

# THE DREAM PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



# WE HAVE A NEW LOOK

## Introducing the Dream Project's new logo, color palette, and website

The Dream Project rebrand comes at a time of significant growth for the organization. Since 2018, we have hired a new Executive Director, a full-time Development Director, a full-time Communications and Student Recruitment Director, and a full-time Business and Programs Manager. We have welcomed new members to our Board of Directors and Advisory Board. **And this year, we are proud to have raised the individual scholarship award from \$2,500 to a record \$3,000 per student.** We realized that an updated design would allow us to reflect better who we are, what we offer, and what people can expect of us.



Our new logo marks a new chapter for the organization. While it is a straightforward rendering of the letters "d" and "p" for the Dream Project's name, it also reflects imagery open to interpretation. Some have seen the image of a roadmap, reflecting the Dream Project's commitment to traveling alongside our students, helping to navigate the path wherever it's going. Some have also seen a hint of a butterfly: a potent symbol of immigration representing a journey, aspiration, and transformation.

**[dream-project.org](http://dream-project.org)**



The core colors are blue, green, and black, and the palette blends bold and youthful colors. A secondary purple highlights and offsets the core colors. We also retained our history in the colors; our original logo was developed in 2010 by two students from Yorktown High School: Henry Mejia (now a Dream Project board member) and his brother Sergio. The primary logo is in a shade of blue that honors that original design.

Our new website is designed to be easier to use, more dynamic, and streamlined.

## STRATEGIC PLAN FY2025

Concluding in February, the Dream Project underwent a strategic planning process to inform the following three years.

The planning session was facilitated by Kevin Coray, a strategic planning consultant and trusted advisor with thirty-five years of experience. The Board of Directors authorized the creation of a Strategic Planning Task Force- consisting of five Board members and the Executive Director - which planned and designed the strategic planning Board retreat and analyzed data, allowing the Board to make informed decisions. Constituent groups engaged in developing this strategic plan included parents, mentors, mentees, donors, scholarship recipients (Dream Scholars), and alumni. The Board and staff will review progress quarterly and update the annual operation plan as needed.

Read the full Strategic Plan at [dream-project.org/about](http://dream-project.org/about).

# LETTER FROM THE 2021-2022 BOARD CHAIR

Dear Friends of the Dream Project,

As we conclude our 11th year, the Dream Project celebrates resilience! After years of widespread anti-immigrant rhetoric and sentiment and in our third year of a global pandemic--that in the United States disproportionately affects immigrant communities--our students remain undeterred. They are undaunted in their determination to earn college degrees and build successful careers, which will enable them, in turn, to strengthen their communities and our country. The Dream Project family comprises students, parents, alumni, staff, Board and Advisory Board members, community partners, government leaders, and you – our generous supporters. Together we provide a tight-knit safety net to bolster these remarkable young people as they journey toward success.

Our three core programs – Scholarships, Mentoring, and Scholar and Alumni Support – help immigrant students across the state of Virginia access college, thrive once there, and secure promising futures for themselves and their posterity. This year in our Scholarship Program, we awarded renewable scholarships of \$3,000 to 100 talented students who will attend more than 20 different colleges in Virginia and across the country. In our Mentoring Program, mentees and mentors attended two-hour weekly sessions from September through May. Students learned from experts in numerous fields and worked with their mentors on college and scholarship applications. Once students were accepted to various colleges, mentors provided guidance to help them identify which schools best fit their life circumstances. They also advised them as they negotiated their financial aid packages. In our Scholars and Alumni Support Program, 40% of our Scholars met weekly with a college coach through a partnership with Beyond 12, which supports first-generation students.

Further, the Dream Project's Case Manager worked with community partners to connect students and their families with health and mental health services, housing, food, and other essential resources so they could continue to focus on their studies. Scholars also continued to have access to the Dream Project's interest-free Molly and Joseph Herman Loan Fund and our Emergency Relief Fund. In addition to the tangible results our three core programs produce is the intangible sense of support and security our students experience as members of the Dream Project community.



**JANE POWELL,  
2021-2022 BOARD CHAIR  
THE DREAM PROJECT**



While our three core programs continued to grow and flourish, we also strengthened our structures and administrative functions. The Dream Project completed its FY 2020-2022 strategic planning cycle in June, and we are proud to report that we met and often exceeded the ambitious goals that we had set for ourselves. This year, staff, Board members, students, parents, and other Dream Project supporters worked long hours together to develop our 2023-2025 strategic direction. With this refreshed guidance, we will continue enhancing our three core programmatic areas while increasing the holistic support we provide to our students, primarily through community partnerships.

