Education is for Everyone

2023 REPORT

College Now
Greater Cleveland
Dear friends of College Now,

We have always known that education is important for success after high school—to find a sustainable career path and jobs that provide a livable wage. But, until recently, our work didn’t always delve as deeply as it could to help students understand the various pathways available to them after high school. Education and postsecondary success aren’t reserved just for those who attend a two- or four-year college or university—it is for every student, following any type of postsecondary pathway, be it a trade program, certificate, the military, a training class or something else.

Education is for everyone, in every form.

Our work over the last year has centered on helping to ensure that every student has the access and support to pursue the postsecondary pathway that will lead them to their own definition of success in our modern economy. Whether it is the result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the changing workforce landscape or—most likely—a combination of all of the above, the needs of our students have shifted dramatically in recent years. This caused us to rethink how we offer services and ensure that we are providing students with the right type of support to succeed in our current world.

We have grown our programming to offer students more time to discover job opportunities and career pathways in Northeast Ohio and beyond through both College Now-specific programming and community-wide initiatives. We’ve also helped train other youth-serving professionals in their own similar work and have taken high school students across the country to expose them to new places and educational opportunities.

Of course, despite all the successes of both our new and longstanding programming, as well as the community’s support of educational access, there are still major challenges facing postsecondary education and every student’s ability to access education past high school. As student debt mounts and costs continue to rise, not all are able to pursue postsecondary education the same way.

We know this is a problem and our advocacy work this year has focused on issues related to both student and institutional debt, and you’ll read in the following pages about our work to help students afford postsecondary education.

At the core of our work is the belief that education is a right for all students, and we will continue to work tirelessly to make sure our students have the necessary knowledge, opportunity, access and support to succeed in whatever they choose to do after high school. We thank you for your support in these efforts and your continued belief in the importance of our work.

In this time of continued transformation, education continues to be vital to the success of our students and our region, and we look forward to sharing the developments that are to come.

Michael Cogan  
Board Chair

Lee A. Friedman  
CEO

Mission, Vision and Values

College Now’s mission is to increase postsecondary educational attainment in Greater Cleveland through college and career access advising, financial aid counseling and scholarship and retention services.

We envision a future in which all members of our community have the support they need to successfully complete their postsecondary education, allowing them to lead more satisfying and productive lives and contribute to the region’s economic vitality.

We value being student-focused; promoting equity and inclusion; inspiring dreams, teamwork, integrity, and quality in all that we do.

Diversity Statement

At College Now, diversity, equity and inclusion are at the center of our mission. We are committed to empowering all students across Northeast Ohio to achieve their dreams. However, we acknowledge that the educational system in which we operate perpetuates inequality, and it is our goal to undo the forms of systemic oppression that face students of all ages. We believe that the opportunity to complete a postsecondary education should be available to everyone regardless of race, age, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, ethnicity or income level.

We are committed to fostering a diverse, inclusive workplace that is representative of the communities and students we serve. We urge our staff to reflect on themselves and their departments through the lens of diversity, equity and inclusion. We encourage our staff to bring their full, authentic selves to work in ways that are considerate and affirming of all colleagues, clients and partners. We expect that staff will consistently challenge themselves and their colleagues to do better for both one another and our clients. By empowering our staff to feel comfortable engaging in respectful dialogue and sharing their experiences, we build a culture of compassion, innovation and creativity that makes us more effective in achieving our mission.

Financial Results

Operational Revenues  
ENDING JULY 31, 2022

- Foundations $8,503,705
- Corporations $3,208,592
- Individuals and Organizations $797,172
- Government Grants $6,995,683
- Say Yes Fiscal Administration $7,653,306
- Fee for Service $2,601,963
- Other $130,304
- TOTAL $29,890,725

Operational Expenses  
ENDING JULY 31, 2022

- Advising and Counseling Services $10,236,740
- Scholarship Awards $7,508,638
- Scholarship and Retention Services $2,118,228
- Say Yes Fiscal Administration $7,653,306
- General Administration $812,619
- Development $911,758
- TOTAL $29,241,289

