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## A Message from the Dream Project's Founder

Dear Friends,

This is a unique and frightening time for immigrants and refugees in our country. Threats of family separation, racism, and deportation become more serious and troubling with each passing day. Amidst the fear and uncertainty that so many immigrants face, the Dream Project family continues to uphold its deep-rooted values of inclusiveness and community. We uplift and reward exceptional immigrant students who have achieved academic success through perseverance and resilience, and by doing so, give hope and encouragement to other immigrant students who also aspire to earn a college degree.

The Dream Project grew significantly during the past year. We awarded a record number of 95 scholarships, provided mentoring to 40 high school students with the help of

our 28 mentors, and established programs for parent leadership as well as scholar and alumni support. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of caring and committed individuals, foundations, faith organizations, corporations, small businesses, and partnering educational institutions that have become valued members of the Dream Project family.

Since 2011, the Dream Project has provided more than 300 students with assistance through mentoring and renewable college scholarships. The impact is great -- 90 percent of Dream Project Scholars have stayed in college and have reported that the Dream Project helped them get into and succeed in school. As of 2018, 31 Dream Project Scholars have graduated from the institutions they attended, and 58% of our alumni make over \$40,000 working in their field of study.

The difference we are collectively making is remarkable and widely recognized by the community. This year, the Catalogue for Philanthropy recognized the Dream Project as "one of the best local nonprofits" in the Greater Washington D.C. area. Together with our partners and supporters, the Dream Project will continue to respect the dignity of immigrant students and the tremendous value they bring to our society. We care



about their futures and will continue to mentor them, help to prepare them for the complex landscape of higher education, and then give them scholarship support and networking opportunities that will provide them with a foundation from which their dreams can flourish.

I welcome you to review our accomplishments of the past fiscal year and to remain a part of our history-making efforts.

In solidarity and gratitude to all of our supporters,

*Emma Violand-Sánchez*

**Dr. Emma Violand-Sanchez**  
Dream Project Founder & Chair

## What is the Dream Project?

### Mission Statement

The Dream Project empowers students whose immigration status creates barriers to education by working with them to access and succeed in college through scholarships, mentoring, family engagement, and advocacy.

### Vision

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

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Patricia Sanguinetti, Mentoring Program Coordinator

## A Look Back and Ahead: Q&A with Lizzette Arias, Dream Project's Executive Director

As an undocumented American herself, the Dream Project's Executive Director, Lizzette Arias, knows the struggles that Dream Project students face first-hand. After working in various local and national non-profit organizations, she brings significant expertise, leadership and management experience to the organization.

**Q1: What was the Dream Project's greatest accomplishment for 2017-18?**

*Maintaining a good and stable attitude amidst all the negativity. The level of animus and alienation that our country's immigrants are subjected to has deeply affected our students. Our greatest accomplishment has been empowering disadvantaged and undocumented students and families, and helping to defy the negativity that surrounds*

*the members of this community. I am also very proud that the number of Named Scholarships has grown. Through this program, donors that commit to gifts of at least \$1,500 per year for four years to support a scholar can name their scholarship in honor or memory of a loved one.*

**Q2: Is there something supporters don't know about the Dream Project?**

*We are more than just a scholarship! We have a mentoring program for high school students. College students who have earned our scholarship can take out interest-free loans thanks to the Herman Loan Fund. Parents can go through leadership training called Parents-in-Action. We offer a lot for the community!*

**Q3: How is the Dream Project helping the morale of students?**

*Dream Project Scholars deeply appreciate the financial support we provide for them, however, they asked for additional non-financial support as well. This past year we established a weekly support group, known as Alas (Spanish for "wings"), to help students cope with the anxiety and stress triggered by the current poisonous political climate. We also started offering networking events for our students to enable them to meet professionals in their fields of interest. Our students value these opportunities, since they are safe and nourishing spaces.*

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### **Q4:** Why should someone support the Dream Project?