The Dream Project's staff continues to grow, helping us better serve our students. In August 2021, we welcomed Karen Vallejos Corrales as our new Executive Director. While new in the position, Karen is no stranger to the Dream Project. As a junior in high school, Karen was one of the founding students of the Dream Project. Since then, she has graduated from Southwest Adventist University and Washington and Lee School of Law. She held positions in both the legal and nonprofit sectors before returning to the Dream Project to help other students like her as they strive to achieve their college and career goals. Karen has provided outstanding leadership at the helm of our organization and is a tremendous role model for those following in her footsteps. In the past year, we also hired our first full-time Development Director, Michele Connelly, leveraging her 30 years of fundraising experience to continue the Dream Project's upward revenue trajectory. And as our first Communications and Student Recruitment Director, Liz Larabee is fine-tuning and executing our Communications Plan and improving our ability to recruit and serve students with challenging immigration statuses across Virginia.

The Dream Project's foundation is strong, and our strategy moving forward is sound. As our new cohort of mentees begins the process of submitting college and scholarship applications, our scholars continue to strive toward their dreams of a college degree, and our alumni start to build successful careers and families, we want you to know the life-changing impact you have made, not only in the lives of these young people but also in the generations that will succeed them. On behalf of our students, parents, staff, and Board members, I want to express our deepest gratitude for your generous and steadfast support.

With solidarity and tremendous thanks,

**Jane Powell**

2021-2022 Board Chair

# THE DREAM PROJECT: AT A GLANCE

## OUR HISTORY:

The Dream Project was established in 2010 when a small group of parents, students, educators, and community members met at the home of Dream Project founder Dr. Emma Violand-Sánchez to discuss their concerns about college costs for immigrant students in Virginia. “Well, I can cook,” one parent said, and the first fundraiser for the Dream Project was organized. This was and continues to be, one of the only programs offering scholarship and mentoring assistance to undocumented students in Virginia.

## OUR VISION:

Our vision is a supportive and inclusive community where Dreamers and their families are empowered through education to pursue their dreams and achieve their full potential.

## OUR MISSION:

We empower students whose immigration status creates barriers to education by working with them to access and succeed in college through scholarships, mentoring, and scholar, alumni, and family support.

**THIS YEAR,  
WE IMPACTED  
OVER 300  
IMMIGRANT  
STUDENTS**



**28  
mentees**



**100  
scholars**



**200+  
alumni**

# WHO WE ARE

*Special thanks to the Parents Committee, mentors, mentees, Scholars, donors, and alumni who continually meet the needs of the Dream Project community.*

## OUR 2021-2022 STAFF:

**Karen Vallejos Corrales**, Executive Director  
**Michele Connelly**, Development Director  
**Liz Laribee**, Director of Communications & Student Recruitment  
**Cecilia Morales**, Business Manager  
**Belinda Passafaro**, Case Manager & Senior Consultant  
**Carlos Puerta**, Program Manager & Systems Developer  
**Patricia Sanguinetti**, Mentoring Coordinator

## OUR 2021- 2022 BOARD:

**Emma Violand-Sánchez, Ph.D**, Founder & Chair  
**Mark Habeeb, Ph.D**, Vice Chair  
**Robert Remes**, Treasurer  
**Ann Kennedy, Ph.D**, Secretary  
**Jane Powell**, Board Chair Emeritus

Monica Burgos Flores; Dawn Cutler-Tran; Cinthia Fernholz; Tim Lawler; Henry Mejia-Villena; Jeff Miles; Gustavo Minaya, Nataly Montaña Vargas; Roxana Montaña, Marie Price, Ph.D; David Rothwell, Esq; Robert Smith, Ph.D; Julius JD Spain; David Springberg; Julie Zalkind, Ph.D,

## OUR 2021- 2022 ADVISORY BOARD

**Honorable Tannia Talento**, Chair

Luis Aguilar, John Andelin, Honorable Ricardy Anderson, Gaston Araoz, Katherine Barko-Alva, PhD, David Beringer, Victor Bentacourt-Santiago, Nathan Carter, PhD, Honorable Cristina Diaz-Torres, Francisco Durán, PhD, Senator Adam Ebbin, Senator Barbara Favola, Denise Ferguson, Anita Friedman, Magaly Galdo-Hirst, Ginger Geoffrey, Mark Ginsberg, PhD, Delegate Elizabeth Guzman, Rebecca Herman, Angela Kelley, Bethany Letiecq PhD, Rita Lewis, Delegate Alfonso Lopez, Cressida McKean, Anya McMurray, Tara Palacios, Honorable Dalia Palchik, John Porter, Alma Powell, Andy Shallal, Matthew Shank, PhD, Honorable Noah Simon, Justine Springberg, Drew Stelljes, PhD, Honorable Walter Tejada, Kathy Tenhula

# WHAT DO STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THE DREAM PROJECT?

I have been a part of the Dream Project for three years now, but every year I am as amazed and overwhelmed as I was the day they first announced I was awarded a scholarship.

Knowing there are organizations like this one and people like you who believe I deserve to hope for a future for myself means more than you can ever imagine. I want you to know that is what the Scholarship is to me—the gift of hope.

