

# IMPACT

2022

# REPORT



# FUNDING OUR MISSION

Our **mission** is to level the socio-economic playing field by supporting students from underserved communities to achieve their career and college dreams.

We aspire to live in a region where one's income, race, or ethnicity cannot be a statistical predictor for academic success, and where every child has equitable access to post-secondary education, training, and opportunity.



## Thank you

### TO OUR FUNDERS!

Bellingham Technical College  
Career Connect WA  
College Success Foundation  
Northwest WA STEM Network  
Puget Sound Energy Foundation  
School's Out WA  
Skagit Valley College  
United Way of Whatcom County  
WA Student Achievement Council  
Whatcom Community College  
Whatcom Community Foundation  
Whatcom Educational Credit Union (WECU)  
WA Department of Social and Health Services

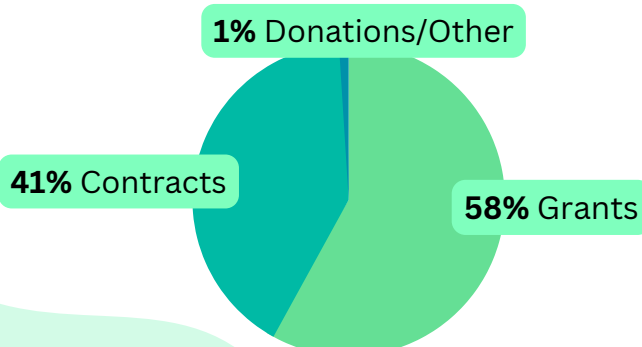
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*I feel so much more confident that I belong at college and I know I have people who can help me!*

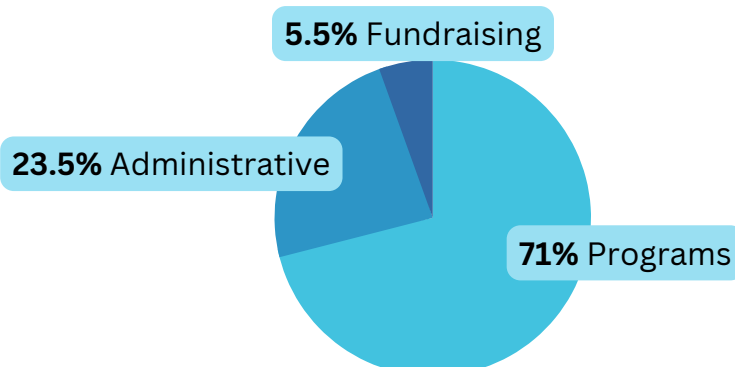
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**2022 Income: \$246,482.27**



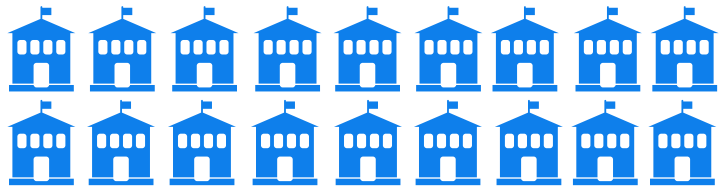
**2022 Expenses: \$200,357.24**



# PROGRAMS

## FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT

FuturesNW partners with local schools and organizations to host financial literacy events in which Financial Aid experts and admissions staff from local higher education institutions provide personalized support for students and families completing the FAFSA or WASFA.



We served 18 Whatcom County and Skagit County Schools, a 9% increase from 2021.

### HIGHLIGHTS

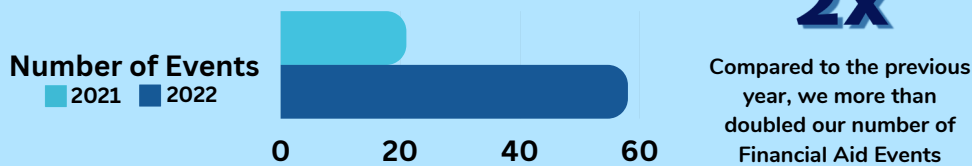
- 1,280+ Students & Family Members Served
- 76 Office Hours
- 58 Financial Aid Completion Events
- 1 written case study for the WSAC Financial Aid Playbook

*“I've met so many amazing people who are so genuine & caring, & who want me to succeed.”*

STUDENT VOICE

We served **37.5% more** students at Financial Aid Events in 2022 compared to 2021.

*How many financial aid events did we complete?*



## MENTORSHIP

We provided more than 150 hours of mentoring!

