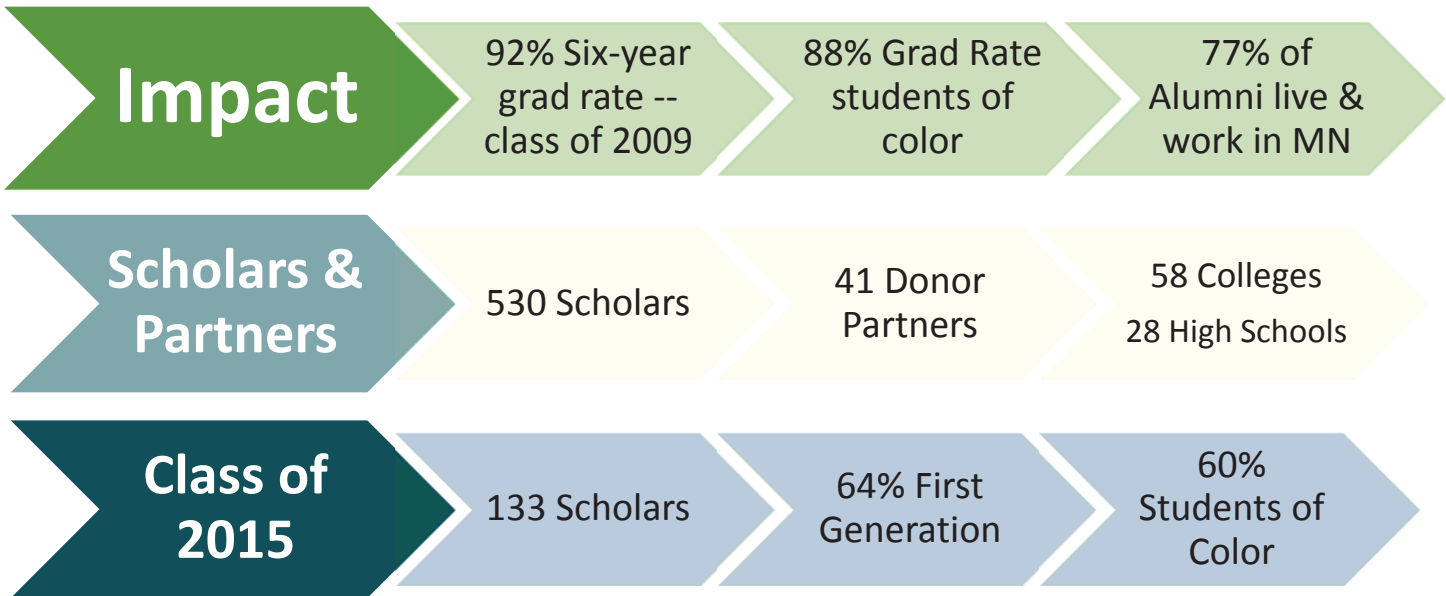




Wallin Education Partners
Annual Report 2015



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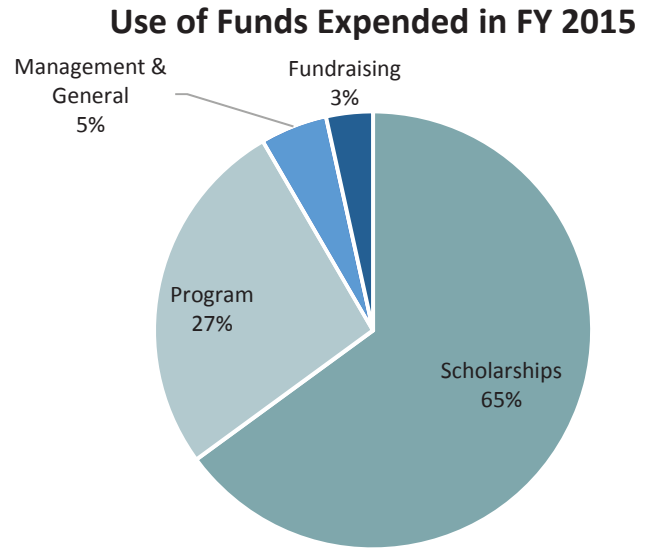
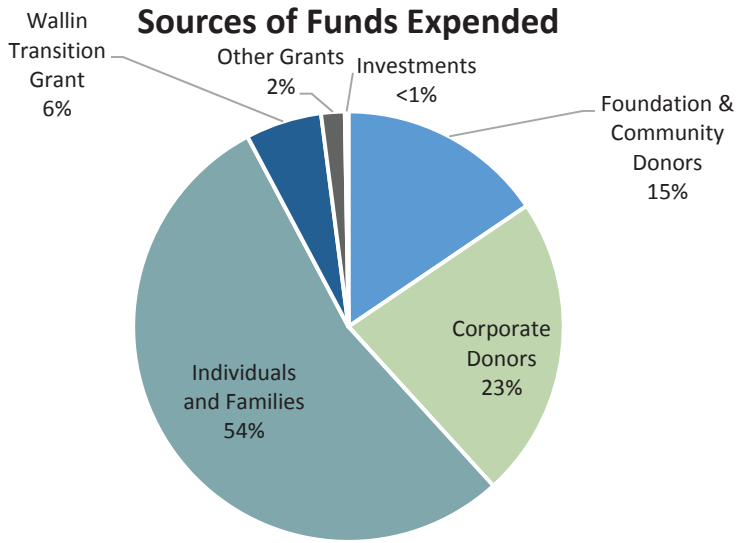
Wallin Education Partners started with one family and has grown to include over 40 donor partners and supporters who understand the value and urgency of supporting high potential students from diverse backgrounds in pursuing college. Win Wallin believed in the promise of education to transform lives and strengthen communities. And today that legacy lives on in the almost 4000 students who have benefitted from our program.

Wallin Education Partners is all about getting to graduation. We select, fund, and guide lower income local students through college toward fulfilling careers and engagement in our community. Unlike scholarships, our program augments grants and financial aid – no substituting – and then provides mandatory 1:1 advising all four years to prevent derailing. The outcome is an exceptionally high graduation rate, with less debt for graduates, diverse talent for our community, and maximum impact for our donors. Highlights in 2015 include:

- In May, 133 students received scholarships made possible by 24 Donor Partners
- Scholar Services was strengthened and we expanded career preparation activities such as the Fall Career Fair, Jump Start Your STEM Career Conference, and Lift Off, a new summer program in collaboration with Augsburg College, College Possible, and Genesys Works
- The program was expanded to serve students from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
- A new “pipeline” scholarship was developed for Genesys Works students
- An Alumni Board was established to lead outreach and development efforts to graduates of the program and a Scholar Ambassador program was created to represent the scholar perspective in outreach and recruitment