I am very thankful for having the support the Dream Project provides us.

The Dream Project provided mentorship on a number of things but most importantly provided support to another frazzled first-gen student determined to achieve higher education but unsure how to proceed.

The Dream Project is an amazing organization and I hope to give back in scholarships very soon once I graduate medical school.

College can be overwhelming as a first-gen and having those supportive messages from someone who may understand where you're coming from is encouraging.

One of the best things that I have had in my schooling.

\*Student quotes were collected from various sources, including letters to donors, surveys, and emails to staff.

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW: MENTORING

"Every week on Tuesdays, our meeting was what I most anticipated from my week. Even during this strange time, all of you have done your very best to support mentees like me without expecting anything in return except our success." -Kathy, Dream Project Mentee



## \$328,000

Amount in renewable merit scholarships awarded to our mentees in 2022 from community foundations, in addition to the Dream Project Scholarship. For four years, these scholarships total approximately \$1,200,000



## 100%

Percentage of eligible 2021-2022 Mentees who applied for and were awarded the renewable \$3,000 Dream Project Scholarship

## 7

Number of Dream Project Mentees who were awarded full-ride scholarships to their chosen universities upon completing the Mentoring Program



## 9

Countries of origin that were represented by our Mentees, including Mongolia, Bolivia, Ethiopia, the Philippines, El Salvador, Kuwait, Argentina, Nepal, and Peru



# WHO ARE OUR SCHOLARS?



**81%**

of Dream Scholars are the first person in their family to attend college



**43%**

lack access to basic healthcare



**63%**

work while in school



**11%**

have experienced housing insecurity



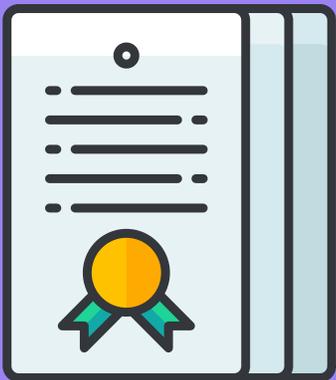
**65%**

identify as women



**30%**

of our Dream Scholars receive financial aid from their college or university



**100%**

have immigration statuses that create barriers to higher education



**45%**

pursue STEM-related careers

# THE 2021-2022 DREAM PROJECT STUDENTS REPRESENTED 20+ COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN



ARGENTINA



BOLIVIA



COLOMBIA



DOMINICAN REUBLIC



ECUADOR



EL SALVADOR



ETHIOPIA



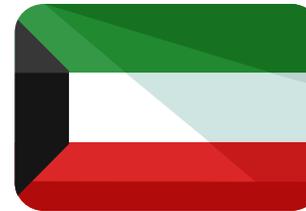
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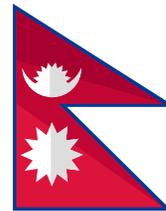
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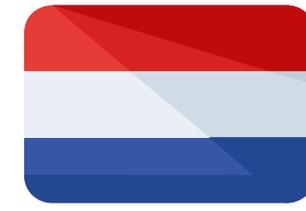
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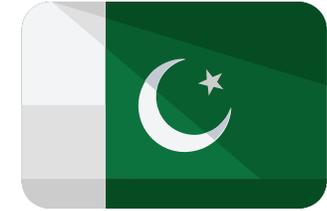
MONGOLIA



NEPAL



THE NETHERLANDS



PAKISTAN



PERU



THE PHILIPPINES



SAUDI ARABIA



VENEZUELA

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SCHOLARSHIPS

"My family and I are very excited about my first year of college and being the first generation in my family. This big step will be a change for my family and me. Thanks to your help, I will be able to alleviate a large part of the financial burden to achieve my goal." -Alejandra, Dream Scholar



## \$300,000

in scholarship money was awarded to students. Dream Scholars received \$3,000 renewable scholarships, raised from \$2,500



## 84%

of our Scholars identify the Dream Project as a crucial factor in succeeding in college

