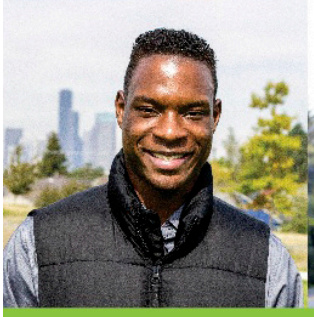
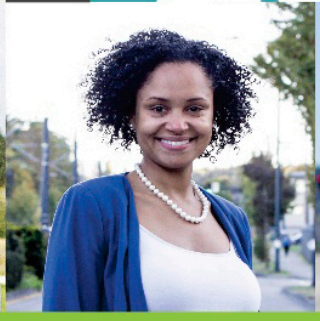
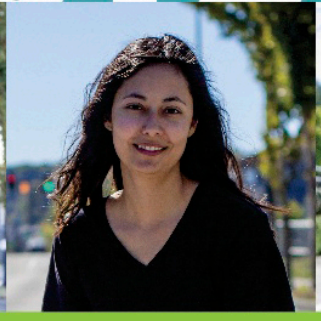
ANNUAL REPORT

COLLEGE ACCESS NOW

2015-2016





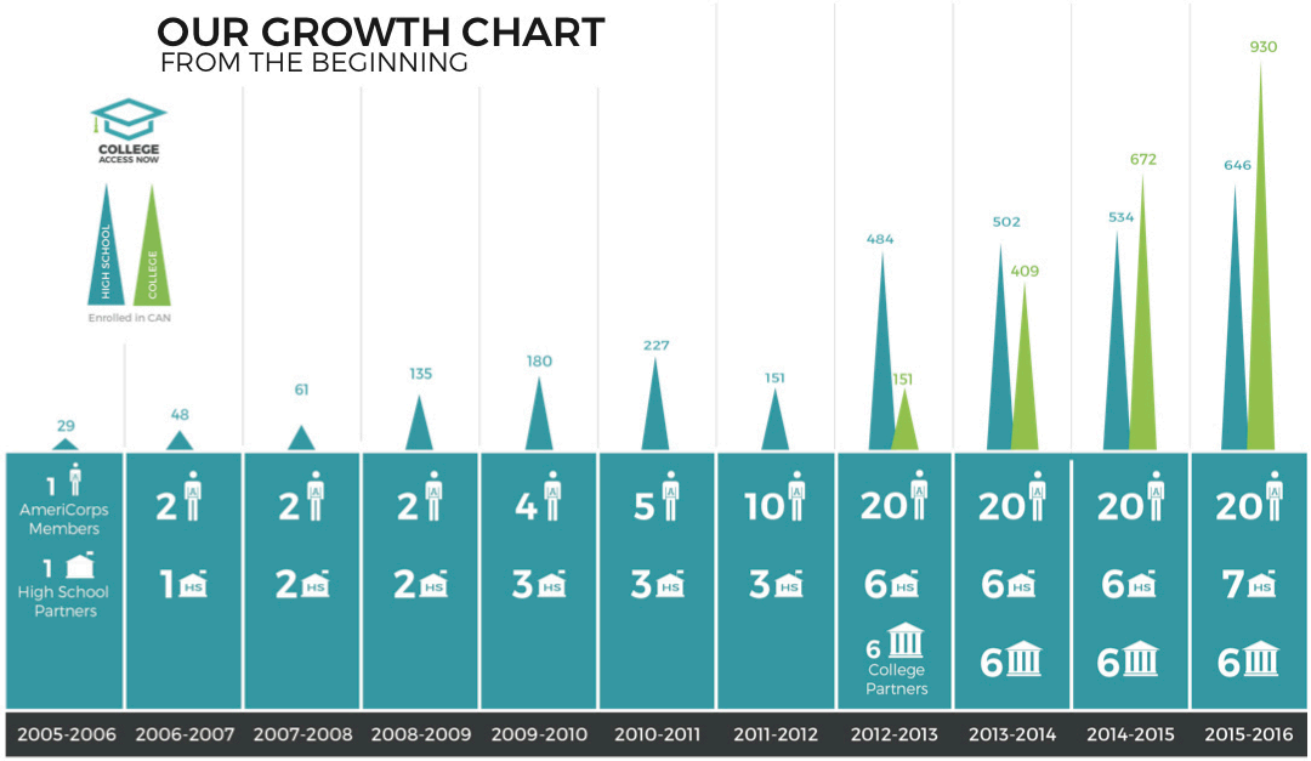


a degree changes everything

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHERI RANIS

"Last year was another year of growth and progress at CAN. We supported more than 1,600 students on their journey to and through higher education. In this report, you will see highlights of CAN's successes from the past year all of which were a direct result of your passion for CAN's mission. Thank you for joining with us in our efforts to ensure that all students, regardless of income or background, have the opportunity to graduate from college."

