



ACCESS OPPORTUNITY

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT | JULY 2015 - JUNE 2016





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Dear Access Opportunity Community,

As an educator and a parent, I know young people grow at extraordinary rates. But I am still amazed each time I witness leaps in growth, as I have this year with our first class of students.

When Susie Hayes and I started Access Opportunity, we could not have anticipated being able to share the results and the stories you'll read about in this, our first Annual Report.

Please join us in celebrating the academic, personal, and pre-professional strides our first class of students have taken. Alex, whose story is featured, is just one example of what our students have accomplished since they joined our program.



Co-Founders Susie and Yuri

Please join me in welcoming our second class of students. As you'll read, they come from our partner schools and nonprofits from across the Boulder and Denver Metro areas. We cannot wait to share news about their growth in our second Annual Report next year.

And please join me in acknowledging and thanking the many, many generous and thoughtful members of our community. Raise a Class, our first fundraiser, is one significant way that many of you got involved. We are grateful to each of you for your time, your support, and your advice. We look forward to another year of supporting our students as they work to reach their great potential.

With sincere thanks,

Yuri Shane, Executive Director

OUR MISSION & PROGRAM

OUR MISSION

Access Opportunity invests in **high-potential, low-income students**, from high school through college, so that they can have impactful careers and lead change in the lives of individuals and communities. By providing personalized services, support, grants, and career opportunities, we ensure that talented and motivated students have the tools to succeed.



From 10th through 12th grade.

We help our students enroll in their best fit college through individualized college counseling, academic and test prep tutoring, and leadership development.

- **Access Counseling:** one-on-one counseling
- **Access Prep:** individualized academic and test prep services
- **Access Leadership:** leadership workshops



After high school graduation through college.

We support our students through four years of college, help open doors to internships and careers, and provide financial support for expenses related to college or career.

- **Access Coaching:** personalized career coaching
- **Access Experience:** internship and job search support
- **Access Leadership:** leadership workshops

THE HARD COSTS OF COLLEGE CHOICE

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY¹

COSTS

Tuition & Fees	\$48,920
Room & Board	\$14,770
Total Cost	\$63,690

FINANCIAL AID

Grants ²	\$54,740
Loans	\$0
Campus Job	\$2,900
Total Aid	\$57,640

Amount Family Owes for 1 Year:
\$6,050



A TYPICAL AO STUDENT
\$34,671 Family Income
5 People in Family
Rents Home, Minimal Assets

CU - BOULDER³

COSTS

Tuition & Fees	\$17,214
Room & Board	\$12,810
Total Cost	\$30,024

FINANCIAL AID

Grants	\$15,450
Loans	\$3,500
Campus Job	\$1,800
Total Aid	\$20,750

Amount Family Owes for 1 Year:
\$9,724 or \$12,774 if family chooses not to take out loans

We teach our students that sticker price doesn't equal actual price.

Even financial choices are not as clear-cut as you would think. Princeton or CU-Boulder could be the right choice. We help our students learn to make choices that are best for their individual circumstances. Students and their families learn to make informed decisions taking into consideration academics, career and other support services, campus culture, cost, and many other factors.

