop. Every day after school I worked there, sometimes staying long hours to help my family. It was not easy to keep up with school and work at the same time, but I developed valuable skills. Unfortunately, we soon had to close the shop because we couldn't afford the rising cost of rent. When I graduated high school I enrolled right away at South Seattle College in the automotive program. But paying for college was hard. Being an undocumented student didn't make me eligible to receive any state or federal financial aid. I have always been a shy person and hesitated to ask for help, so I got a part-time job to pay my tuition. This was very difficult. There were times where I had to stop going to school to work full time and save enough money to go back. At one point I thought of giving

up and dropping out. But the people in my life encouraged me to continue. During my second year a friend told me about Seattle Education Access (SEA), and encouraged me to go speak to an Education Advocate. I finally decided to step out of my comfort zone and met with Danika Martinez, who, ever since that day, has become an incredibly amazing support system for me. With the help of Danika and SEA, I was able to overcome my financial barriers. SEA awarded me the scholarships I needed to stay in school. Three years later I graduated from South Seattle College with an Associate of Applied Science in Automotive Technology. It is an honor to be the first in my family to graduate from college and set an example for future generations. I now hold a technician position where I specialize in vehicle diagnosis. I plan to open my own shop someday and mentor students in my field. I would like to thank Danika and everyone at SEA for all of their support.

2014 Financial Highlights

Generous donors and grantors gave **\$838,740** to support college access programs for low income young people.

Thanks to community support, SEA awarded Gap Scholarships totaling **\$79,592** to **325** Students

2014 Revenue

Foundations
\$319,909

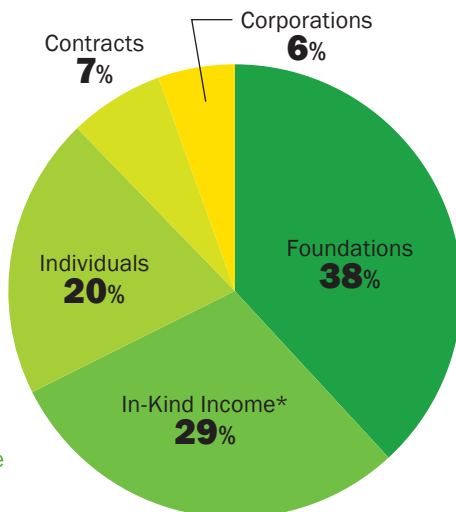
In-Kind Income
\$247,349

Individuals
\$168,681

Corporations
\$46,012

Contracts Income
\$56,789

2014 Total Revenue
\$838,740

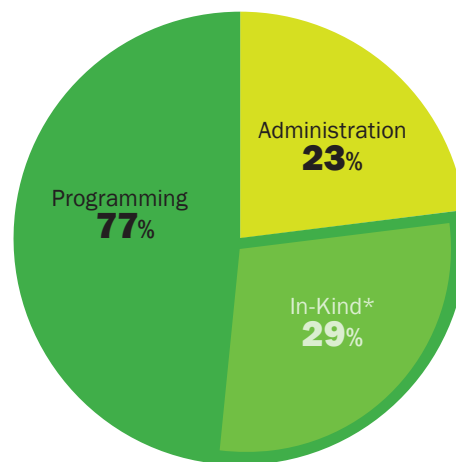


2014 Expenses

Programming
\$402,595

Administration
\$192,910

In-Kind*
\$247,349



*In-Kind Programming income includes support for AmeriCorps staff, volunteer tutors, computer donations, and more.

Mission

Seattle Education Access provides higher education advocacy and opportunity to young people struggling to overcome poverty and adversity throughout King County.

Goals

- « To connect non-traditional students with the information and financial resources to help them achieve their dreams of a college education.
- « To provide financial support that helps low income youth access higher education and meet their housing and basic survival needs while in school.
- « To connect non-traditional students with the information and financial resources to help them achieve their dreams of a college education.
- « To provide the personal attention, mentoring, technical assistance, and moral support that marginalized youth need to navigate the complex systems of higher education and financial aid.
- « To empower young people living in poverty to develop their own voices and succeed in the higher academic arena.

Values

We Believe:

- « In the inherent worth and dignity of each human being.
- « That education is a life-long process of self-discovery and world discovery.
- « That education is its own reward and enriches life.
- « That every person deserves a good education.
- « That every person is responsible for his or her own life.
- « That every person has unique gifts and that when those gifts are nourished and given a chance to flourish, both the individual and the community benefits.
- « That by helping others, and by accepting help from others, we add meaning and beauty to life.

We Serve:

- « SEA serves low-income young people ages 16-29 who have the goal of pursuing higher education, whether it be a certificate training program or college degree.

We Welcome:

- « People of all genders and sexual orientations and celebrate their right to self-determination.
- « People from all ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds.
- « People from all religious faiths and philosophical worldviews.
- « People of all immigration statuses.
- « People of all abilities.



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