College Now is a proud partner in the Say Yes Cleveland initiative, which provides wraparound services for Cleveland Metropolitan School District students and tuition gap-closing scholarships for eligible CMSD graduates. College Now administers the Say Yes Cleveland scholarship and also matches each recipient with a mentor. Say Yes Cleveland is a scholarship program, with the goal of transforming the lives of CMSD's students and families for generations to come through its support.
Whenever they are offered, College Now applies for highly competitive federal grant opportunities available from the US Department of Education. In 2021, one such opportunity - the Educational Opportunity Centers (EOC) - was offered and College Now garnered two EOC grants to support adult programming in both Cleveland and Akron. The Akron grant was awarded in partnership with the Summit Education Initiative and the United Way of Summit and Medina. These EOC grants fund outreach efforts to adults interested in returning to postsecondary education.

To date, College Now has served over 1,300 adults through EOC outreach in Cleveland and Akron through efforts including targeted social media campaigns, canvassing and focused engagement through community partners. Additionally, the Akron EOC grant enabled College Now to open and operate the Summit County Educational Opportunity HUB, which serves as a resource center for residents of Summit County and surrounding areas. As College Now expands our presence throughout Ohio, the EOC grants have helped to establish more solid footing in Summit County, allowing College Now to offer in-person services to residents looking to explore educational opportunities.

Beyond adult learners, this year College Now grew our offerings to middle and high school students through expanded out-of-school time programming in area high schools and recreation centers, providing students with college and career exploration activities, including postsecondary Career Technical (CTE) assistance, financial guidance, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) help and virtual college tours.

Our impact! program has grown this year, as well, as we received three new Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants to fund three new impact! sites at Merrick House, Maple Heights High School, and the Cleveland Institute of Art – our first 21st Century Education program to be offered on a college campus! This opportunity will be especially impactful for students as they can learn about postsecondary opportunities directly on site. Students also have opportunities for in-person college tours through College Now’s new Xplore program, funded by the Ohio Department of Education. Xplore provides students with academic enrichment through college and career readiness, exploration and research. Students in the program conduct research projects on a designated meta major, such as medical sciences, environmental science and communication, which also includes in-person exploration on college campuses and career sites. Xplore participants have already visited New York City and Chicago, and the funding also supports the possibility for international explorative trips, as well!

Since 1967, College Now has created new opportunities to serve students in the best ways possible. This year has been no different, and we are glad to continuously grow and adapt, bringing educational opportunities to all who need them.
Education is Foundational

Just over a decade ago, the Cleveland Scholarship Program, which for 45 years helped Greater Clevelanders achieve their postsecondary goals, rebranded to College Now Greater Cleveland. It was a modern turning point for our organization on the heels of the hiring of CEO Lee Friedman and, while the core of our work did not change, it represented a renewed commitment to students across the region to help them graduate and succeed.

Following the rebranding, a variety of new initiatives were created to help students at a deeper level. Many of those initiatives and programs are still in place today, and we’re excited to share ten years of progress in this year’s report.

College Now Mentoring Program

The College Now Mentoring Program launched in 2011 to provide a needed extra layer of support to scholarship recipients. A large portion of our scholarship recipients are the first in their families to go to college, and College Now provides mentors to help our students persist through to college graduation.

The Mentoring Program started with a cohort of 43 students and was fully scaled with the Class of 2016. Today, the program supports 1,700 total mentor/mentee pairs in the current school year. The number of students supported has decreased slightly over the past year, due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic and fewer students matriculating to postsecondary following graduation; however, the program’s retention results remain steady.

Overall, results from the College Now Mentoring Program are more than 10% higher than the national average in both retention and graduation – graduation rates are significantly higher than students who, like ours, received the federal Pell grant.

The Mentoring Program has been one of the most successful initiatives started by College Now, consistently succeeding in our mission to propel scholarship recipients to degree attainment. Not only does the program provide support during a student’s college years, it also provides the many first generation students with much-needed social capital and access to career opportunities and exposure. We are excited to continue supporting future students through the Mentoring Program for years to come!