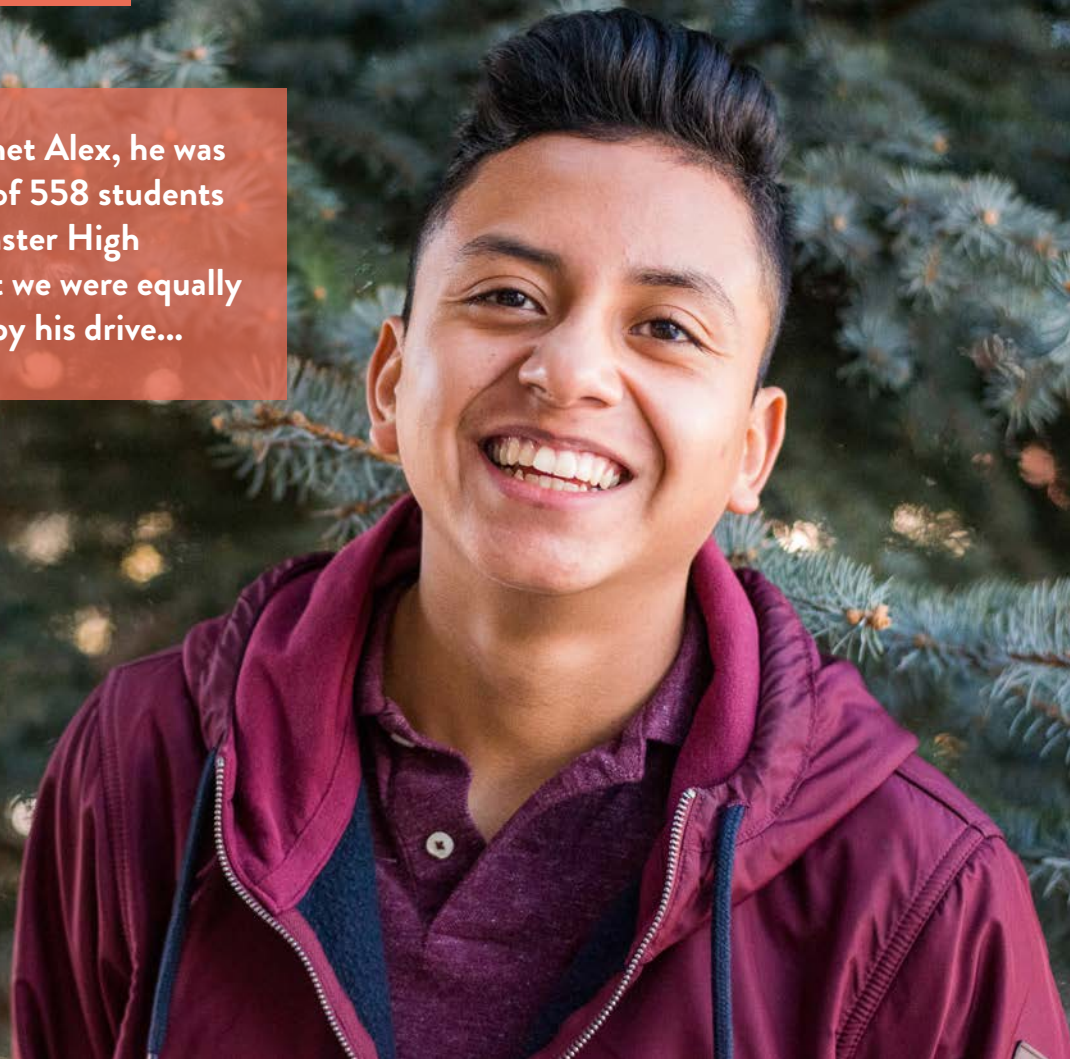
¹#1 in US News & World Report.

²Grants do not need to be paid back.

³CU-Boulder's costs depend on your program. These costs are an estimate generated by CU's Net Price Calculator tool.

A STUDENT'S STORY

When we met Alex, he was ranked 1st of 558 students at Westminster High School. But we were equally impressed by his drive...



IDENTIFYING
A PROBLEM

"The playgrounds were empty. I was worried for my community."



CREATING
A SOLUTION

Alex launched Healthy Kids in Action, an exercise and nutrition program for low-income kids in his community.



TAKING IT
TO THE
NEXT LEVEL

With the help of Access Opportunity supporters at The Philanthropy Project, Alex raised money for his program, exceeded his fundraising goal, gained corporate sponsorship, and grew his program's impact.



GIVING
CREDIT

Alex credits his dad, who works in an auto body shop, for his work ethic and his three siblings for his motivation.

To us, Alex embodies the mission of Access Opportunity.



GAINING
PERSPECTIVE

"Access Opportunity has taught me that the dedication and perseverance that I have put into my education, community project, and sports was worth the time and energy spent."

FUN FACT ABOUT ALEX

Alex was incredibly committed to his Access Opportunity tutoring and received the highest ACT score increase of all our students - jumping up 8 points.

A STUDENT'S STORY

COLLEGE CLASS OF 2021



Alex

Westminster
High School



Amber

Thomas Jefferson
High School



Asiyah

South
High School



Luis

KIPP Denver
Collegiate High School



Lupe

North
High School



Manny

Westminster
High School



"I would love to go back to my community and pull others up with me. I want to help kids who don't have access to the best education because of where they live."

- Jasmine



Carlos

Manual
High School



Gregg

Thomas Jefferson
High School



Jasmine

Monarch
High School



Mariah

Westminster
High School



Nate

Westminster
High School



Savanna

Manual
High School

"Nobody in my family has ever gone to college. I won't stop until I am sure I have given it my best."

- Manny

COLLEGE CLASS OF 2022



“Access Opportunity has helped me see a path towards a college degree. It has allowed me to meet other students that share the same goals and dreams.”

