

STUDENTU

The logo for StudentU, featuring a stylized white 'U' that incorporates a silhouette of a university building with a clock tower and a dome.

**Listen
with your
heart**

IMPACT REPORT 2022-2023

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

What do you say when asked, “What is Student U?” You might describe Student U as a nonprofit organization, an afterschool program, or a college access program—and you’d be right! But after my first year as Executive Director of Student U, I like to describe Student U as a community.

This community has, at its core, students, parents, staff, partners, board members, and other volunteers who are deeply committed to Student U’s success. Our community members demonstrate that commitment by being supportive in the ways they see fit, such as volunteering, donating, attending events, or looking out for our students. I have been so impressed by the varied and consistent ways in which our community shows up.

As part of the larger Durham community, Student U has earned respect from partners and neighbors. It is so rewarding to hear people express their excitement around Student U’s impact on students, families, and schools. There is an automatic level of appreciation and admiration there. Your support has made Student U what it is—a shining light in Durham.

As the Student U community has become my community, I have witnessed the power of so many individuals and initiatives coming together to support and build up the next generation of educators and changemakers. Over the next few pages, you will read about our successful capital campaign to raise funds for the renovation of The W. G. Pearson Center’s kitchen, the pilot year of our culturally responsive Summer Academy Curriculum, and more ways that students and families are becoming the leaders who will transform our city.

I hope you will read yourselves into these stories and understand how your support has made a difference for our students and families. Thank you for being part of the Student U community.

Sincerely,

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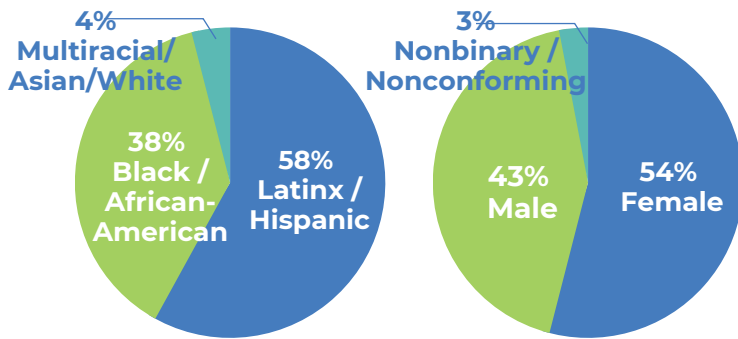
Michelle Price - Executive Director

OUR STORY SO FAR



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower and equip first-generation college students in Durham Public Schools, their families, and educators to become the leaders that will transform our city.



81% of our Middle and High School Students are Enrolled in DPS

75% Qualify for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch

70% First-Generation College Students

OUR PURPOSE

Our vision is to create a Durham where all students succeed. The core of Student U's work is its 11-year pipeline of services, walking with students and their families in out-of-school-time from 6th grade to college graduation and providing holistic wrap-around support at each step of the way. **Our students have outstanding results due to their tireless work and commitment.**



100%
High School
Graduation Rate

55%
College Graduation
Rate in 6 Years

OUR 2022-2023 GOALS



1 Crafting Culturally Relevant Summer Curriculum

Piloted our five weeks of academically rigorous and antiracist curriculum that prepares students for their school year ahead.



2 Increasing Family Engagement to Meet Students' Needs

Learn what our community of families wants from their relationship with us and build Student U's capacity for family engagement and leadership.



3 Increasing the Impact of The W.G. Pearson Center

Transform a 1,550 square-foot space into a commissary kitchen to grow our impact in Durham, supporting both families and aspiring Black and Brown culinary entrepreneurs.



Me gusta que son como una familia Y apoyan a uno cuando los necesita." (I like how they are a family AND support us when we need it)

Student U Parent Focus Group

OUR 2022-2023 IMPACT



Students feel successful most or all the time at Student U.

GOAL 1: Crafting Culturally Relevant Summer Curriculum



In 2022, Student U piloted the comprehensive Summer Academy curriculum we developed alongside a team of 10 educators that emphasizes students' academic, social, and emotional growth. This rigorous curriculum spans core subjects for grades 6-10, preparing students for the upcoming school year, improving academic performance, and prioritizing social-emotional development. Rooted in antiracist pedagogies and cultural relevance, it aligns with Student U's values as a multicultural, anti-racist community organization.

Summer Academy Academic Growth (2023)

On pre and post-assessments for summer classes, students averaged:



25% HS Math Growth



23% HS ELA Growth



22.7% HS Ethnic Studies



15.4% MS Math Growth



21.5% MS Science Growth



14% MS ELA Growth



14% MS Global Connect Growth

GOAL 2: Increasing Family Engagement to Meet Students' Needs



Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have observed an increased demand for health and wellness programming to support Student U's academic interventions. We have taken this opportunity to learn what our community of families want from their relationship with us and build Student U's capacity for family engagement and leadership.