*The Dream Project is highly regarded -- in 2018, we were named "one of the best" local non-profits in the region by the Catalogue for Philanthropy. The organization is growing -- in FY17-18 we increased our fundraising by more than 100% over the previous year, and we expanded our programming significantly. And our programs work! Ninety percent of our Dream Project Scholars stay in college, and 82% of these motivated students remain active within the organization. Compared to national rates, Dream Project students are significantly more successful.*



## Scholarships

**Dream Project Scholarships offer high achieving immigrant students recognition for their academic success and reward their perseverance at a time of high uncertainty and mounting obstacles. This is one of the few organizations providing undocumented students with funding for a college education and offering students an enriching support system tailored to empower them throughout their college experience and as they embark on their professional careers.**

### **Message from Dr. Marie Price, Dream Project Scholarship Chair**

On June 15, 2018, the Dream Project reached a new milestone. We awarded a record-breaking 95 scholarships at the

\$1,500 level. In total, we awarded \$142,500 in scholarships. Fifty-six of the 2018 Dream Project Scholars are renewals, and 39 are new scholarship recipients. We also celebrated 10 Dream Project Scholars who graduated from college, bringing our grand total of graduates to 31. It was only seven years ago when we gave our first scholarships to four deserving youth; we have come a long way.

As Chair for the last five years of the Scholarship and Selection Committee, I have seen the number of applications grow and the caliber of applicants improve. With the help of 30 Dream Project board members and volunteers, we reviewed 151 applications and conducted over 40 interviews. Through this process, we have





come to appreciate the struggles of students and families as they face the anxieties, financial challenges, and immigration enforcement fears. Yet, we at the Dream Project are energized by the indefatigable desire of our scholars to fulfill their educational aspirations.

The 95 Dream Project Scholars demonstrate the best of our country's public education system. These students are determined, creative, and committed to the community.

Through the Dream Project Scholarship program, we offer these young adults a shot at achieving the enduring American Dream.

With gratitude,  
Dr. Marie Price  
Chair, Scholarship & Selection Committee  
Dream Project

## Named Scholarships

Established in 2014, the Named Scholarship Program allows donors to sponsor Dream Project Scholars for their entire undergraduate careers (four academic years). Named Scholarship donors commit to providing funding for one or more students and they are invited to designate a name for their scholarship. Currently, the Dream Project offers 39 Named Scholarships, supporting 59 Dream Project Scholars.

### Albert Zalkind Memorial Scholarship

Bonerge U.

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### Alfred Habeeb, MD Scholarship

Stefany L. Z.

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### Anna WinklerPrins Scholarship

Temsalet M.

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### Aspire2Achieve (A2A) Scholarship

Haziel A. A.

Monica Denisse B. F.

Henry M.

Maria C. M.

Rodrigo H.

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### Charlene A. Green Scholarship

Paula A.

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### Daniel B. Kennedy Scholarship

Veronica N. O.

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### David Carliner Memorial Scholarship

Darwin M.

Alejandro Z.

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### Diana Brunstrom Memorial

Scholarship

Nicole M. M.

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### Dr. Patrick Murphy Scholarship

Papia K.

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### Dream Project Parents' Scholarship

Kervin G.

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### Educational Opportunities for

Alexandrians Scholarship

Dixi O.

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### Founder's Scholarship

Flor Selena C. G.

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**Frechette Family Foundation Scholarship**

Ana Yesenia C.  
Lube V.  
Munkhzul A.  
Nelcy R.  
Mariana Belen V.  
Carol A.  
Tengis G.  
Brith Milenia R.  
Rodrigo S.

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**George Leitmann STEM Scholarship**

Rimsha R.  
Ndeye M. S.

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**Glen James Ferguson Memorial  
Scholarship**

Paula M. R.

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**Henry Mejia Scholarship**

Eduardo A.

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**Inner Light Scholarship**

Jose Angel B.

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

Helen L. G.

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**Jean Crandall Memorial Scholarship**

Claudia L.

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**John D. Evans Foundation  
Scholarship**

Olvin V.

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**Joe Timpane Memorial Scholarship**

Porfirio M. J.

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**Joel Juarez Lopez Scholarship**

Jonathan N.  
Chelssi F. J.

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**Julius Fernandez, M.D. Scholarship**

Rene K. S.

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**Kach/Chapin Scholarship**

Zamilan M.

