

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



Elsie Allen High School
Diploma of Graduation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VINCE FIGUEROA



Dear Lobo Nation,

As I reflect on this past year, two words come to mind when I think of the students and teachers at Elsie Allen High School: resilience and determination.

During the 2021-22 school year, the Covid pandemic had less direct impact on day to day school activities but as students returned to campus after doing school virtually for more than a year, it was clear that significant learning loss was impacting many of our students.

However, this setback did not defeat the Lobo community! **I am so proud of the resilience and determination that students and teachers have demonstrated to overcome the difficulties they faced coming back on campus.** Despite the residual impact of Covid and the educational disparities created by poverty and other challenges, these students continue to fight through adversity to accomplish their goal of graduating from high school.

The Elsie Allen High School Foundation exists to help students “Dream, Plan and Achieve” their goals by focusing on three priorities: provide scholarships, student support services and college/ career enrichment. We do this in partnership with individuals, foundations and companies that believe-as we do-that increasing access to quality education is the one of the most important actions we can take to create equity in our communities. We are tremendously grateful to the donors that have generously invested in the future of these students over the past decade.

I hope you enjoy reading about the impact we’ve made in the past year. As you read about the quantifiable outputs of our work, don’t forget that behind each number is the heart of a student that has overcome many challenges and faced significant adversity, but with resilience and determination, moves forward with hope for a bright future!

As we approach the 10th anniversary of the EAHS Foundation this year, **I am reminded of the sage words of our founder, Willie Tamayo. We all have something to offer this world, whether it be our “time, talent or treasure”.** I am so grateful for our board, partners and supporters that have offered one or all of these parts of themselves to help create opportunities and provide hope to the amazing students at Elsie Allen High School!

For the students,

Vince Figueroa, President
Elsie Allen High School Foundation
2020–2023



OUR MISSION:

Rooted in equity, we collaborate with our community to provide enriching opportunities that inspire, guide and empower EAHS students to achieve their goals.

WHO IS ELSIE ALLEN HIGH SCHOOL?

Total Students:	1088
Low-income students:	61%
Students of color:	93%
Languages spoken:	25
English Language Learners:	32%
Special Education:	20%

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

2021-2022 HIGHLIGHTS



SCHOLARSHIPS

69
Awarded

Totaling
\$74,500

40
Graduating Seniors

29
Alumni

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

\$18,958
invested in
student services

Four teacher grants,
totaling
\$3,500

25
laptops provided to
support student success



COLLEGE AND CAREER ENRICHMENT

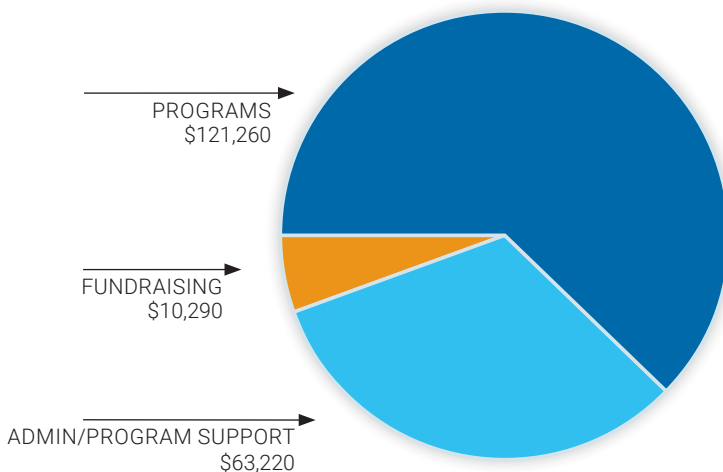
5
students sponsored for the
SRJC Certified Nursing Program
5 graduated and 3 are working as CNAs