Thank you to the many individuals, families, corporations, and organizations that support our program and the students we serve. We are grateful for your partnership and generosity and look forward to working together in the years ahead.

Susan Basil King, Ed.D. Executive Director



Sources of Funds Expended in FY2015

Foundation and Community Donors	\$ 459,290
Corporate Donors	\$ 672,861
Individual and Family Donors	\$ 1,597,828
Wallin Transition Grant	\$ 169,760
Other Grants & Gifts	\$ 52,532
Investment Income	\$ 7,942
Total	\$ 2,960,213

Uses of Funds Expended in FY2015

Scholarships	\$ 1,922,979
Program	\$ 788,765
Management & General	\$ 146,117
Fundraising	\$ 102,353
Total	\$ 2,960,213



New Scholar Reflection: Fatima Ahmad, U. S. Bank Scholar

My friends say I'm a curator of humans.

If you have ever walked into an art gallery, there is a specific reason why the pieces are in the places they are. The curator eases you into the art, bringing together pieces that are shocking, subtle, and thoughtful—the experience is strategic.

I do that with people. I like to bring together unlikely groups of people, putting them into situations that are socially uncomfortable—in a good way—a way that helps them grow, stepping outside the boxes they have created for themselves so they can see the world from a different perspective.

Maybe one of the reasons I'm a curator of people is because of my parents' love story and our culture. My parents came from Somalia individually to Pakistan. Had they stayed in Somalia, they would never have met. They came from two different parts of the country, my dad a city guy, my mom a small town girl. They barely spoke the same dialect of Somali. It was very Romeo and Juliet.

Luckily, they met in Pakistan and had me. My dad was attempting to get his degree from a school there, but he was not able to finish. When we came to America, my dad says we only had \$30 to our name. We lived in a not-so-good neighborhood right near Dinkytown, and we didn't know much about Minnesota culture. We didn't know what a hot dish was, didn't go fishing or camping.