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**KBR Foundation Scholarship**

Maria Pilar G.  
Maria P.  
Glendy H.  
Omar M.  
Anelva C. B.

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**Kedron Simon Memorial Scholarship**

Gabriela M.

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**Mary Chelton Ferguson Memorial  
Scholarship**

Mirna G.

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**Pay It Forward America in Memory of Jared  
S. Vann (1989-2013) Scholarship**

Esau L.

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**Pay it Forward America in Memory of  
Marino Castro (1932-1981) Scholarship**

Daniel S.

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### Promise of The Future Scholarship

Junior E. Z.

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### Robert and Sandra Smith Scholarship

Marvin O. V.

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### Rosalie Smith and Lynn Juhl Scholarship

Kevin O. T.

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### Roxana Montano Scholarship

Ola O.

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### Ruth Zalkind Memorial Scholarship

Prishay J.

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### Sharon H. Youcha, M.D Scholarship

Nadiran A.

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### Ted Price Scholarship

Jose de Jesus C. G.

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### Thomas Hall Memorial Scholarship

Maria C.

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### Walter Tejada Immigrant Advocacy and Leadership Scholarship

Alexandra D.

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### Women in STEM Scholarship

Maria Fernanda T.

Mellany O. A.

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\*Last names of students are not indicated in order to protect the privacy of our scholars.

## Dream Project Scholarships

Dream Project Scholarships are funded by combining the generous gifts of dedicated Dream Project supporters. All donations toward Dream Project Scholarships are deeply appreciated as these funds allow students to defray the high costs of a college education.

Adjoa A.

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Alejandra R. C.

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Ana O. L.

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Ashlen G.

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Brenda C. M.

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Brenda R.

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Cristian D. C.

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Danny V.

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Diego V.

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Fabricio G.

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Fernando A.

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Fernando M. A.

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Richard M.

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Gabriela B. M.

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Rodrigo V.

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Gabriela G. B.

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Sergio C.

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Jose M. O.

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Stephanie S. B.

---

Jung Jun C.

---

Viviana R. A.

---

Karen C. P.

---

Yamila J.

---

Karla H. C.

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Yeimy O.

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Katherine G. O.

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Yelizhate A.

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Katherine G. P.

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***“When I received the Dream Project Scholarship... I sat in silence for a good 20 minutes. I couldn’t believe it – I was overcome with happiness! I felt as if it was a sign from the universe telling me that I was headed in the right direction...”***

Manuel M. H.

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**Olvin V., 2018 Dream Project Scholar**

Maria V. O.

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Mateo S. A.

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Minjae H.

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Monica G.

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Natan C.

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Nicole R.

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Pablo R.

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## Mentoring Program and Impact

What began in 2010 as a sole volunteer student from Georgetown University working with four high school students to help them complete college applications has blossomed into the agile and effective Dream Project Mentoring Program. With the help of 28 volunteer mentors from the community, 40 high school seniors received guidance and advice this year to help them forge a path to a college education. The

Dream Project Mentoring Program is open to all immigrant students that need help in navigating the complex college application process and was established to prepare high school seniors from Northern Virginia to gain admission to and succeed in college.

Mentoring program participants, known as mentees, not only receive help with drafting application essays, revising resumes, and applying for scholarships, but also gain valuable skills and experiences through the program's activities. During weekly sessions, students and mentors collaborate

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on managing the heavy workload that is inherent in the application process. Students are also able to visit and tour local colleges and universities; specifically James Madison University, the College of William & Mary (DC campus), George Mason University, Georgetown University, and Marymount University.

Further, mentees are offered various opportunities to develop public speaking skills. For example, in February, mentees participated in a panel titled "Stories of Struggle and Hope by High School Dreamers: Learning about Multiculturalism and Social Justice," during Georgetown University's Education Week. Also, at the end of the Mentoring Program, through a partnership with Northern Virginia Community College, mentees are given the opportunity to complete a one credit college readiness course free of charge. Additionally, mentees can participate in the Leadership by Design Program at The College of William & Mary or Shenandoah University. During this week-long residential summer program, high school rising seniors are able to dive into college level courses regarding leadership and social justice/community engagement.