To learn more and become a mentor, visit cngc.org/mentor.

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In 2010, then-Cleveland Mayor Frank G. Jackson brought together over 70 partners from across sectors to form the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland, a collective effort to support the college readiness, access and persistence of Cleveland Metropolitan School District graduates. Compact staff works closely with community partners and higher education institutions, including College Now (which also serves as the fiscal agent for the Compact and provides loaned staff to support Compact efforts), to put programs and retention efforts in place to keep CMDS graduates on the path to college completion.

Cleveland Foundation College Now Scholars Program

The Cleveland Foundation College Now Scholars Program seeks to provide individualized and intensive support to CMDS’s top academically performing students. This support aims to prevent undermatching, a trend in which well-qualified graduates from low-income backgrounds are not matched with competitive colleges and universities.

Developed in 2013 with the Cleveland Foundation, the program helps first-generation college students and/or students from low-income backgrounds understand the many opportunities available to them after high school. The program originally focused on CMDS’s top 50 highest-achieving seniors, though it now does not have a limit to the number of students who can participate.

As part of the program, students can take a college exposure trip annually where they visit several college campuses and attend cultural and career-focused events. This past year, students traveled throughout New York and visited Niagara University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Syracuse University, Ithaca College, New York University and the Fashion Institute of Technology. They also visited landmarks including Niagara Falls, Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, and attended a live broadcast of The Today Show!

In the years the program has operated, students have enrolled in institutions such as Harvard, Yale, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Case Western Reserve University, Columbia and more with the support of College Now’s advising team. Students have also received institutional full-ride scholarships and other highly selective scholarships to make their education affordable.

College Now is extremely grateful to the Cleveland Foundation for its support in developing and funding the Cleveland Foundation College Now Scholars Program and for helping the highest-achieving CMDS students receive the exposure and support they need to make their best-fit postsecondary decisions.

The Compact has helped increase these areas for CMDS graduates in major ways, though COVID has impacted results in recent years with fewer students matriculating to postsecondary education. However, CMDS students are still graduating at a higher rate than they were pre-pandemic and are completing college at the highest rate since the Compact began.

To view CMSD student readiness, access and persistence data, go to highereducationcompact.org.
Education 
is 
A Right

At College Now, we believe that the ability to pursue a postsecondary education is a right to which all students should have access. However, one of, if not the, biggest barrier to accessing postsecondary education is affordability, with many students having to take out student loans in order to finance their degrees. The massive amounts of debt that students rack up during their postsecondary years can have an impact reaching far beyond graduation, with many students paying back their loans over 20 or 30 years. Being saddled with this extensive debt can prevent borrowers from making other major purchases, such as a house or car, until student debt is paid down while also struggling to afford the large monthly student loan payments.

Student debt and financial hardship don’t just impact people who have completed their degrees; unmet and often unexpected financial needs many low-income students face in their final years of college can create an insurmountable hurdle to degree or credential attainment. Without support, students may be forced to stop their degree programs prior to graduation, leaving them not only with debt owed to the government or their institution, but also with no degree or credential to show for it.

College Now has taken an active role in student loan debt discussions and has helped many students work toward loan repayment and forgiveness under guidance from the College Now Resource Center. One borrower, Maria, worked with the organization to receive student loan debt forgiveness under the expanded Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, which was announced by the U.S. Department of Education in 2021 and provided borrowers with a limited-time credit for payments made on loans that wouldn’t normally qualify for PSLF.

A social worker and graduate of Cleveland State University, Maria had hundreds of thousands of dollars’ worth of student loan debt that was preventing her from being able to retire – she needed to earn an income to make her monthly payments. Under the expanded PSLF program, however, Maria received confirmation that she had made the required 120 payments needed in order to have over $200,000 in loans forgiven! With that burden of debt lifted, Maria is now able to move forward in life and plan for her retirement.

