A year of celebration, reflection, and recommitment to our vision for Durham.
OUR WHY

OUR VISION
A Durham where all students will succeed.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to empower students in the Durham Public Schools to own their education by developing the academic skills and personal well-being necessary to succeed in college and beyond.

WHY WE EXIST
As a result of structural racism, poverty, and other systemic injustices, first-generation college-bound students face significant personal and institutional obstacles to educational success. This situation prevents our community from reaching its full potential.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Ten years ago, Student U welcomed its first class of students into our program. Our work then, as it is now, was fueled by our unwavering belief that all students can succeed when adequately supported and by our vision that a Durham where all students are succeeding is possible.

Over the past decade, we have committed ourselves to the critical and transformative work of journeying alongside our students and their families on their way to and through college. Our students have demonstrated that our dream is, in fact, possible and our vision is, in fact, attainable.

We have celebrated many accomplishments over the years. We have graduated four classes of high school students with a 100% graduation rate. We have enrolled 90% of our students in college where they are persisting and have graduated three college students a year early. Recently, with the support of Durham Public Schools, Self-Help and a 4.25-million-dollar investment from the Durham County Commissioners, we acquired the W.G. Pearson Center which will become our permanent home. While we are proud of our accomplishments, there is still more work to be done.

For Student U, that means we celebrated our 10th year by looking deeply at our own programming, asking hard questions of our work, and making exciting changes. From critically analyzing our recruitment, lottery, and enrollment processes to ensure that we are selecting students that we have the capacity to support well, to piloting new academic interventions that will enable our middle school students to be on grade level by 8th grade, we are changing.

As we conclude our 10th year and look to the future, we must remain unwavering in our deepest aspiration of living in a Durham where all students can succeed. Together, let’s commit to making this dream a reality.

- Alexandra Zagbayou, Executive Director
NEW IN 2017

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
We believe that our role in creating a Durham where all students can succeed is in expanding the educational opportunities available to our students. These opportunities empower our students to unlock their full potential and be the advocates for change within our community. In 2017, Student U launched many new programs including...

MS End of Grade Exam Prep Lessons

"I worked harder so I could be ready for the EOG and didn’t feel as nervous.”
- Gio Solis-Marin, Student U Class of 2022

| 60 | Avg Student Attendance |
| 8  | One Hour Lessons |

High School Community Advocates

"I work to foster authentic youth/adult partnerships, so that youth are positioned to guide conversations, identify barriers to their educational and career success, to be key decision makers, and to directly influence the change that will impact their own lives.”
- Dan McKinney, 2017 Community Advocate

| 7  | Community Advocates |
| 8  | Hours Worked in School Year |
| 30 | Students Empowered |

College Parent Engagement

"College Success Coordinators have helped by being a resource where we can go and ask advice or guidance in situations that arise in our college students lives.”
- Paula Jones, Student U Parent

THE W.G. PEARSON CENTER (WGPC)
Student U will make the historic W.G. Pearson Center its home in the fall of 2018. Through partnerships with Durham County and Self-Help, renovations are underway and soon Student U will be the master tenant.

Over the past two years, we have held a number of community meetings to create a collective vision for W.G. Pearson. Our hope is for W.G. Pearson to be a welcoming space for students, families, neighbors and community organizations.


4 Vision Pillars for the W.G. Pearson Center
1. W.G. Pearson will remain a youth-centered space that houses activities and programs that enrich the lives and outcomes of young people.
2. W.G. Pearson will be accessible to the surrounding community of neighbors and organizations.
3. W.G. Pearson space and all tenants within it will leverage synergies to have a greater collective impact on Durham and the Hayti Community.
4. The space and leasing model for W.G. Pearson will be modeled with two goals: 1) enable the building to be accessible to the most amount of people, and 2) be financially sustainable.
POST-SECONDARY PATHWAY
Nationally, 66% of Latinx students and 71% of African American students will graduate from high school and 11% of low-income, first-generation college students are expected to graduate from college within 6 years. Student U students beat these statistics as a result of their tireless work and commitment.

EVALUATION

This chart shows proficiency levels of Student U students on EOG and EOC tests compared to various segments of the Durham Public School population for the 2016–2017 school year. The data demonstrates the systemic challenges at the heart of why Student U exists and how much more work is required to create a system in which all students can succeed.

