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2. Internship Program Revamp: adding a month of professional readiness training for high school students and extending internship offerings into our college program with a particular focus on local STEM companies.

3. College Fellows & Retreat Collaboration: hiring Student U college students to serve as peer leaders and on-campus allies for first-year students, then planning a summer retreat in collaboration with the Emily K Center, Elon Academy, and Partners for Youth Opportunity.

4. Academic Interventionists: Bring in academic specialists to lead small group sessions on math and literacy during Middle School Year-Round Program for students who are behind grade level.

5. Bilingual Families Advocate: creating a new staff position responsible for facilitating communication with our Spanish-speaking families and ensuring our Spanish-speaking students’ needs are met.
FINANCIALS

2019 Revenue
Total: $2,246,919

2019 Expenses
Total: $2,499,322
RESULTS

For students who stay in our programming from start to finish, they have outstanding outcomes:

- **100%** High School Graduation Rate
- **89%** students are persisting through post-secondary education
- **35** College Graduates