## 94%

of our current Dream Scholars had their scholarships renewed



## 29

new scholarships were awarded out of a competitive pool of 150 applicants

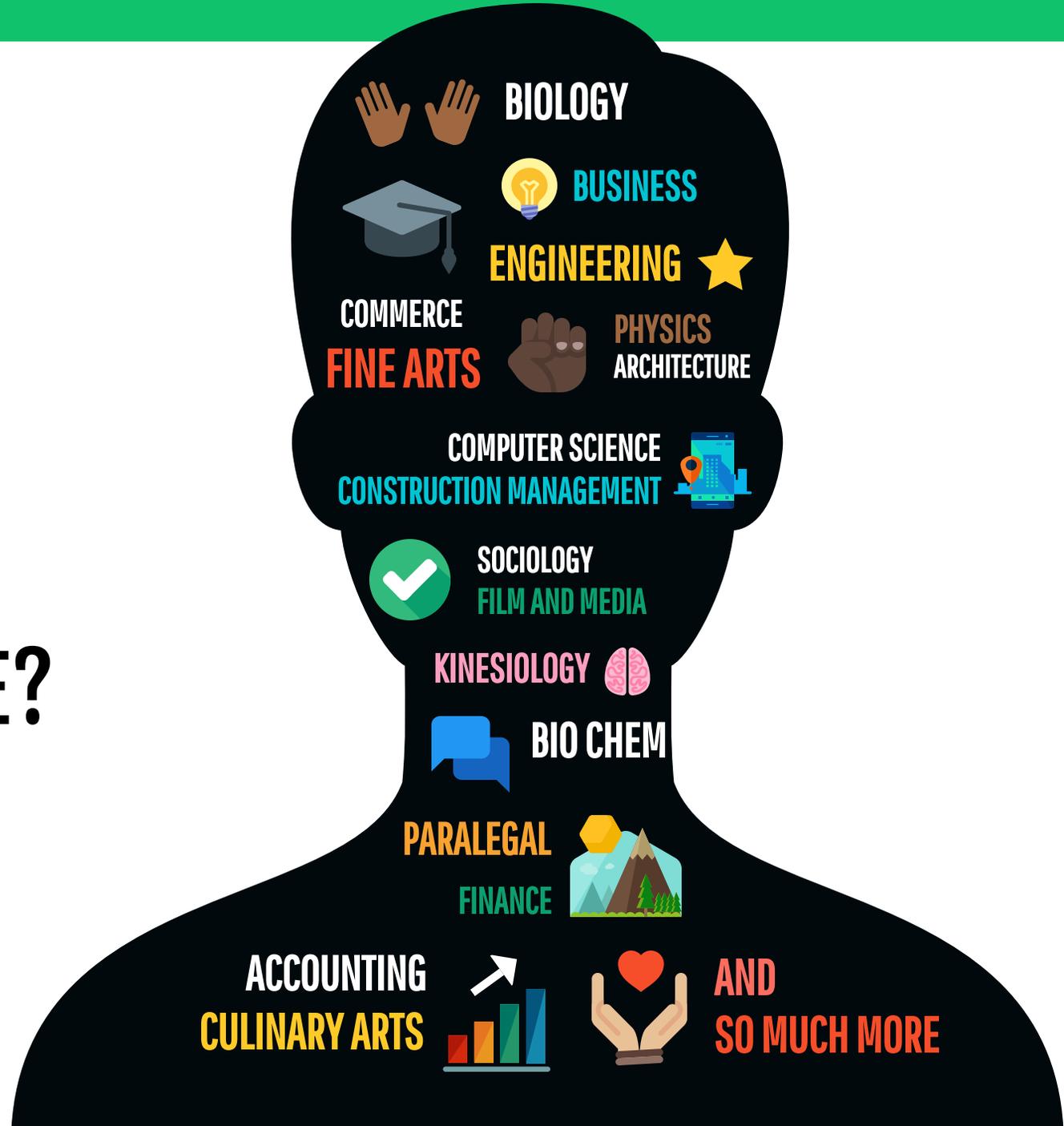


# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 DREAM SCHOLARS, ATTENDING THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

**Colleges include:** Bridgewater College, College of William & Mary, Drexel University, Duke University, George Mason University, Georgetown University, James Madison University, Juniata College, Lewis & Clark College, Longwood University, Mary Baldwin University, Minnesota State University, Northern Virginia Community College, Randolph College, Richard Bland College, Shenandoah University, Stanford University, Trinity University, Tufts University, University of Richmond, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Tech, Wingate University, Yale University



# WHAT DO OUR DREAM SCHOLARS STUDY AT COLLEGE?



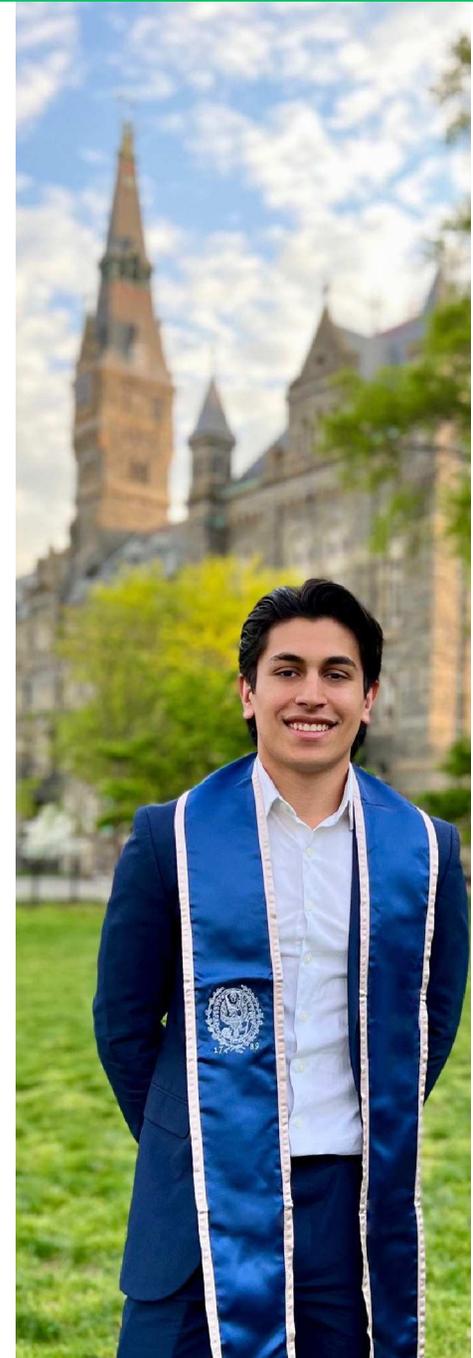
# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 DREAM SCHOLARS