- Itzel



Cameron

Collegiate Preparatory Academy



Christian

Westminster High School



Diana

Gateway High School



Jocelyn

Thomas Jefferson High School



Miguel

Abraham Lincoln High School



Miranda

Westminster High School



“Thank you for the support you offer in this wonderful program. I have just joined the AO family and have already seen so much passion and generosity from the people involved.”

- Nicky



Itzel

Westminster High School



Ivan

STRIVE Prep Excel



Jesus

Westminster High School



Nicky

North High School



Vivian N.

Westminster High School

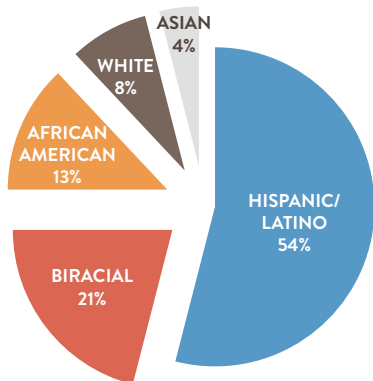


Vivian O.

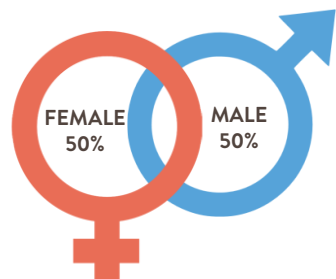
Longmont High School

OUR PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

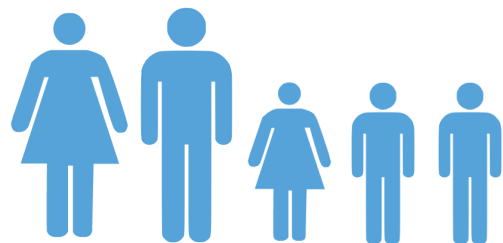
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GENDER



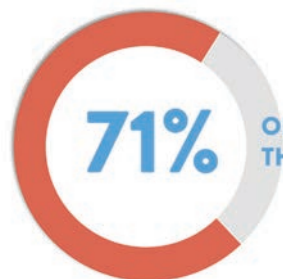
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD AND INCOME