The Dream Project Mentoring program successfully opens doors for mentees that traditionally are not only closed, but locked for students without papers.

***"Through the mentoring program, I gained knowledge... And I loved working with my mentor Mr. Rothwell, because he motivated me to complete my college applications. Since he was also an immigration attorney, I benefitted from the help and advice he gave me about legal questions too."***

**Nicolle U., 2018 Dream Project Mentee**



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The Dream Project Mentoring program runs for nine months and meets weekly for two hours. In an evaluation survey at the end of the program, most students identified the program as “very helpful” (85%) or “helpful” (11%). The most beneficial aspects of the program to students were working with a mentor (96%) and learning about college scholarships (88%). (See Figure 1).

The ultimate and most tangible goal of the program is for the mentees to obtain college

admission. This year, the Dream Project is proud to announce that most mentees received admission to more than one college. Another noteworthy fact is that two Dream Project students earned the highly regarded Posse Foundation Scholarship, a full-tuition scholarship for undergraduate studies. The Dream Project Mentoring program truly is making a difference for immigrant high school students aiming to earn a college degree.

### Most Beneficial Aspects of The Mentoring Program

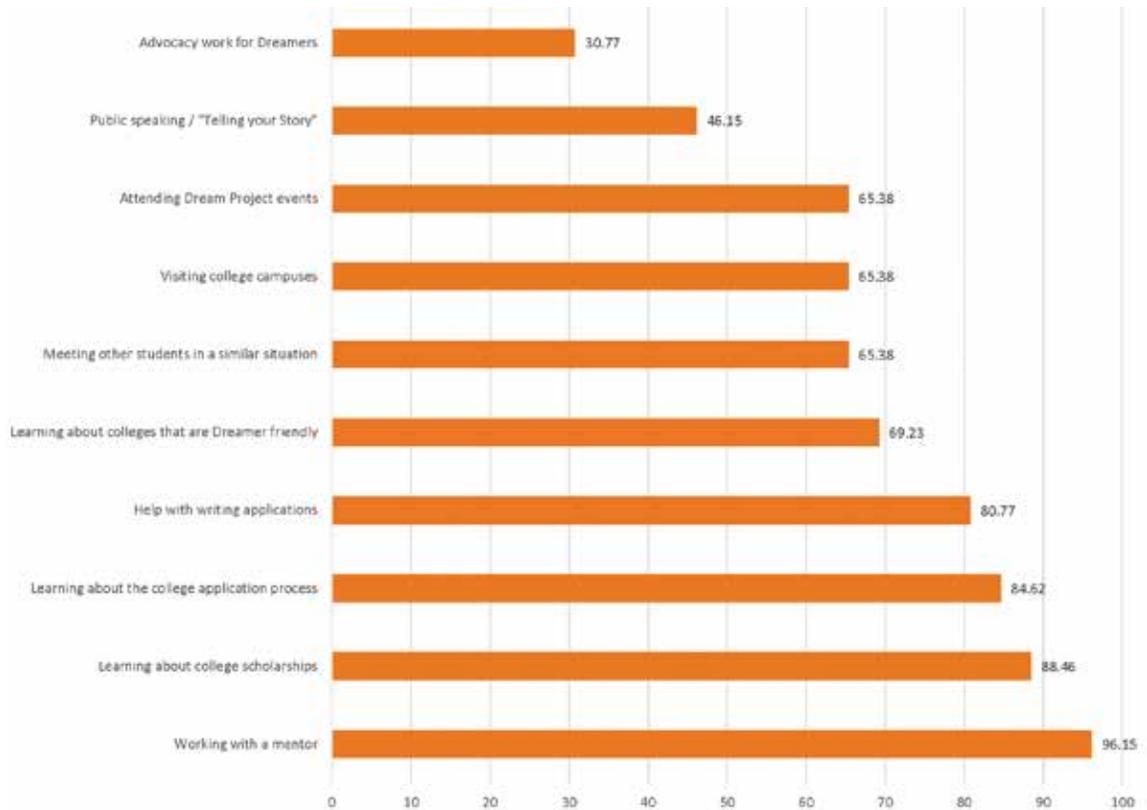


Figure 1

## Family Engagement

Parental and family support is a critical component in reaching the goals that Dream Project students set for themselves. The Dream Project Parents' Committee, chaired by two Dream Project parents, Betty Andrade and Giovana Portugal, plays an integral role in the Dream Project family. Dream Project parents have done remarkable work this year, raising over \$2,000 to fund a Dream Project Scholar and to help support the new Parents-in-Action leadership training program.