\*All student last names are omitted to protect their privacy



Adriana E.	Clara E.	Filmon K.
Aida T.	Cristina A.	Flavia B.
Ajwa A.	Daniel R.	Gabriela G.
Alejandra V.	Dasaylin N.	Geisha P.
Alexandra B.	Deily E.	Giovanni F.
Alison A.	Diana B.	Graciela T.
Alondra J.	Diego L.	Grisly A.
Alvaro H.	Dulce C.	Gustavo M.
Ana R.	Emeli Esther A.	Henry A.
Anderson V.	Erika S.	Henry R.
Any H.	Ermuunkhuslen G.	Irma K.
Azucena C.	Estefany H.	Ivan A.
Bryan V.	Fabricio G.	Jacqueline A.
Carlos E.	Fatima G.	Jatsuka P.
Carol A.	Feben W.	Javier O.

Jenifer O.	Melannye P.
Jhandira F.	Mellany O.
Jhina V.	Meylin J.
Jhojan V.	Micael D.
Johan A.	Natalia H.
Johavy M.	Neyda Q.
Jonathan R.	Nimrah S.
Jose R.	Niyat A.
Judany D.	Paula M.
Katherine G.	Ramla A.
Katherine L.	Reina G.
Katherine A.	Ricardo A.
Katherine M.	Roberto A.
Kelly R.	Rodrigo S.
Kervin G.	Rodrigo C.
Khulegen L.	Roxana R.
Khuslen J.	Ruth W.
Laura G.	Sebastian P.
Luis G.	Silvia C.
Luis D.	Stefani U.
Maria M.	Syndi A.
Maria A.	Wendy H.
Maria D.	Yanci E.
Maria D.	Yasir M.
Maria S.	Yulisa E.
Maribel G.	Zamilan M.
Marvin R.	



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW: SCHOLAR & ALUMNI SUPPORT

The Dream Project community embraced terrific opportunities to network, learn, share stories, engage with allies and partners, and continue to flourish in these current times of uncertainty. We will continue to provide holistic services and tailored casework, strengthen our existing partnerships, and cultivate new partnerships to further engage our scholars in advocacy and leadership development opportunities in the year ahead.

*Contributed by Belinda Passafaro, Dream Project Case Worker*



## 40%

of Scholars took part in our partnership with Beyond12, a nationwide nonprofit that helps low-income and underrepresented students succeed in college. B12 uses a unique coaching model to help students stay on track to graduate and thrive in school



## \$100,000

in Emergency Relief Funds were disbursed to Scholars to help support emergency needs related to housing, medical, and other basic needs; the ERF is designed to help students remain in school by solving financial problems

## 83

Scholars attended the annual Dream Summit (held virtually). This program is designed to empower our Scholars and alumni with the knowledge and resources they need to succeed in college and the workforce, covering topics like finances, networking, and starting a business



## \$1,455

was contributed to assist Scholars with mental health services through our partnership with George Mason University Center for Psychological Services. Students receive eight fully paid sessions, and if they wish to continue, they can extend their contract with a minimal sliding scale fee with the Center