But my dad and I would go on walks in the neighborhood, where he'd point out the U of M campus on the top of the hill. He would say, "Fatima, that is where you are going to end up." Little did I know that not only would I end up there, but that I would become obsessed with their libraries while still a student at Southwest High. I'm a sucker for libraries.



So, my parents coming from their unique worlds to find each other, and bringing us to still another unique world, have prepared me to be a curator of people—bringing unlikely people to unfamiliar, uncomfortable situations, where they can find a way to connect with each other and grow.

I know that Wallin Education Partners is a strategic part of my goal to spend my days in beautiful libraries studying economics, become the female Warren Buffett, and keep people thinking outside the box. When I found out that I was a U.S. Bank Scholar, oh my goodness, I had to write a thank you letter directly to Richard Davis! Richard Davis! I couldn't believe it!

I thank everyone who has been a part of making college possible and more affordable for me. I'm ready to take all that I have been given to that "school on the hill" that my dad pointed out so many years ago and bring people together, make them uncomfortable—but in a good way.

Donor Partner Reflection: Boston Scientific

Joining Wallin Education Partners in 2013 with a commitment of two scholarships, Boston Scientific has added two scholars each year and now supports six scholars pursuing STEM-related fields. From the start, Boston Scientific knew that they wanted to provide even more opportunities for their Scholars. From the beginning, they provided professional mentors as well as internships for their Scholars. Marilee Grant, Director of Community Relations for the Central Region at Boston Scientific, explained their decision: “We try to see things from the student’s perspective. We offer our scholars an additional support, someone rooting for them. We hope to expand the support network for success. We’re building a community.”

That community support took a leap forward in 2014 when 2013 Boston Scientific Scholars, Christin Vang (a sophomore at St. Cloud State University) and Olutchi Iteghete (a sophomore at the College of St. Scholastica), left their homework behind and marched into the corporate world for their first professional internships.

A little out of their element, each Scholar had to adapt quickly, learn new skills, and face new types of challenges. Christin reflected, “When I first started, I was afraid of failing. I felt that I was not smart enough to be around my team. I was being challenged constantly. I had to learn to complete projects by a deadline and organize things. However, as time went on, I realized that I liked the challenge. Challenges change who you are and how you think. Challenges are what keep people going forward.”

Internships bring students into a professional culture and expose them to all the moving parts of an organization. “Looking back at what surprised me during my summer experience, I would say it was the effort that was put into the term ‘team work,’” remarked Olutchi. Christin echoed that sentiment, stating just how much her team inspired her to work harder: “I wanted to be around successful people who would inspire me to make myself a better person. I wanted to be the best that I could be to help my team.”

The most valuable take-away from their summer was how much they learned about themselves. “As a result of my experiences working at BSC, I have changed. I look forward to my future because I want to be a role model one day. I am also more confident going to school because I want to succeed, like all of my team,” expressed Christin. Olutchi agreed saying, “This experience has helped me become more confident in myself, which I am very appreciative of. I am more excited to see how my path comes together in the future.” Boston Scientific and Wallin Education Partners will be cheering their six Scholars along the way.



Boston Scientific Mentors and Scholars (class of 2013 & 2014) – Summer 2014

Donor Partner Reflections

“On our own, we offered several scholarships to Saint Paul Central Senior High School students. After seeking advice from knowledgeable people and reading about the Wallin Education Partners’ program, we became Donor Partners. We were attracted to the program because of its strong advising program. ***From our experience with our earlier students, we realized the importance of ongoing support for students, especially those who were the first in a family to attend college.*** We continue to believe that it is the advising that accounts for the success of Wallin Education Partners Scholars.” -- Family Donor Partner

“General Mills is pleased to partner with Wallin Education Partners to provide college scholarship funding and professional advising services to outstanding Twin Cities students. ***We appreciate that scholars in the program are not only motivated, hardworking achievers but also leaders with a demonstrated track record of service and involvement in their communities.*** It is a privilege to invest in young people who want to do great things and who are ready to realize their fullest potential through higher education.” – General Mills

“It’s an honor to help support an organization like Wallin Education Partners. Investing \$220,000 in Wallin Education Partners is an investment in our community. ***Students who are better prepared to stay in college benefits the students, their families, businesses that hire them and our economy.***” – U.S. Bank



Zerbine Rypa, Mulrooney Scholar with Ron and Pat Eldred, Donor Partners



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