The Parents-in-Action program aims to maximize the positive reinforcement that informed parents can have within their households as they support the high ambitions of their children and students. This year, the Parents-in-Action program trained 18 parents through expertly led workshops in leadership, legal issues, advocacy and mindfulness and stress management. Parents also gained an improved understanding of the college and scholarship application process. Armed with

this new knowledge, these parents will be partners in their children's quest to obtain a higher education.

This fall, through a grant from the Arlington Community Foundation, the Dream Project will release five videos that will supplement the Parents-in-Action program, training parents on the topics of community resources, coping with stress, legal advice, and the college and scholarship application processes.

Without a doubt, Dream Project parents collectively continue to be an essential and strong pillar of this organization.



## Dream Project Scholars' Programs

### 2017 Dream Project Scholar Summer Summit

The Annual Dream Project Scholar Summer Summit was established after students expressed a desire to grow professionally and meet other Dream Project Scholarship recipients. The Summer Summit aims to empower Dream Project Scholars to become agents of change and grow into confident individuals.

*Explore freely, ask questions openly, and enjoy wholeheartedly.*

The seven topics discussed in sessions and workshops were: professional development & digital media, financial aid, legal advice, advocacy, storytelling, peer-mentored table talks, and mindfulness. Volunteer presenters familiar with each of the listed topics led the workshops and sessions. Overall satisfaction measured through a post-summit evaluation was overwhelmingly positive, with a 4.75 out of 5 rating, and with all students rating the program as 'very helpful' or 'helpful.' Through a highly interactive format and plenty of opportunities for open discussion, the participants and facilitators generated an open and trusting space for learning and advising.

### Alas- Dream Project Scholars' Support Group

This year, the Dream Project piloted a new support group program for current Dream Project Scholarship recipients, named the Alas Support Group. The morale of Dream Project students and their families was negatively impacted when the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was rescinded, and anxiety has increased as many other anti-immigrant





policies have been instituted. Alas was created to support students during these tumultuous and stressful times. Alas, which translates to “wings” in Spanish, is a confidential space where students can openly discuss the difficulties they face due to their immigration status. Each participant is free to share as much or as little as they choose about their personal lives. Only the desire to be heard and the willingness to listen to others is required to participate.

Alas sessions were facilitated by Dr. Milagros Gatski, a licensed clinical social worker, and Francesco Yeppez Coello, a Dream Project Board Member and Chair of the Scholars and Alumni Affairs Committee. Alas met bi-weekly during the academic year. The participants’ stress levels were measured through a self-report measure called the

Perceived Stress Scale. All participants who took a post test showed a decrease in stress after attending the group session, even those who only attended two out of the seven sessions held. Seven Dream Project Scholars participated in Alas during the academic year.

## **National Geographic Photo Camp**

During the summer of 2018, Dream Project students had the opportunity to attend a National Geographic Photo Camp where they learned to share their stories as immigrants through photography. The National Geographic Society and Vision Workshop join forces to carry out “Photo

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Camps” all around the world, created for people to explore their own worlds through a new perspective. For four days, National Geographic photographers and editors taught students about photography. Students were paired with professional photographers who assisted them with assignments, critiqued their work and helped guide them to portray their stories in creative ways through pictures. Instructors gave students challenges ranging from reflecting on their immigrant identities through writing to photographing the mass civil disobedience protest to #EndFamilySeparation organized by the Women’s March in D.C. Students turned



their identities as undocumented immigrants into art. As students photographed their lives, they learned how powerful and unique each of their stories were. The four short days inspired the Dream Project participants to continue their journey of embracing their undocumented identities through photography. The experience reminded Dream Project students that they are in fact, Americans.