# WHO ARE OUR ALUMNI?



**86%**

of Dream Project alumni are full-time employees or graduate school students



**22%**  
of Dream Project alumni work in STEM-related careers



**25%**  
work in business



**18%**  
work in education



**61%**

of Dream Project alumni earn \$40,000-\$100,000 annually



**7**

Dream Project alumni have graduated from Graduate School



**81%**  
of Dream Project alumni work in a field related to their career interest



**90%**

of Alumni jobs depend on DACA

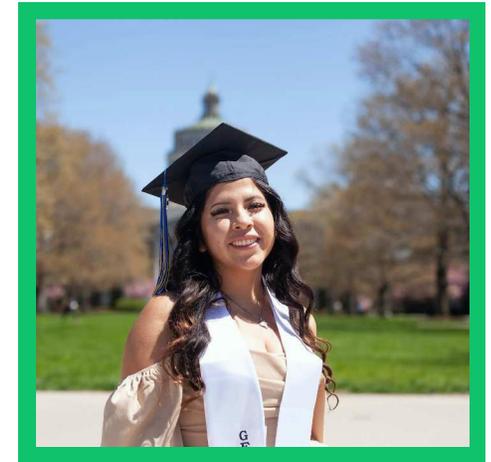
# SPOTLIGHT: DREAM PROJECT ALUMNI

Dear Dream Project Family,

Thank you for the immense support I have received these past four years through the Dream Project. Like many others, my parents left Bolivia, longing for a better life in the US. It was the hardest decision they ever had to make. They had to leave everything they knew behind, including my sister and me, and start over from literally nothing. Six years later, I came to the US with nothing but a backpack, the hopes of being reunited with my parents, and a better future. For me, higher education was not only the key to that future but also a way to repay my parents for their hard work and sacrifices. However, due to my family's financial hardships, college seemed unattainable. Out of necessity, I had to dedicate significant imagination and self-advocacy to gain academic opportunities. After many years of being a high-achieving scholar, I earned scholarships from The Dream Project and POSSE, which allowed me to focus solely on my education. I did not have to get extra loans or do work study. My financial freedom allowed me to accomplish many things: I was President of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, an undergraduate research assistant for professor Muller's lab, and an engineering tutor.

Trying to navigate college as a low-income, first-generation DACA student--as well as a woman of color in the engineering field--was one of the most significant challenges I ever faced. There were so many moments of self-doubt and feelings of inadequacy. There were so many times I felt overwhelmed and unprepared. Regardless, I never gave up, and I made sure to learn from my mistakes. As I embark on this next chapter in my life, I want to thank everyone who believed and supported me along the way. I'm excited to be a Summer GEM fellow with the HESS corp before beginning my Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering at Stanford, researching renewable energy and sustainable technology. No matter where I go or end up, I will never forget my roots, those who helped me, and those who still need help. None of this would have been possible without the Dream Project. My gratitude for your contribution to my future success is immeasurable.

**-Contributed by Milenia, Dream Project Alumni**



**Milenia**  
**DREAM PROJECT ALUMNI, 2022**



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ADVOCACY

"Because our students and their families face unique challenges in pursuit of their dreams, and many of these challenges derive from the societal and political discourse, we work to help and encourage our students to actively engage both within their communities as well as with allied communities to ensure that their voices are heard."  
-Mark Habeeb, Chair of the Communications, Advocacy, & Outreach Committee



## ACADEMIC OUTREACH

Staff and alumni spoke to the William & Mary Urban Institute leadership class. W&M is one of several partnerships we have with local universities to cultivate further student support- these include George Mason, Marymount, and NOVA.



## FAITH OUTREACH

To advocate on behalf of underrepresented students, we shared our message with Santa Maria Episcopal Church among other houses of worship. Additionally, 6 students attended the NETWORK social justice conference in DC.

## CULTURAL EVENTS

Board and staff members gathered at Capital One Hall, where the Dream Project took part in the Women's Refugee Commission's annual Lantern Tour concert series. The Lantern Tour brings together art and advocacy to stand with migrant and refugee women, children, and youth worldwide.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The staff participated in Project Illumination, an undocumented immigrant-centered art series produced by Arlington artist and Dream Project alumni Girasol O'Neill. This year we also shared our programs alongside community leaders at Arlington Public Library's Reencuentro Latinx archives event.



# PARENTS COMMITTEE

For 2021-2022, the committee's leadership consisted of Carmen Herbas de Velasco, Chair; Maria Luna, Vice Chair; Juan Carlos Guzman, Treasurer; Ricardo Martinez, and Roxana Gutierrez, Communications.



## 11

parents received a basic computer class, and each was gifted a laptop to improve their digital skills and proficiency with Microsoft software through a Computer Core partnership.



## \$18,619

was contributed by the committee, which included the Parents Scholarship given to one deserving Dream Scholar.

## 19

parents attended the Parents Summit for bilingual training for legal advice on immigration, finances, community resources, self-care, and wellness.



## Holiday Event

The Parents prepared all of the food for our annual Holiday Event, supporting a Virtual program that included a Holiday Auction. All earnings went directly to Dream Scholars.



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2021 – 2022



**\$246,073  
IN GRANTS**

from foundations and corporations to support our youth programs.



**TOTAL INCOME:  
\$741,819**

**\$467,041  
RECEIVED IN  
DONATIONS**

from generous community donors and supporters.