59
community presentations
at Career Day

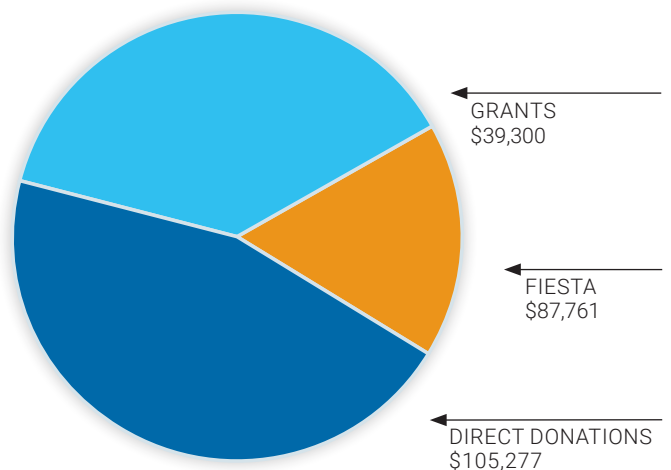
1,000
students impacted

2021-22 BUDGET ACTUALS

EXPENSES



INCOME



WITH GRIT AND DETERMINATION AND SUPPORT FROM THE EAHS FOUNDATION!



XAVIER CARRANZA wanted to be a doctor since he was in elementary school after he lost his baby sister to a traumatic injury. Even at his young age, he could see how hard the doctors and nurses worked to save her life and even though they couldn't, their care for her and his family made a lasting impression. His desire to become a doctor hasn't changed but his experience in the SRJC Certified Nursing Assistant program really opened his eyes to the impact that the entire health care team makes in the care of a patient and family. Xavier was able to attend the program with a grant from the EAHS Foundation that paid for the tuition, books and uniform. He had the opportunity to shadow many health professionals and learned as much about what jobs are available throughout the healthcare field. He said that it was important for him to experience all of this because **"you truly don't know if a job or field is for you until you are exposed to it"**. Xavier still wants to be a doctor...

a cardiovascular surgeon in fact! He is waiting to hear from his top three choices for college and hopes that offers come with financial assistance because his family is unable to help pay for college. Because of the generosity of our donors, Xavier will be able to apply for two scholarships through the EAHS Foundation, including the new 2023 Amaturio Family Scholarship which could award him up to \$40,000 toward his college education, over four years. Xavier has a bright future ahead and the Foundation is so glad to have been a part of his journey!

PRISCILA MAGALLAN didn't expect to have to grow up so quickly but the abuse she witnessed and experienced as a young child took away the safety and security that children need. Her father was a violent man who physically and sexually abused her mother and then eventually Priscila. Her mother was finally able to leave and create a safe living situation for her children but her father was never prosecuted for his crimes against the family. That injustice set her on a path to pursue a career in law so that she can be an advocate for other victims of violent crime. Her



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determination to overcome obstacles were the catalyst for academic and athletic success that has opened many doors for her future. She currently services on the Junior Commission on Human Rights in Sonoma County. Her other accomplishments include graduating from NextGen Trades

Academy, winning 1st place in the Martin Luther King Contest, being named to the honor roll and becoming captain of both the soccer and cross country/track teams. And, she has earned a full-ride scholarship to Davidson College in North Carolina where she will major in political science/pre-law. "Even with the full ride I still have this uncertainty of extra costs for basic essentials, especially moving across the country. Financial issues should never be a barrier to education and success. Scholarships are what allow us, low-income determined students, to pursue an education." Living in a violent household shattered her childhood but created a spirit of perseverance that has shaped her young life and will propel her into an amazing future. We can't wait to see all of the great things she'll do!

BUILDING A LEGACY... WHAT WILL YOURS BE?

In 2016, the Foundation board embarked on a campaign to build an endowment of \$1 million that will fund scholarships for students like Xavier and Priscila for generations to come. With seed grants from the Finley Foundation and other committed donors, the campaign got off to a strong start. The goal line is in sight with under \$100,000 remaining. The board is determined to reach the \$1 million goal (or more!) In 2023 and would love you to join us.

Stories like Xavier's and Priscila's are not uncommon for students at Elsie Allen High School. Facing poverty and a multitude of other challenges, they persevere with grit and determination toward their goals but a lack of resources can be a significant barrier. And we agree with Priscila that financial issues should NEVER be a barrier to education and success. If you would like to support students at Elsie Allen High School to realize their dreams of a college education, we'd love to hear from you.



Please contact Penny Cleary at penny.cleary@eahsfoundation.org to learn about giving options or visit eahsfoundation.org.