

EMPOWERING

FUTURE

LEADERS

**ANNUAL REPORT
2016-2017**





OUR MISSION

REACH Prep provides access to **transformative** educational experiences that **empower** underserved, **high-achieving** students to graduate from top colleges and emerge as the next generation of **leaders**.

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For over 23 years, REACH Prep has guided students on a 12-year journey of academic and personal achievement leading ultimately to college completion. With a combination of steadfast determination, consistent hard work, and intellectual curiosity, our students harness their potential and thrive in and out of the classroom at some of the **finest schools and colleges in the country**. From the youngest students to the oldest alumni, they all share a deep appreciation for their transformative educational experiences and a commitment to leading the way for future Scholars. We are inspired by our Scholars' persistence, accomplishments, and meaningful contributions to their communities.

The *New York Times* recently reported that "black and Hispanic students are more underrepresented at the nation's top colleges and universities than they were 35 years ago." **With 100% of REACH Prep students gaining acceptance into a 4-year college** and over 90% of REACH Prep students graduating from college, our program model of access to a high-quality education serves as a **proven and proud outlier** to this disheartening trend. REACH Prep remains focused on removing the barriers our students face to ensure unlimited possibilities for their academic and professional pursuits.

This year's annual report features reflections from Scholars, alumni and parents on the difference REACH Prep has made in their lives. We are profoundly grateful for the **generosity and support of every member of our extraordinary community**, and we know that our collective and sustained efforts will continue to yield life-changing outcomes. Together, we will empower the next generation of leaders.

With gratitude,

Keith D. Grossman
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REACH Prep speaks



"REACH Prep provided me, a first-generation college student with Haitian-born parents, the opportunity to attend King School. My time at King, which REACH Prep readied me for, allowed me to attend the university of my choice and be prepared to enter the professional world after college."

GUILBERT FRANCOIS
RP Cohort 12
King School '13
Duke University '17



"REACH Prep has taught me how to be a leader... and has motivated me to do my best in everything I do. REACH Prep has given me the opportunity to receive a rigorous education at an independent school, and I am proud to be attending Riverdale Country School this year."

EMILY PEÑA
RP Cohort 23
Riverdale Country School '24



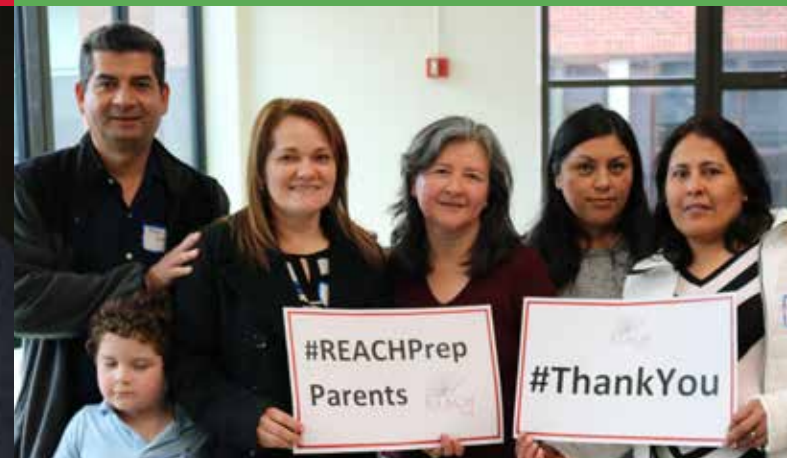
"REACH Prep has provided me with the opportunity to succeed. This organization opened the door to a castle with many rooms that allow me to forge my own path in life. I cannot imagine my life without it and for everything they have given to me, I will be forever grateful."

URIEL GARCIA
RP Cohort 16
Hackley School '17
Williams College '21



"REACH Prep truly set the foundation academically and personally, and I consider any recognition that I've received a reflection of the investment and support that REACH Prep put into me."

ANJELIQUE PARNELL
RP Cohort 9
Hackley School '10
Cornell University '14
MBA Candidate at Georgetown University



"My gratitude for REACH Prep just keeps growing. The program assists students who would not otherwise have access to an exceptional, well-rounded education and helps them get into schools that prepare them for college and beyond. The caliber of REACH Prep students makes me very proud to be associated with the program."

MARIE FERGUSON
RP Parent, Cohort 13



"REACH Prep set me up for success before I knew what success looked like. It takes gifted children and gives them the otherwise unobtainable high-quality education they need to become high achievers and game changers. It takes these smart children, and transforms them into the leaders of tomorrow."

DARREN DOUGLAS
RP Cohort 10
Rye Country Day School '12
Washington & Lee University '16

The REACH Prep 12-Year CONTINUUM

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ADMISSIONS

REACH Prep identifies high-achieving, motivated Black and Latino fourth grade students from underserved communities in Fairfield and Westchester counties and the Bronx. The admissions process is rigorous and selective. Each year, approximately 20 students are accepted to REACH Prep and begin their 12-year journey through our program.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL PLACEMENT

During the fall of fifth grade, REACH Prep guides each family through the independent school admissions process. This includes assistance with the application, preparing Scholars for the interview process and ISEE testing, as well as help with the financial aid application.