**\$19,196  
EARNED IN  
FUNDRAISING**

from faith organizations



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Compiled by Business Manager, Cecilia Morales

Revenue		
Individual gifts		
	Major Donors	284,860
	General Donations	182,181
	<b>Total Individual Gifts</b>	<b>467,041</b>
	Foundations / Grants and Nonprofits	236,073
	Corporations / Businesses	18,227
	Faith Organizations	19,196
	Interest	1,281
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>741,819</b>



Expenses		
Direct Student Aid		
	Dream Scholarships	296,333
	Beyond 12	23,729
	Emergency Relief	11,312
	<b>Total Direct Student Aid</b>	<b>331,374</b>
Student Programs		
	Student Aid Support	58,837
	Mentoring Program	47,606
	Scholars and Alumni Activities	53,979
	<b>Total Student Programs</b>	<b>160,422</b>
	Community Outreach and Advocacy	30,507
Supporting Services		
	Development Infrastructure	61,221
	General & Administrative	59,718
	<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>120,939</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>643,242</b>

# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Aside from providing a critical financial resource, scholarships are a confirmation to a student that someone genuinely believes in their potential. The Dream Project's Named Scholarship program also offers a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one, respected colleague, or influential teacher.

For more information, or to become a Named Scholarship sponsor, contact: Michele Connelly, Development Director: [development@dream-project.org](mailto:development@dream-project.org)



## **Abdur and Robina Rashid Scholarship**

*Gifted by Hamza Rashid*

## **Albert Zalkind Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Julie and Dr. David Zalkind*

## **Alfred Habeeb, MD Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Mark Habeeb and Wendy Mills*

## **Ann Bacher and James Sampson Scholarship**

*Gifted by Ann Bacher and James Sampson*

## **Ann Caldwell Kennedy Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Ann Kennedy and George Spanos*

## **Ann Palmer Scholarship**

*Gifted by the Mason Hirst Foundation*

## **Anna WinklerPrins Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Vince and Antoinette WinklerPrins*

## **Carole H. Lopez Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by the Honorable Alfonso Lopez*

## **Charles Hoyt Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Maria-Isabel A. Hoyt*

## **Daniel B. Kennedy Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Ann Kennedy and George Spanos*

## **David Carliner Memorial Scholarship (3)**

*Gifted by Bob Remes and Debbie Carliner*

## **Denise Ferguson Friendship Scholarship**

*Gifted by Jeanne Kowalski*

## **Dream Project Parents Scholarship**

*Gifted by the Dream Project Parents Committee*

## **Educational Opportunities for Alexandrians Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Educational Opportunities for Alexandrians*

## **Elizabeth Kerr Martin Memorial Scholarship (4)**

*Gifted by Randy and Liz Brouckman*

## **Emma Sanchez Rossel Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Emma Violand-Sanchez*

## **Fairlington Presbyterian Church Dream Scholarship**

*Gifted by Fairlington Presbyterian Church*

## **Founder's Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Emma Violand-Sanchez*

# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, CONT.

## **Frechette Family Foundation Scholarship (10)**

*Gifted by the Frechette Family Foundation*

## **Freedom Scholarship**

*Gifted by Gen. (Ret.) Daniel and Susan Christman*

## **Gene and Barbara Gerwe Scholarships (2)**

*Gifted by Gretchen and David Welch*

## **General (Ret.) Colin L. Powell Memorial Scholarship (5)**

*Gifted by Jane and Michael Powell*

## **Glen James Ferguson Scholarship (3)**

*Gifted by Denise Ferguson*

## **Goree Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Skip and Lynnette Goree*

## **Harper Ann Opportunity Scholarship**

*Gifted by K. Dane Snowden and Spencer Hurd*

## **Henry Mejia Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Nathan Monell and Robert Pignato*

## **Inner Light Scholarship**

*Gifted by Lisa Ling and Powan Patil*

## **J. Robert Vastine, Jr. Scholarship**

*Gifted by Denise Ferguson*

## **James G. Lewis Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Rita Lewis*

## **Jean Crandall Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Marie Price and Rob Crandall*

## **Jim Weber Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Friends and Family of Jim Weber*

## **Joel Juarez Lopez Scholarship**

*Gifted by Dr. Matthew Shank*

## **John D. Evans Foundation Scholarship**

*Gifted by John Evans and Steve Wozencraft*

## **Julius and Adriana Spain Scholarship**

*Gifted by Kent Carter*

## **Kach/Chapin Scholarship**

*Gifted by Mary and Doug Chapin*

## **KBR Foundation Scholarship (5)**

*Gifted by the KBR Foundation*

## **Kedron Simon Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Noah Simon*

## **Margarita A. Salvary Dreamer Scholarship**

*Gifted by Diann and David Frantz*

## **Marianna and Julius Herman Scholarship**

*Gifted by Maury Herman and Karen Kinne-Herman*



# NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS, CONT.



## **Marie Dowd Memorial Scholarship**

*Gifted by Marie and Greg Price*

## **Mark Unatin Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Justine and David Springberg*

## **Mary Chilton Ferguson Scholarship (3)**

*Gifted by Denise Ferguson*

## **Mason Hirst Foundation Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by the Mason Hirst Foundation*

## **Melva B Galdo Scholarship**

*Gifted by the Mason Hirst Foundation*

## **Molly Herman Scholarship**

*Gifted by Jonathan Zalkind*

## **Natalie P Moody Scholarship**

*Gifted by Linda Powell*

## **Neuhaus-Speck Family Foundation Scholarship (2)**

*Gifted by Marcia and David Speck*

## **Pat and Ray Marshall Scholarship**

*Gifted by Sarah and Jill Marshall*

## **Perpetual Journey Scholarship (2)**

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# SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

"Philanthropy" comes from Ancient Greek, meaning "love of humanity."