Meet 1 of Our 3 College Graduates
Alyzia McAlmon, Student U High School Class of 2014, graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice and a Bachelors of Science in Political Science. She is now the Student U Communications Intern and was awarded an A.J. Fletcher Community Engagement Fellowship.

PERSONAL WELL-BEING
Student U recognizes the importance of the whole child. We know that while developing academic skills is important, our students’ social, emotional, and physical well-being is just as crucial to their success.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
Internship Program
Student U’s rising 11th and 12th graders have the opportunity to intern with Student U and our off campus partners during the summer for 6 weeks.

Both students were quick to pick up on new tasks and took the initiative to clarify directions and solve their own problems. They were certainly a pleasure to have in our lab over the summer and I’d recommend the experience to other institutions that are considering participating.”
- Robert Morhard, Duke Pratt School of Engineering

Summer Enrichment Fund
Kordell Weaver, Student U Class of 2019, was one of 119 students to be accepted into the 13th Annual GRAMMY Camp® program in Los Angeles. He spent a week in July studying electronic music production in this highly competitive camp.
YOUR INVESTMENT IN ACTION

Your financial support allows Student U to make our dream come true. As we continue to grow, know that 100% of your contribution goes directly to supporting our students on their journey. Your gift helps us provide valuable programming experiences, like the ones below, free of charge to our 550 brilliant students.

- **$10,000** Sends the 10th grade on a college tour to Virginia, DC, and Maryland.
- **$5,000** Covers the cost of new picnic tables for the back field at WGPC.
- **$2,500** Sends the 6th grade on a science experiential day-trip to the NC coast.
- **$1,000** Provides SAT/ACT test prep course for high school students.
- **$750** Pays the stipend of 1 high school senior summer intern.
- **$500** Provides a desktop computer in the new WGPC computer lab.
- **$250** Covers monthly Student Advocate meetings for all students at one high school for the school year.
- **$100** Buys 1 student’s healthy lunches for 6 weeks of Summer Academy.
- **$50** Purchases a class set of books for Read Fearlessly program.

INVEST IN DURHAM. INVEST IN STUDENT U. INVEST IN OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURE.

2017 FINANCIALS

**REVENUE**

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**THE W.G. PEARSON CENTER PROJECT**

- Acquisition & Renovation Expenses: $1,894,577
- Revenue from Durham County: $590,158

*The W.G. Pearson project will be fully funded without incurring any debt.*
Thank you for your support.

Student U’s work is unfinished and we are far from reaching our vision. As we conclude our 10th year and look to the future, we celebrate 10 years of living in a Durham where all students can succeed.

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Thank you for continuing to empower our future leaders to build a greater Durham. Change cannot happen without the support of dreamers like you.

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- Carmen Valdez
- Evan Walker-Wells
- Emma Whitehurst
- Allison Yee
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS’ SUCCESS THIS SPRING

ATTEND:
Decision Day
AT B.N. DUKE AUDITORIUM
1851 FAYETTEVILLE ST, DURHAM
MAY 20, 2018

FOLLOW:
College Graduation Celebration
VISIT STUDENTUDURHAM.ORG/COLLEGEGRADS
MAY 18, 2018

EXPERIENCE THE BRILLIANCE OF OUR STUDENTS THIS SUMMER

VISIT:
Summer Academy
AT DURHAM ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL
3116 ACADEMY RD, DURHAM
JUNE 27, JULY 12, OR JULY 16, 2018

ATTEND:
Summer Celebration
AT DURHAM ACADEMY UPPER SCHOOL
3116 ACADEMY RD, DURHAM
JULY 28, 2018

COME TOGETHER FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF OUR NEW PERMANENT HOME THIS FALL

WATCH LIVE:
Ribbon Cutting
AT THE W.G. PEARSON CENTER
600 E UMSTEAD ST, DURHAM
FACEBOOK @STUDENTUDURHAM

ATTEND:
Grand Opening
AT THE W.G. PEARSON CENTER
600 E UMSTEAD ST, DURHAM
OCTOBER 20, 2018

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