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PREP ACADEMY

Newly accepted Scholars attend Prep Academy, a challenging 15-month academic program. Prep Academy offers academic enrichment taught by independent school faculty. This intensive, interdisciplinary program is designed to prepare students for the academic environment they will encounter when admitted to an independent school. Classes mirror the small size, accelerated pace and high expectations typical of an independent school education.

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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS & OPPORTUNITIES

REACH Prep strives to provide a constructive and enriching summer experience for Scholars. Through REACH Prep facilitated programs and summer opportunities offered by generous partners, our goal is to provide transformative, and otherwise unobtainable, experiences for personal growth, early career exploration, and academic enrichment.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT

A Scholar's academic progress is closely monitored and nurtured through personalized contact, school visits and grade level-specific programming. REACH Prep supports each Scholar from middle school through high school, identifying areas in which we can provide individualized guidance and academic support such as tutoring, test preparation and other critical support that promotes success.

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COLLEGE & ALUMNI SUPPORT

REACH Prep's goal is to provide ongoing guidance for college students to maximize their success in their academic and professional pursuits. During college, REACH Prep assists Scholars with resume preparation, career counseling, navigating academic resources, referrals, and professional internships. REACH Prep college students are also invited to return as interns in our office or as Prep Academy Summer Advisors. REACH Prep Scholars become alumni of the program upon graduation from college and join more than 125 engaged young leaders who are exceptionally prepared and positioned to make a significant difference in their communities.

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COLLEGE GUIDANCE

As part of our mission, we seek to ensure our Scholars succeed and graduate from college. REACH Prep provides supplementary and complimentary college guidance to enhance the excellent college guidance Scholars receive from their independent schools. REACH Prep is committed to make certain each of our Scholars have the best college options so that the goal of college completion will be met. Scholars receive individualized and family support including assistance with the application process, SAT/ACT test and interview preparation, college campus tours, navigating the financial aid process, and ultimately making the optimal college choice.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

PARTNER SCHOOLS

- Brunswick School
- Canterbury School
- Choate Rosemary Hall
- Convent of the Sacred Heart, NYC
- Eaglebrook School
- Ethical Culture Fieldston School
- Fairfield College Preparatory School
- Fairfield Country Day School
- Fordham Preparatory School
- Greens Farms Academy
- Greenwich Academy
- The Greenwich Country Day School
- The Gunnery
- Hackley School
- Hamden Hall Country Day School
- The Harvey School
- Hopkins School
- Horace Mann School
- The Hotchkiss School
- King School
- The Masters School
- The Montessori School
- New Canaan Country School
- Northfield Mount Hermon
- Pierrepont School
- The Rectory School
- Ridgefield Academy
- Rippowam Cisca School
- Riverdale Country School
- Rumsey Hall School
- Rye Country Day School
- Sacred Heart Greenwich
- St. Luke's School
- School of the Holy Child, Rye
- Soundview Preparatory School
- The Stanwich School
- The Taft School
- Whitby
- Wooster School



ADMISSIONS

REACH Prep admitted our 24th Cohort this year. These students represent 19 different hometown schools across 11 different towns and cities in Fairfield County, Westchester County and the Bronx.



PLACEMENT

REACH Prep welcomed a new independent school to our list of partner schools this year. Christine C. from Cohort 23 was admitted into the fifth grade class at Convent of the Sacred Heart, NYC.



CURRICULUM

Classes offered to our Prep Academy students:

- Advisory/Transition
- Art
- Dance
- English
- Independent School Application Workshops
- ISEE Test Prep
- Latin
- Mathematics
- Mindfulness
- Science
- Technology
- World Civilizations
- Writing



FINANCIAL AID

Each year independent schools generously award more than \$4.5 million in financial aid to REACH Prep Scholars.

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

REACH Prep students are accepted to some of the top colleges in the nation and around the world, including:

Amherst College
 Barnard College
 Binghamton University/SUNY
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Brown University
 Bryn Mawr College
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 Rochester Institute of Technology
 Spelman College
 Syracuse University
 Trinity College
 Tufts University
 University of Chicago
 University of Connecticut
 University of Pennsylvania
 Villanova University
 Washington University in St. Louis
 Wesleyan University
 Williams College
 Yale University



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

80%+ of REACH Prep's 10th and 11th grade students took advantage of a summer enrichment opportunity facilitated by REACH Prep.

Scholars participated in a variety of summer opportunities including:

- Academic enrichment programs
- Community service programs
- Pre-collegiate programs
- Summer camps
- Athletic training programs
- Art programs
- Internships
- Paid jobs



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Throughout the year, REACH Prep maximized each student's success in middle and high school by offering individualized meetings, workshops and support in the following areas:

- Financial aid
- Transition to middle school
- Study skills and motivation strategies
- Academic course selection
- Grade-specific course reviews and previews
- Summer opportunities
- Transition to high school
- SAT/ACT preparation
- College and financial aid applications
- Networking and resume review

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

100% of REACH Prep students graduate from high school.