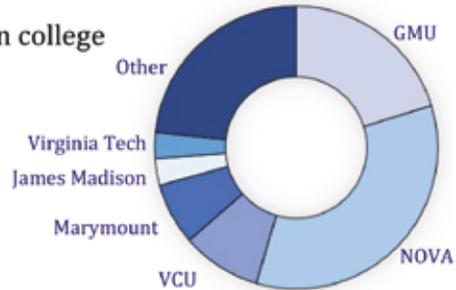
## DREAM PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS 2017 - 2018

**90%** of our Dream Project Scholars have stayed in college

**68%** of these Scholars worked paid jobs while attending university

Our Scholars graduated from **35** Virginia High Schools, and attend **23** colleges in

**5** different U.S. states



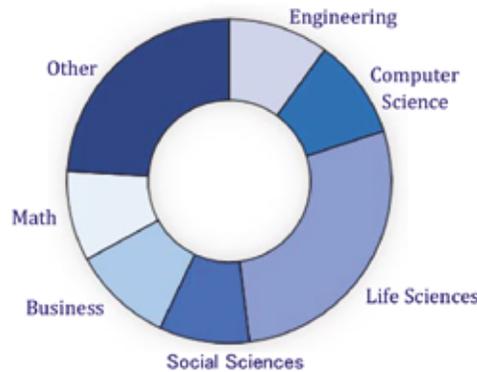
### Benefits for Dream Project Scholars



**97%** of Scholars say the Dream Project helped them get into and succeed in college

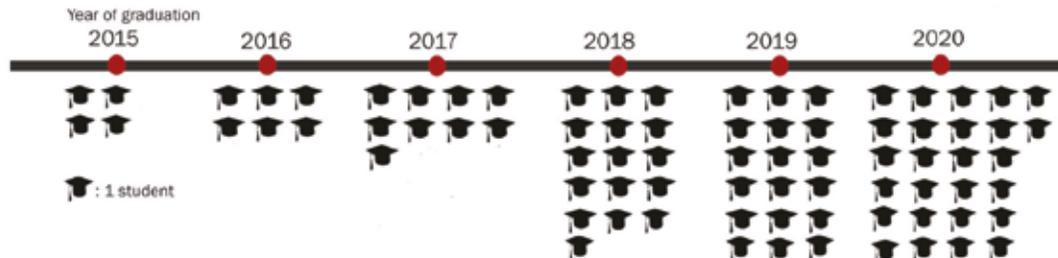
**82%** of Scholars have remained active in our organization

**Over half of our Scholars are pursuing careers in STEM fields**



**58%** of Dream Project Alumni make over \$40,000/year working in the field they studied in college

**71%** of these Alumni say their jobs are dependent on DACA



The Dream Project awarded **95** Scholarships in 2018. Over **30** Scholars have already graduated college, and nearly **50** more will graduate in the coming years. With more Dream Project Scholars than ever before, your continued support is essential.



To learn more visit us at [www.dreamproject-va.org](http://www.dreamproject-va.org)

source: Fall 2017 survey of current and former Dream Project Scholars

## Fundraising

Over the past year, the Dream Project raised \$388,000, a 108% increase over fiscal year 2016-2017.

### Dream Project Events

Dream Project events bring together our diverse constituencies and stakeholders, including students and families, donors, mentors, academic partnering institutions, community leaders, and elected officials. Out of the uncertainty and hardship that undocumented young adults and their

families face, the Dream Project has created a singularly unique, resilient and growing community committed to helping these students realize their potential. The two major fundraising events held annually are the Annual Holiday Dinner and the Voices for Solidarity Concert.

### 8th Annual Holiday Dinner

On December 15, 2017 over 150 guests filled the Lyon Village Community House to support the Dream Project's mission. **Dr. Ángel Cabrera**, President of George Mason University, was the Honorary Chair. During his remarks, Dr. Cabrera reminded attendees about the obstacles that undocumented students face. **Don Graham**, co-founder of TheDream.US and Keynote Speaker, commended students for their hard work and tenacity, and recognized the sacrifices that their parents have made. **David Culver**, a reporter and anchor at NBC News4 Today, kindled guests' enthusiasm throughout the program, which included remarks from two Dream Project students who shared their immigration stories. The celebratory night uplifted the spirits of all attendees and raised **\$46,960**.