Beyond the support that College Now provides individuals through the Resource Center, we also work with the greater community to support students’ financial needs. College Now is a partner organization for the Cuyahoga County Completion Scholarship Program, an effort funded by Cuyahoga County to help keep students enrolled as they near completion of their bachelor’s degree (students must have earned at least 60 credit hours of postsecondary education to be eligible). Cuyahoga County asked College Now to work with higher education institutions to identify eligible students to whom supplemental completion scholarships can be awarded through the program; these completion scholarships may cover a balance on a students’ college account or, in some cases, may be applied to additional expenses, such as living costs or books.

Additionally, College Now and Cuyahoga County have also partnered on a debt forgiveness program for county residents with minimal levels of institutional debt. Institutional debt — or debt owed to a college or university that has not been paid — causes student transcripts to be withheld, which prevents students from continuing their education at their current school or transferring to a different institution. The county program provides eligible Cuyahoga County residents up to $2,000 to return to school to finish their degrees without being held back by institutional debt.

College Now is grateful to Cuyahoga County for its partnership and support of county residents through these programs, including County Executive Chris Ronayne, former County Executive Armond Budish, and Cuyahoga County Council, including council president Pernel Jones Jr. and Sunny Simon, chair of the Education, Environment and Sustainability Committee.

At a statewide level, College Now is also partnering with Ithaka S+R on the Ohio College Comeback Compact, in affiliation with the Ohio Department of Higher Education. A collaboration between eight Ohio public universities and community colleges, the Ohio College Comeback Compact helps students settle debt owed to a previous college or university.

Through the Comeback Compact, participating institutions will settle debt and release transcripts for students to re-enroll at any participating college or university, opening the door to new opportunities.

College Now is working closely with the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland on these initiatives to support students’ persistence in postsecondary education through financial support. As the cost of education continues to increase, it is vital that students have opportunities to make their postsecondary education achievable and affordable.

More than half of college students leave school with student loan debt. The total amount of debt owned in the United States is $1.75 trillion (including federal and private loans) and the average borrower owes $28,950.
Over the past few years, College Now has been involved in community initiatives designed to build this very kind of holistic support and network to help students discover and explore career pathways. This has included serving as a founder of the Planning and Career Exploration (PACE) initiative in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, as well as the Greater Cleveland Career Consortium (GCCC) in the broader community. This work would not be possible without the support of Mayor Justin Bibb, his administration, and Cleveland City Council, including council president and current College Now board member Blaine Griffin.

Understanding that connecting students to employment and career exposure opportunities is necessary to helping them develop and succeed, it is also important to help the greater community understand how to support students in these endeavors. College Now developed the Center on Education to Career Advising (CECA), a program aimed at employers and adults working with young people, offering them techniques to help students plan for their futures, with particular emphasis on serving students from racial and ethnic minority groups and/or those who have experienced economic disadvantages. It also helps these professionals understand how best to coach students to set and achieve aspirational goals and, ultimately, encourages employers and the community to provide students with opportunities to learn about career opportunities in the region and the educational pathways needed to get there.

The work of CECA began in the 2021-2022 academic year, with more than 400 youth-facing adult professionals, including the College Now team, CMSD staff and regional facilitators and employers receiving training. More than 200 are expected to receive or begin training this school year.

Although CECA has only just launched, it has already garnered attention for its potential to make a difference. In 2022, College Now received a Deborah Vesy Systems Change Champion Award from the Deaconess Foundation. The award, which recognizes the commitment of the foundation’s former longtime president and CEO (and College Now board member) Deborah Vesy, celebrates organizations who are committed to changing systems and honoring the type of work Vesy championed during her time as CEO. As the 2022 award recipient, College Now received an unrestricted $50,000 grant from the Deaconess Foundation.

College Now is honored to have received this recognition from the Deaconess Foundation for our work to ensure all students in Northeast Ohio graduate from high school with a vision for their futures, supported by our community and with an understanding of how they can make a difference in our region. We look forward to continuing this important work with our community partners and watching the impact these commitments will have in the years to come.
Guiding belief of our work at College Now is to build a culture of compassion, innovation and creativity that makes us more effective in achieving our mission. A large part of building that culture is to make sure that our staff and other individuals who work directly with our students—such as our mentors—understand them and their experiences.