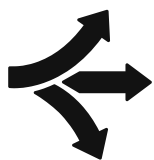
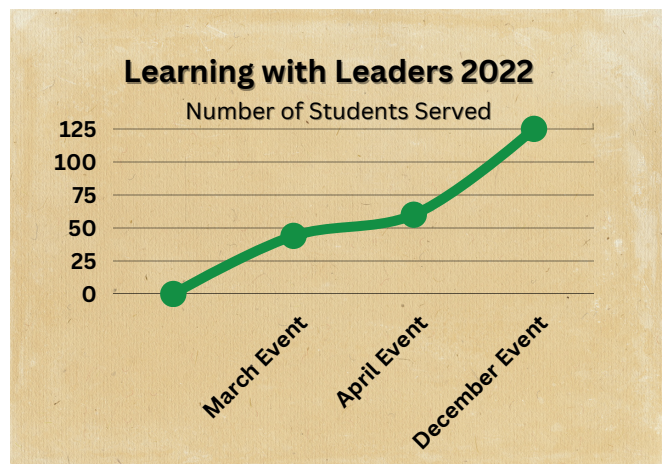


Our mentor navigators work with high school students who want to be the first in their family to go to college or who are from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds to help build confidence, share resources, and provide hands-on support to help them succeed in high school and beyond. Students receive guidance for career exploration, college admissions applications, Financial Aid, and scholarship applications.

# PROGRAMS

## LEARNING WITH LEADERS

Learning with Leaders connects students with in-demand career pathways by providing exploration that focuses on local employment, education, and support services. Students receive real-time, tactile training, such as the chance to operate equipment under the guidance of experts, participate in virtual simulations, and discover their strengths through kinesthetic learning experiences.



ADVANCED MANUFACTURING

HEALTHCARE

CONSTRUCTION



*I thought it was really helpful to know the resources that are available to help us with figuring out our interests and jobs we may like. Personally I found it helpful and I think it gave me more hope that I can actually get a job and live a good life.*

STUDENT VOICE



## FROM ONE TO MANY

From One to Many aims to promote and increase access to post-secondary education and training programs by implementing a community-led, peer-to-peer program. Lummi Nation Educational Advocate Kathleen Solomon facilitates individual and community meetings where families learn and engage in financial planning for college, explore pathways and increases access to resources that support their journey.



In 2022, we served more than 90 Lummi Nation Students and Families.

# PROGRAMS

## PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES

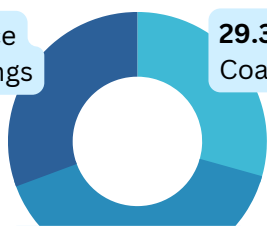


Our Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) funded program focuses on providing 9-12th grade students with the tools needed to live an independent and self-directed life; these programs are tailored with a specific focus on students with designated disabilities who utilize an education plan such as an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 315+ Students
- 75 Workshops
- 6 High Schools

30.7% Workplace  
Readiness Trainings

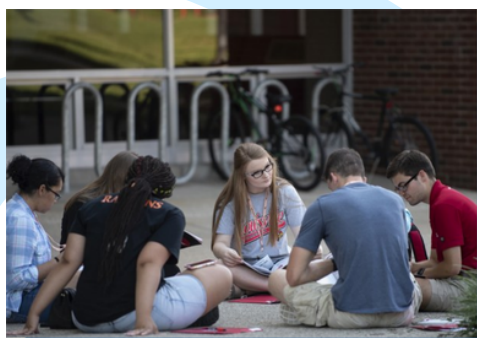


29.3% Self-Advocacy  
Coaching Sessions

40% Professional  
Interviews & Job Site  
Tours

In 2022, we directly served more than 315 students with designated disabilities.

## QUICKSTART TO COLLEGE



QuickStart to College is a free summer camp program to uplift and encourage high school seniors as they prepare for college selection, applications, scholarships, and financial aid processes. Students enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at WWU and visits from our friends at Bellingham Technical College (BTC), Northwest Indian College (NWIC), Skagit Valley College (SVC), and Whatcom Community College (WCC) to help them learn more about the various types of colleges available.

*"This program gave me a better understanding of college realities & answered a lot of questions making college seem like a more realistic and viable option"*

STUDENT VOICE



15 students and 9 mentors at QuickStart 2022

# NEXT STEPS

As our funding expands, we expect to grow by leaps and bounds in 2023!



## Expanding our Team

We have now added a full-time financial aid program coordinator to the team, which will allow us to serve a greater number of students and schools across Whatcom and Skagit County.



## From One to Many

We will also expand our From One to Many program in partnership with Ferndale Library. We plan to implement weekend events to better accommodate our students' busy weekday schedules.



## Quickstart to College

After outstanding success bringing back Quickstart to College in 2022, we look forward to bringing on even more students for this marvelous opportunity. This year, we hope to serve up to 40 students.

## Hope Theory & The Science of Hope

In 2023, we are excited to begin implementing Hope Theory into our programmatic design strategy. Dr. Chan Hellman's definition of hope is, "the belief that your future can be brighter and better than your past and that you actually have a role to play in making it better." Research into hope and education has shown that hopeful teens have fewer absences, higher college enrollment rates, higher retention rates, and higher graduation rates. Hope is a strongly reliable predictor of long-term positive outcomes for high school students.

*This program changed my perspective on going to college...I have a hope in myself that I can get into a college & do great things in the future.*

STUDENT VOICE