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### **Voices for Solidarity Concert**

For the 5th straight year, the Dream Project hosted a benefit concert to support student scholarships, entitled the Voices for Solidarity Concert, in recognition that to be successful in fostering long-term change, all of us must continue to strive together to help create a more compassionate nation. Held on May 4, 2017 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, this concert raised over \$30, 800 and celebrated solidarity by showcasing diverse cultures. Performances featured musical and theatrical groups, as well as the story of a Dream Project student.

### **The Performers**

**Elena & Los Fulanos** – Folk Americana and Latin Rock

**Sherlee Skai** – Haitian Folk, Jazz and Soul  
Paso Nuevo Youth Program – GALA Hispanic Theater

**Marcelo & His Charango** – Traditional Andean Music

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington Youth Choir**

**Selena Flor C.** – Dream Project Mentoring Program Student

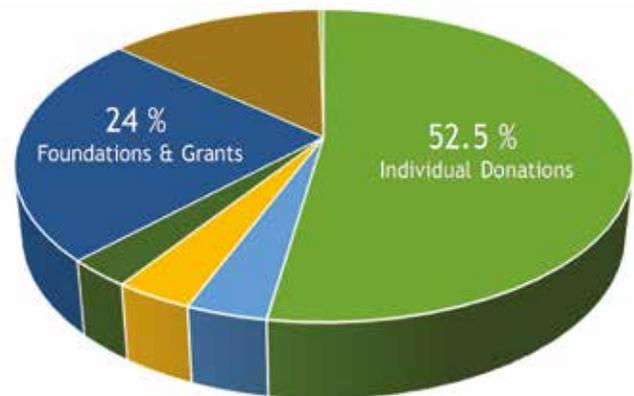


## Financials

**This year, the Dream Project exceeded projected individual donations by more than 100% and nearly tripled funding received from foundations, corporations and small businesses, compared to last year.**

The Dream Project projected raising \$96,500 from individual donations for FY 17-18, but supporters demonstrated their commitment and passion for the mission at a much higher level. A total of \$203,642 came in as individual gifts and through events – a 111% increase over the budgeted amount. The Dream Project also saw an increase in major individual gifts (over \$10,000) this fiscal year. Last year, one major gift in the amount of \$10,000 was secured, but this year, four major gifts totaling \$112,707 were received. In addition, a total of \$107,229 (including the Herman Loan Fund) was raised from foundations and grants, \$13,471 came in from corporations and small businesses, and \$11,188 was received from the faith community.

Revenue



- Individual Giving
- Corporate and Small Business Giving
- Foundations, Grants, Non-Profit
- Interest Earning
- Herman loan fund
- Faith Organizations
- Restricted Gifts

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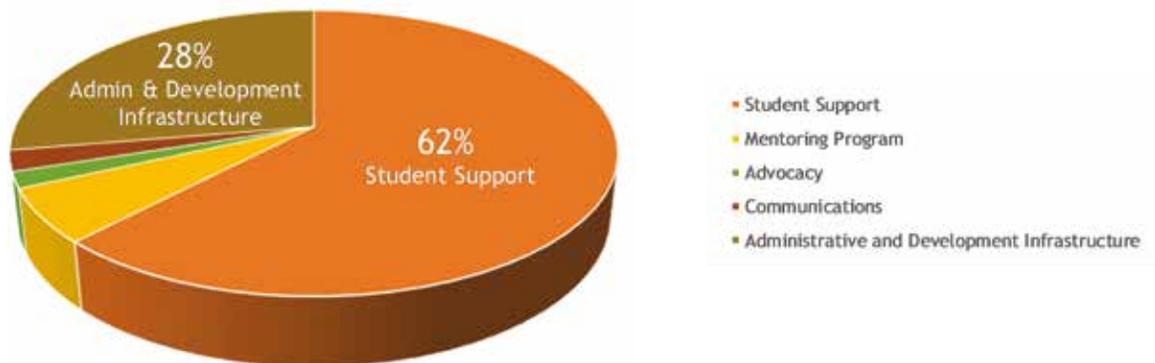
### Revenue

