

# 2017 Annual Report



## Greetings,

I am honored to provide a few highlights that reflect the collective work of a great staff and a dedicated board of trustees at Wallin Education Partners. In June, we awarded scholarships to 216 students from 39 high schools – our largest class. This year, 640 scholars supported by our program are enrolled in 55 colleges across the region and at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities. A key reason for this expansion is the large grant we received from NorthStar Education Finance that provided 60 additional scholarships in 2017.

Wallin Education Partners offered scholarships to all of the graduating Cristo Rey seniors who applied. This reflects the strength of our high school and donor partnerships. Most important, students in the program continue to thrive. For the fourth year in a row, our six-year graduation rate exceeds 90% which makes Wallin Education Partners one of the most effective college completion programs in the country.

The success of the program is the result of strong relationships with students, colleges, high schools, community partners and donors. Donor partners share their experiences with friends, colleagues, and family members. Students recruit siblings, friends, and classmates to apply to the program. Organizations like the Spencer Foundation support research to help us better understand the scholar experience. Corporations like U.S. Bank and 3M highlight scholars in company-wide publications and provided internships for students to gain valuable skills. Collectively, we are working to ensure that every student in the program graduates.

Twenty-five years ago, Win and Maxine Wallin established a scholarship program at South High School that has become Wallin Education Partners, an organization that has provided scholarships to over 4400 students who are ready for college yet face barriers to success. Wallin Education Partners believes in the power of collaboration and partnership – an approach that has effectively served our students, our donors and our community. We are always eager to share our program so never hesitate to contact us. Thank you for everything.

With gratitude,

~Susan Basil King, Executive Director

## Fast Facts

600+ applications

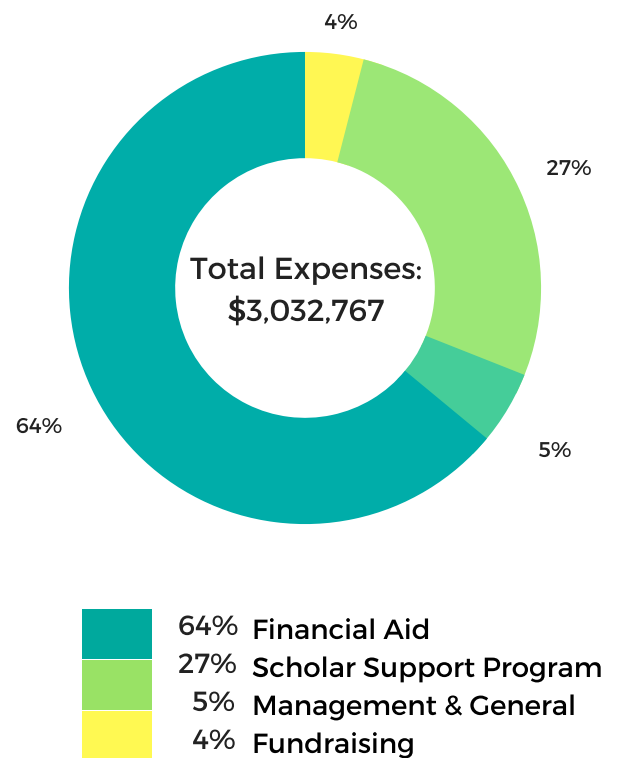
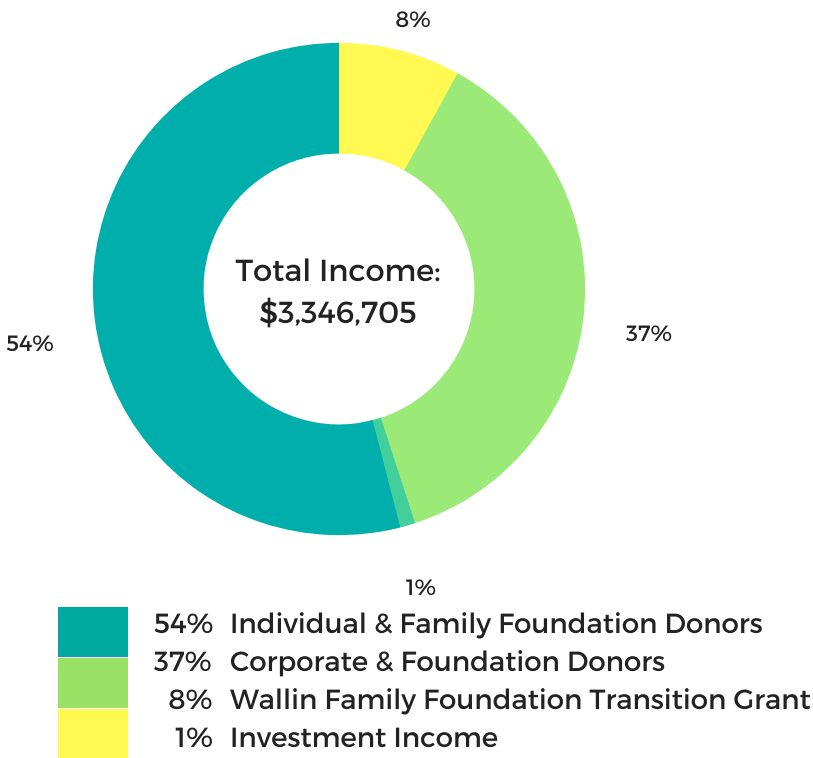
216 scholarships awarded

- 81% students of color
- 77% 1st generation students
- Average family taxable income: \$18,304

93% six year graduation rate for most recent class



# 91% of funds used for financial aid & scholar support



## Scholar Spotlight: Nancy Rutoh & Boston Scientific

After making it through finals and wrapping up your freshman year of college, you'd probably want to spend your summer catching up on some well-earned R and R. That wasn't the case for 2016 Scholar Nancy Rutoh. Nancy interned with Boston Scientific after graduating last summer from Park Center High School. She was ready to add another internship experience to her resume.

By February, she was already working with her Wallin Education Partners advisor to see what opportunities were out there. Nancy recalled: "It's unexpected for a freshman to get an internship, so not much help was directed my way. But I did get quite a bit of help from my advisor Annie to get in touch with Boston Scientific (one of our corporate partners)."

Nancy landed an internship this summer working with the Community Engagement and Talent Development teams. In a typical day, Nancy handled projects from event management, to cost evaluations, to helping develop the new Manager Development Program.

Now entering her second year at St. Olaf College, Nancy is studying Math Education. She said that this experience has helped her gain insight into future career possibilities. "I plan to go into engineering in the future because of this internship. I have been able to learn a lot about the company and all the different roles and found engineering roles that I would like to work in one day."

After a successful summer at Boston Scientific, Nancy was invited to continue her internship into the fall semester.

Nancy (center second row) along with other Scholars interning at Boston Scientific this summer



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