A major way to ensure that understanding is in place is to have staff members and mentors on board who were once College Now scholarship recipients themselves! These individuals have firsthand knowledge of both our high school and postsecondary programs, and can identify with what our current students are experiencing during their postsecondary journeys. This understanding helps our team be more compassionate and understanding of our students’ situations, challenges and successes over the course of their educational journeys.

Here are a few profiles of former scholarship recipients who are now engaged with College Now and serving our students in some capacity.

**Mentee-turned-Mentor**

**Unique Willis Norris**

**Postsecondary Institution Attended**
The Ohio State University

**Degree**
BS, Biology; BS, Mathematics (’17)

**High School Attended**
John Hay Early College (’13)

**What are you doing now?**
Currently a medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine with an interest in cardiology or radiology.

**What was your experience like in the College Now Mentoring Program?**
My College Now mentor was relatable and helped set the foundation for what to expect. I was a first-generation college student and didn’t have people who knew what I was headed into; they were supportive but didn’t know what I should expect because they had never experienced college or didn’t know other people who had. My mentor set the stage for what I could expect, which was the most important thing for me—going into something unknown was a little scary!

**What made you want to become a mentor yourself?**
I wanted to give back and facilitate the same things that were provided to me in the program, to be a resource in whatever way my mentee needs. Even if it is just sharing small, key, need-to-know things, you don’t know what you don’t know. I want to give back to other students coming out of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, because students still need assistance after they graduate!

**Mentee-turned-Mentor**

**Jeremy Suwarna**

**Postsecondary Institution Attended**
Cleveland State University

**Degree**
BS, Health Science (’20)

**High School Attended**
John Hay Early College (’18)

**What are you doing now?**
Clinical research coordinator at Cleveland Clinic

**What was your experience like in the College Now Mentoring Program?**
My mentor was an electrical engineer and I was a health science major. He really helped me figure out what I wanted to do by sharing with me how he discovered his own career pathway. My mentor talked to me about his career path and guided me to find a niche or hobby that I enjoy—outside of academic subjects—that could help shape my career path and helped me figure out what I liked and how I could move that into a career.

**Why did you want to join the program as a mentor yourself?**
I wanted to get involved with the program to help a student who was experiencing college in the same way I did. School has changed, learning has changed—and opportunities have changed over the years. I have resources and information that I can provide my mentee having just been through the college experience myself. I can say, “Here is what worked for me, here are some tips that I just used that really helped,” because I just went through the same situations myself.

**Say Yes Success Coach and Former Scholarship Recipient**

**Sherri Parks**

**Postsecondary Institutions Attended**
Kent State University and Tiffin University

**Degrees**
BA, Psychology (’09); M.Ed., Higher Education Administration (’15)

**High School Attended**
South High School (’04)

**What made you interested in employment with College Now after receiving a College Now scholarship?**
After college, I became aware of the AmeriCorps program at College Now. When I thought about my educational journey, I realized how the scholarships I received directly impacted my ability to be the first in my family to graduate from college. I wanted to help equip other first-gen, lower-income and/or underrepresented students with the knowledge and resources they would need to pursue and accomplish their goals. After leaving the organization to work in higher education, I returned to College Now in 2019 (through the Say Yes Success Coach program at Cuyahoga Community College) because its mission aligns the most with what I endeavor to do professionally in my community.

**Why is it important for College Now to employ staff members who received College Now services themselves?**
It shows that this work is effective, vitally important, and not in vain. It gives students hope to hang their hats on. They can see that, despite what can seem like insurmountable odds in the present, they can change or carry on a great legacy of achievement.
Thank you to all who attended and supported Bags & Bourbon in 2022, and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2024!