Individual Giving	\$ 203,642.00
Herman Loan Fund	\$ 13,950.00
Corporate and Small Business Giving	\$ 13,471.00
Faith Organizations	\$ 11,188.00
Foundations, Grants, Non-Profit	\$ 93,279.00
Restricted Gifts	\$ 51,587.00
Interest Earning	\$ 1,141.00
<b>Total Budgeted Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 388,258.00</b>

### Expenses

Student Support	\$ 153,684.00
Mentoring Program	\$ 14,991.00
Advocacy	\$ 4,493.00
Communications	\$ 5,822.00
Development Infrastructure and Administrative	\$ 68,315.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 247,305.00</b>

### Expenses



## ‘One of the best’

After a careful vetting process, the **Catalogue for Philanthropy** selected the Dream Project as ‘One of the Best’ Nonprofits in the greater Washington DC area. The Dream Project underwent a rigorous review process, conducted by a team of 120+ experts in the local philanthropic field, and was chosen among **just 38 new charities** to be featured in the print edition of the Catalogue for Philanthropy.



## Dream Project Partnerships

**Although a small organization, the Dream Project has flourished over the past several years and has become an established name in the community. The support and programs provided to immigrant youth and their families would not be possible without key partnerships with educational institutions, faith communities, like minded non-profit organizations, community leaders and businesses.**

*“Microsoft’s mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more. One way we can achieve that goal is by supporting efforts like the Dream Project, whose goal is so similar: to empower students whose immigration status creates barriers to education. For students to succeed, they need the full support of scholarships,*

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*mentoring, family engagement and advocacy. The Dream Project provides that support, with proven results in our community."*

**Fred Humphries**

**Corporate Vice President of U.S.  
Government Affairs at Microsoft**

*"The Dream Project serves many of our most committed and engaged students and community members. These young scholars have earned the opportunity to pursue a college degree in the only country many of them have known and at the same time strengthen our nation culturally and economically."*

**Dr. Ángel Cabrera**

**President, George Mason University  
President**

*"We were inspired by the Dream Project students during our National Geographic Photo Camp in June. They were creative, articulate, and soaked up everything our photographers set out to teach! We were honored to have the chance to guide this group of talented young people as they learned new ways of telling their own stories through photography and storytelling."*

**Kirsten Elstner**

**Director, National Geographic Photo Camp**

*"While volunteering with the Dream Project, I have had the opportunity to meet many*

*outstanding Dreamers and their supportive families. Their common commitment to achieving a quality education has been inspirational. When told of the Named Scholarship Program, I realized this initiative was the perfect opportunity by which to honor my parents, both passionate about Latin America, by assisting a new generation of young Americans pursue their educational dreams. It is a legacy which celebrates the future."*

**Denise Ferguson**

**Dream Project Supporter**

*"We have benefited greatly from getting to know these young people and their families as well. Their strength, persistence, curiosity, and love of family buoy our hopes and remind us of what we are all capable of: a just, diverse and thriving society..."*

**Marie Keefe and Dianne Carroll**

**Co-chairs**

**Peace and Social Justice Team, Nova  
Catholic Community**

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### Foundations, Organizations and Corporations:

American Institutes for Research  
The Arlington Community Foundation  
The Arlington Retired Teachers Association  
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Café Sazon  
The Consular Section of the Mexican Embassy and IME Becas  
Educational Opportunities for Alexandrians  
The Embassy of the Republic of Haiti  
The Frechette Family Foundation  
The John D. Evans Foundation  
KBR Foundation  
Microsoft Corporation  
The Molly and Joseph Herman Foundation  
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation  
The Northern Virginia Community Foundation  
Patricio Enterprises  
Panaderia y Pasteleria Mi Pueblo  
Pay it Forward America Foundation  
The Shrewsbury Foundation  
Sun and Moon Yoga Studio

The Urban Alternative Foundation  
The Woman's Club  
Virginia Humanities

### The Faith Community:

Burke Presbyterian Church  
Fairlington Presbyterian Church  
NOVA Catholic Community  
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