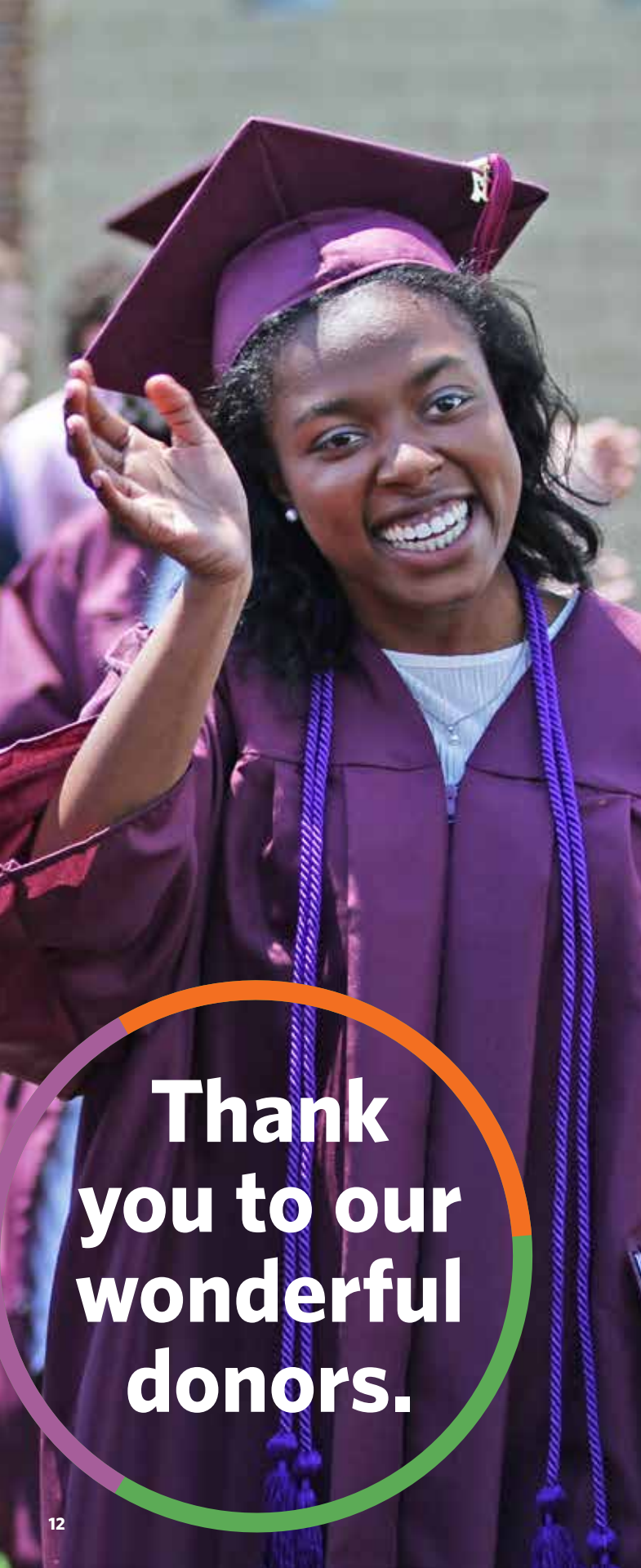
COLLEGE ADMISSION

100% of REACH Prep students are accepted into a college or university.

COLLEGE GRADUATION

90%+ of REACH Prep students graduate from college in 4 to 6 years.





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We are profoundly grateful for the generous contributions received throughout the year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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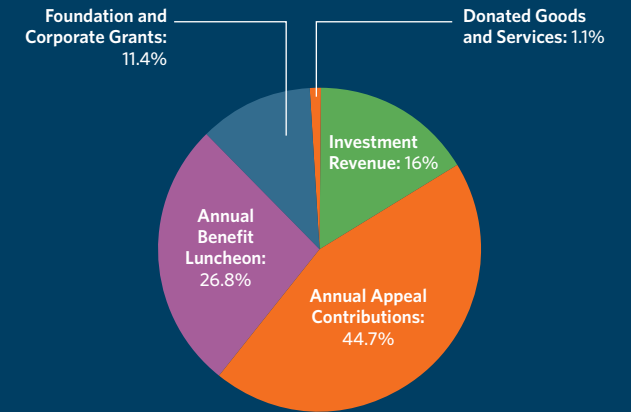
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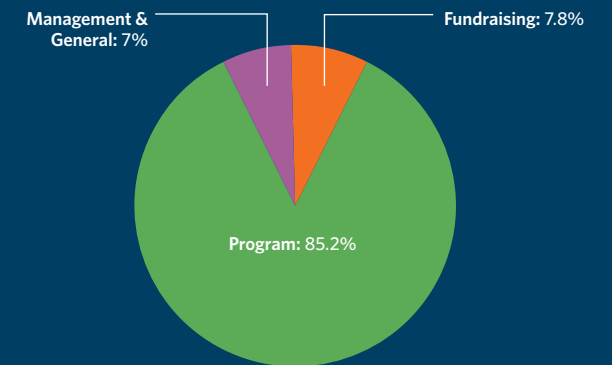
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