After-School and Summer Academy (2022-2023)



**Health Exams
and Screenings**



**Parent Programs
Provided**



**Hours of Provided
Counseling Services**



**Hours of Provided
College Advising**

8 PARENT AND GUARDIAN FOCUS GROUPS

WHAT WE HEARD

- Parents felt like Student U was able to step in with information and resources that parents were not able to offer their students.
- Across the board - Wellness and the Holistic Wellbeing of Students and Families is a parent priority.

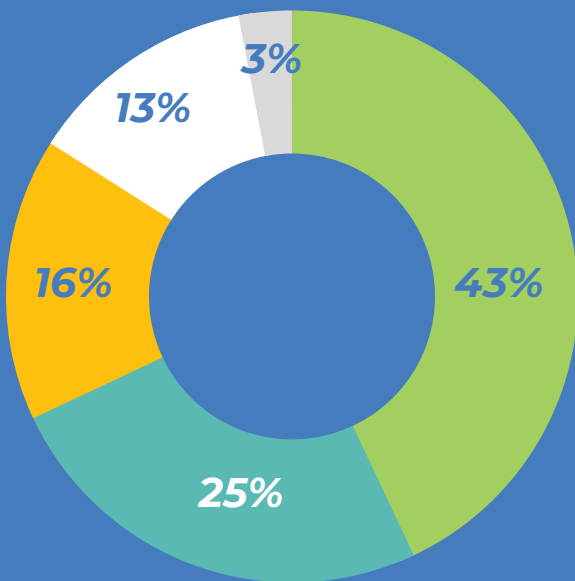
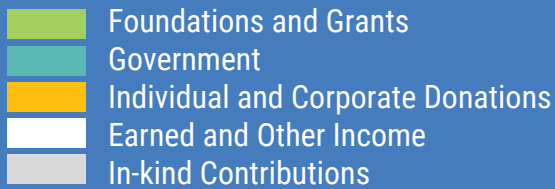
GOAL 3: Increasing the Impact of The W.G. Pearson Center

We raised \$1.72M for this project! We're thrilled to expand our impact by renovating the center's kitchen, a community-driven project. Our goal is to make this substantial, 1,550 square-foot space a commercial-grade commissary kitchen to continue to increase our impact in the Durham community by feeding families and providing culinary career pathways for Black and Brown entrepreneurs in our community. This kitchen will provide tools to combat the lack of healthy food available in our community and provide warm, nutritious meals on our campus to our student population. We've fully funded The W. G. Pearson Center kitchen capital campaign, and construction will be completed in early 2024 – stay tuned! Special thanks to The William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust, City of Durham, Lauren Whitehurst, and the F. M. Kirby Foundation.

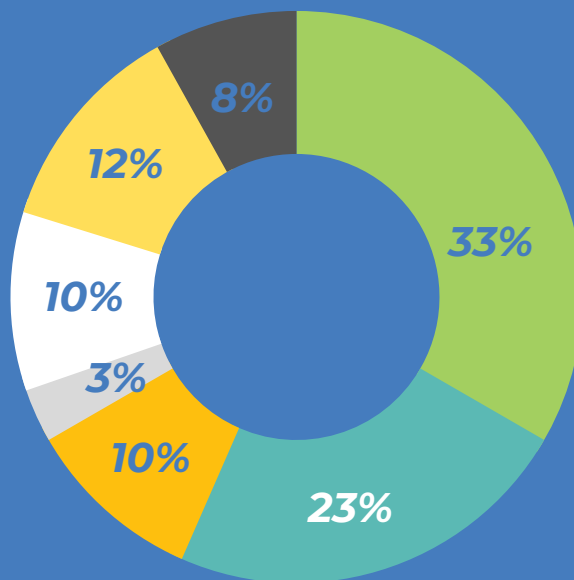
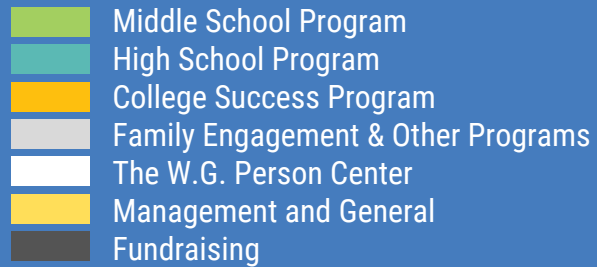
2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Student U aims for a just, equitable community through sustainable financial stewardship, diversifying revenue for program and advocacy growth.

2022 Revenue: \$3,169,901



2022 Expenses: \$3,217,760



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