In a recent conversation with Jane Powell and some of her family members, we discussed how our families shape philanthropy. Jane's term as chair of the Dream Project's board of directors recently ended, and she's focusing on family, including celebrating the birth of her first grandchild. We began discussing what each of us could do to model a culture of giving for the next generation.

Jane's husband, Michael Powell, the son of General Colin and Alma Powell, told us, "When I was growing up, my parents believed in citizenship and community. They believed you are responsible for giving back and caring for others. This instilled a deep sense of philanthropy that we have tried to convey to our children."

Philanthropy and the goodwill it creates in our communities isn't limited to financial giving. As Michael said, "Philanthropy requires giving of your time as much as your treasure. Helping at a homeless shelter or volunteering to collect and distribute food to the hungry are activities that not only help others but help with one's own growth and happiness. We always share with our children our causes and let them know when we make important gifts as a way of modeling behavior we expect of them."

Jane's parents, Eleanor and Dick Knott, echoed that sentiment and added, "Many people make financial gifts and serve on boards of organizations when they believe strongly in their missions. These individuals' talents and financial gifts make significant impacts on the lives of others."

The fantastic thing about philanthropy is, as Eleanor said, "People don't need to be wealthy or well connected to make a difference in the corners of the world they live in. Each of us can serve our communities and make the lives of others better – delivering meals to the elderly, working the polls on election day, or volunteering at church bazaars or fundraisers."



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# SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

Eleanor continued, "We can also make a meaningful difference in the lives of neighbors, friends, and family members by helping them when they face complex life challenges. Throughout our lives – my husband and I are 85 and 91 years old now – we have tried to make sure that others in our neighborhood and community feel valued and to help ensure they have what they need to lead happy and healthy lives. Often, gestures that may seem small to us have more of an impact on others than we might imagine."

That kindness is contagious. While Dream Project donors provide opportunities for students who face barriers caused by their immigration status, those students, alums, and their parents pay it forward as some of the organization's most dedicated supporters. From coordinating raffles, making food, donating their time, and serving on the board of directors, they are helping to make a real difference. Michael's sister, Linda Powell, became involved with the Dream Project "Simply because Jane asked. I could see how invested she was and her passion for the work, and I wanted to support my sister-in-law. Also, I got to name my scholarship after my mentor, Natalie Moody, who had just passed, so it was also a nice opportunity to honor her. It was only after I had contact with the "Natalie Moody scholar" and felt the difference Dream Project was making in her life that I truly appreciated the mission and programs."

"On my father's side," Linda continued, "my brother, sister, and I are only second-generation Americans. I still feel a personal appreciation for what this country can and should offer people seeking a better life. I think that's why the Dream Project has stayed a regular part of my giving. I always get excited to meet the next student. Each one reminds me of our potential." Michael said, "Our father's parents immigrated to America to give their children a chance at a better life. That bet paid off beyond anyone's wildest dreams. In our hearts and minds, the immigrant experience is the core of the American story and the American dream. The challenges of these communities pursuing this dream are one that we deeply understand and believe is deserving of our support. America is better when we keep the dream alive."

To our donors and supporters- those who have given \$1 or \$10,000, the volunteers who have donated their time, and the small business owners who donate their products or services- we'd like to quote Jane in saying, "Every one of you inspires me in the ways that you make a difference in the world around you." We agree. And we are grateful to you all for your philanthropy.

*Contributed by Michele Connelly, Director of Development*

## Honor a Loved One & Support a Dreamer

If you are interested in making a multi-year pledge or donating a Named Scholarship, please reach out to the Dream Project at [development@dream-project.org](mailto:development@dream-project.org).

# SHOUT-OUTS

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KBR Foundation has been a longtime Named Scholarship sponsor. These scholarships enable five Dream Scholars to attend college, live their best lives, and work toward making a meaningful contribution to our society.



## Pay It Forward America, Inc

Pay If Forward America funds three Named Scholarships and has done so for the past seven years. Their mission is to do what they can to provide opportunities to others, which is undoubtedly the case here.

## Denise Ferguson

We wanted to share a note from Denise Ferguson, one of our most faithful supporters: "Through the years, I have met the brightest students who have overcome unimaginable obstacles to pursue their educational hopes, and it is such an absolute joy to witness their college success."



## Mason Hirst Foundation

The Mason Hirst Foundation was an \$8,000 matching grant donor for our Spring2Action campaign this year. They helped us raise \$18,000 through the event and their continued support.



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