\$34,671 *per year for a family of 5*



84% FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

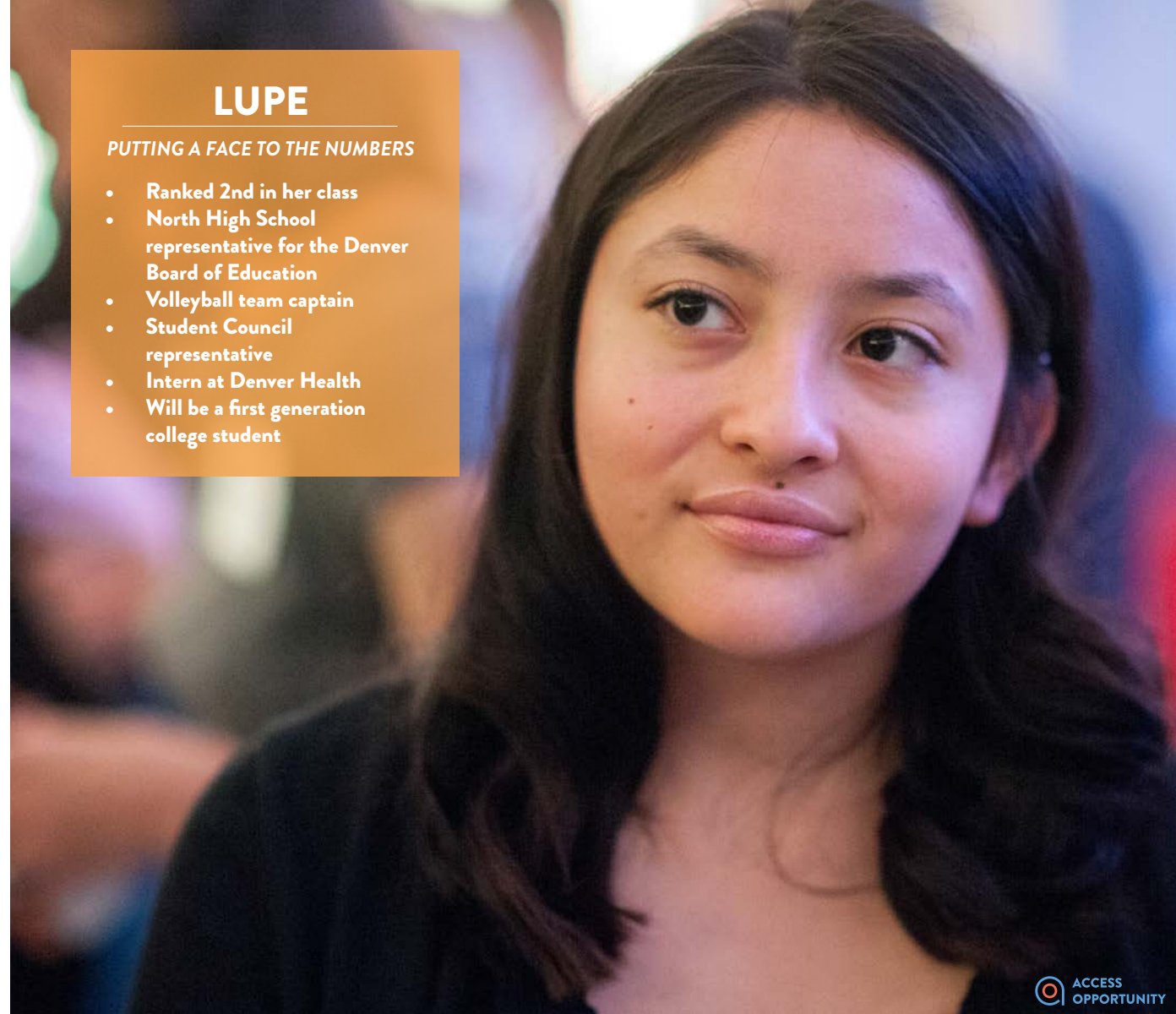


71% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE IN THE TOP 10% OF THEIR CLASS

LUPE

PUTTING A FACE TO THE NUMBERS

- Ranked 2nd in her class
- North High School representative for the Denver Board of Education
- Volleyball team captain
- Student Council representative
- Intern at Denver Health
- Will be a first generation college student



OUR RESULTS



CONFIDENCE AND MOTIVATION

“Access Opportunity provides me with resources, mentoring, and tutoring, plus financial support. Beyond that, the program also provides me with motivation. As soon as I was accepted into the program, I felt more motivated to reach my dreams of earning a bachelor’s degree.”

- Asiyah

ACT INCREASE

Our students averaged a

➡ **4 POINT** ⬅

increase on their ACT scores, on a scale of 36.

CLASS RANK



Our students increased **5 places** in class rank on average in the 2015-16 school year.

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



Access Opportunity student Jasmine recently caught up with **Melissa Moynihan**, owner of Huntington Learning Center in Broomfield and one of Access Opportunity’s biggest supporters, to talk about why Melissa got involved with our program.

“We do what we can to give you guys the confidence to know that you can succeed on this test.”

- Melissa

Why do you support Access Opportunity?

When I look at the power of college, and the power of a great ACT score combined with a great student who has an amazing portfolio, getting your scores up equals scholarship opportunities.

Can you share a meaningful Access Opportunity moment for you?

We get a lot of meaningful Access Opportunity moments because we get to see you guys a lot. But seeing you all come forward with your stories at the Raise a Class gala was so incredibly impactful for me because I wasn’t aware of a lot of the back stories. To realize how hard you students work and how dedicated you are to doing your personal best makes it even more of an honor to work with you.



RAISE A CLASS

WITH ACCESS OPPORTUNITY

Our Raise a Class event surpassed all expectations because this was the first time that we brought our Access Opportunity community together. There is no way to express our gratitude to all of our supporters, but special thanks go to:



The **sponsors** who believed in our deserving students.



The **restaurants** who donated food and time.



The **beverage distributors** who helped with the gift of giving.



The **store owners and individuals** who made personal contributions to our auction.



The **committee members** who brought their friends.



And most importantly, **our first class of students**, who inspired us and showed us what determination looks like.

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*Please save the date
for our 2nd Annual
RAISE A CLASS:
March 9, 2017.*



OUR FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

REVENUE: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

Individuals	\$415,226
Corporate	\$98,024
Foundations	\$17,877
Other	\$868
TOTAL	\$531,995¹

EXPENSES: July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

Program	\$148,631
Development	\$61,930
Administration	\$37,158
TOTAL	\$247,719¹

¹We are excited to have raised more than we spent in our first year of programming. This lays the foundation for the college scholarships we award each student, and for continued program growth.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(as of 6/30/2016)

Total Current Assets	\$367,399
Total Fixed Assets	\$7,033
TOTAL ASSETS	\$374,432
Total Liabilities	\$0
Total Equity	\$374,432
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$374,432

OUR BOARD AND STAFF

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Program Coordinator

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July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

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