Education is Philanthropic

On April 28, 2022, College Now hosted another out-of-this-world fundraiser at the Great Lakes Science Center, netting over $464,000 for our Mentoring Program. Thanks to the leadership of current College Now board member Veena Khanna, regional executive, Northeast Ohio and Central region, Key Private Bank; and Trina Evans, KeyBank chief of staff and director of corporate center, our biannual fundraiser was supported by exclusive title sponsor KeyBank. Formerly called the Bag Lady Event, this year ushered in a new era of the signature fundraiser, now known as Bags & Bourbon.

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This list reflects gifts, payments and multi-year pledges for the calendar year 2022. We have made every effort to ensure the completeness and accuracy of this report. If an error or omission has occurred, please accept our sincere apologies.

**$1,000,000 AND ABOVE**
The Cleveland Foundation
Cuyahoga County
Ohio Department of Education
Ohio Department of Higher Education
Say Yes Cleveland Scholarship Board, Inc.
Serve Ohio
U.S. Department of Education

**$500,000-$999,999**
The George Gund Foundation
The John Huntington Fund for Education KeyBank

**$250,000-$499,999**
Nordson Corporation Foundation
Ohio Machinery Education and Opportunity Foundation
Sweigard Company
Jane D. White Fund No. 2

**$100,000-$249,999**
Barberton Community Foundation
City of Deerfield
Deaconess Foundation
ECMC Foundation
I Know I Can
The Fred A. Lennon Charitable Trust
Arthur F. and Ruth H. Moebius Scholarship Fund
One Candle Foundation
Pipefitters Local 120
Estate of John L. Powers
Gladys Sessler Charitable Trust

**$50,000-$99,999**
Anonymous
John W. & Shirley Berger Fund of the Jewish Federation
Carolyn E. Gordon Teachers’ Fund USAFA
Martha Holden Jennings Foundation
The Linseed Electric Co.
David S. Myers Foundation
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2,300 high school graduates and adult learners who received scholarships last year

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College Now provides services to over 200 venues across Ohio where students can earn college credits. This year, we had 20,000 students enrolled, with 85% of students receiving financial aid.

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Higher Education to expand our programs to additional Ohio communities.

In addition to our diverse array of courses, we offer a new program that allows students to complete their associate degree in just two years. This program has been well-received, and we have seen a 30% increase in enrollment.

The faculty and staff at College Now are committed to helping students succeed. Our instructors are dedicated to providing high-quality education and support to each and every student.

In conclusion, we would like to thank all of our students, faculty, and staff for their contributions to making College Now a success. We look forward to continuing to serve the needs of our community for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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Garrett Morgan School of Leadership & Innovation
George Washington Carver K-8 School
Ginn Academy
Glenville High School
Heskett Middle School
Highland High School
Holy Name High School
John Adams School College & Career Academy
John Hay Early College High School
John Hay School of Architecture & Design
John Hay School of Science & Medicine
Kaiser (ret.)
John F. Kennedy High School
John Marshall School of Civic & Business Leadership
John Marshall School of Information Technology
Keystone High School
Lakewood High School
Lincoln-West School of Global Studies
Lincoln-West School of Science and Health
Longfellow Middle School
Lorain High School
Lorain JVS
Magnificat High School
Mansfield Middle School
Mansfield Senior High School
Maple Heights ECAC
Maple Heights High School
Max S. Hayes High School
MC3 STEM High School
Milkovich Middle School
Monticello Middle School
New Comers Academy
New Technology West
Normandy High School
North Olmsted High School
North Ridgeville High School
Olmsted Falls High School
Padua Franciscan High School
Parma High School
Patrick Henry K-8 School
Paul L. Dunbar Elementary School
Rhodes College & Career Academy
Rhodes School of Environmental Studies
Riverside School
Rocky River High School
Roxboro Middle School
Saint Martin De Porres School of One
Shaker Heights High School
Shaw High School
Solon High School
St. Edward High School
St. Ignatius High School
St. Joseph Academy
Trinity High School
Valley Forge High School
Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School
Wadsworth High School
Warrensville Heights High School
Warrensville Heights Middle School
Waverly K-8 School
Wellington High School
Westlake High School
Whitney Young (PreK-8)
Wickliffe High School
Wilbur Wright Elementary School

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