OUR GROWTH CHART
FROM THE BEGINNING



91% Students of Color

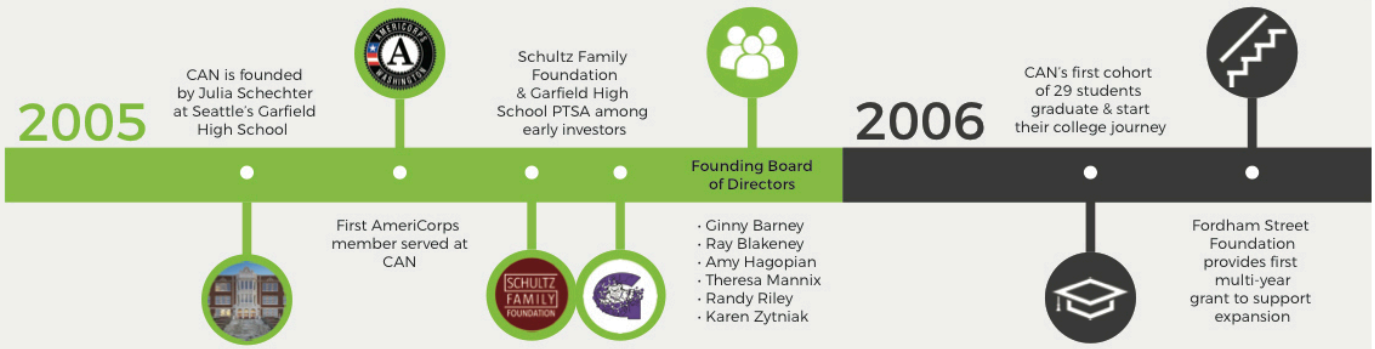
89% First-Generation College Students

56% Hold a GPA above 3.0 in High School

53% Students Speak a Language Other Than English at Home

44% Hold a GPA below 3.0 in High School

TIMELINE 2005-2016



HIGH SCHOOL SERVICES

CAN's High School Services walk students step-by-step through the college application and acceptance process. AmeriCorps College Coaches are present full-time, four days a week at each high school we serve, providing one-on-one support and weekly after school sessions that begin in each student's junior year of high school and focus on everything from SAT test preparation to FAFSA completion to college application assistance and scholarship research.

7
High Schools

2
School Districts

718
Students Served

585
After School Sessions

13
Financial Aid Events

99%
12th Graders completed FAFSA/ WASFA

99%
12th Graders accepted to College

VICTORIA

MOUNT RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS OF 2016

"Since it is my senior year, my parents have told me that I need to start making moves on my own. CAN has helped me a lot with turning each stage of the process of applying for college into manageable stepping stones, starting with filling out the FAFSA and writing my personal statement. I feel like I'm way ahead of my friends now."

ALINA

AMERICORPS COLLEGE COACH MOUNT RAINIER HIGH SCHOOL

"The most valuable thing I can give to my students is the feeling and sense of security that someone knows what they are going through and is willing to understand and lookout for them. I am proud of Victoria for knowing what she needs to do in order to prepare for college!"

LAUREN

12TH GRADE VOLUNTEER NATHAN HALE HIGH SCHOOL

"I love volunteering at CAN because what CAN does is a big deal - they are changing the future! Through access to higher education, CAN students are empowered; their lives are changed, their opportunities are increased, and their families and communities share the benefits. Being a CAN volunteer is challenging, rewarding, and a lot of fun. It's often the highlight of my week! I feel privileged to be able to contribute in a small way to the success of these amazing students!"

2007 — Program expands to Franklin High School

2008 — 11 Program expands to serve 11th grade students

2008 — First CAN student is awarded the prestigious Horatio Alger National Scholarship

2009 — Program expands to West Seattle High School & serves more than 100 students annually

2009 — First CAN student is awarded the competitive Gates Millennium Scholarship

2009 — CAN receives $100,000 grant from Washington Women's Foundation

Teaching Resiliency and Empowering Communities

Christina Chan is a CAN alumna who previously served as a CAN intern and currently serves as an AmeriCorps College Coach at Franklin High School. Franklin, she says, is where she learned to be resilient.

Christina is no stranger to resiliency. The Chinese Revolution cut her parents' education short. They applied for asylum in the United States and rebuilt their lives with a courage and strength that few possess. While her parents provided unwavering support for her dream to go to college, the language barrier made the application process challenging.

She joined CAN as a junior at Franklin High School. "It was extremely helpful to me because the curriculum was created to help us understand the college application process. Additionally, I was receiving information about college all in one place." Christina applied to six colleges and universities and was accepted to all six. She went to her dream school, the University of Washington. She graduated in June 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and English with a minor in Law, Societies, and Justice.

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"As I reached my junior year at UW, I started to see that many of my peers and friends from Franklin who did not go to college were struggling," says Christina. "I came back to serve (as an AmeriCorps College Coach) at Franklin because I want my students to develop resiliency and apply to college," Christina explains. "I knew what it was like to grow up as a poor person of color. To be surrounded by so many others who were like me at Franklin gave me comfort in knowing I was not alone." Now Christina works to help her students recognize their own strengths and passions. Dealing with family struggles, violence within the community, racial issues, barriers in accessing college and the obstacles on campus, taught her that "I can do anything in the future."

2010

- CAN establishes College Services to support CAN students throughout their college journey
- College Spark Washington invests $100,000 to expand services and develop infrastructure
- St. Martin's University in Lacey, WA launches a College Access Now Scholarship

2011

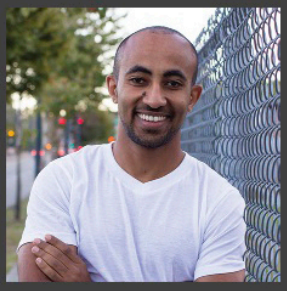
- Ballmer Group Philanthropy invests intial $1 million to scale CAN's impact
- Social Venture Partners makes a five-year commitment of support to help CAN build capacity

2012

- Program expands to Chief Sealth, Nathan Hale, and Roosevelt High Schools

COLLEGE SERVICES

CAN's College Services continue the support for students begun in high school, providing one-on-one coaching, programming, development opportunities, and advising to students, wherever they go to college.



BEREKET

COLLEGE STUDENT MENTOR (CSM)

"I love my CSM role. CAN has been an amazing resource for me, since I first joined the program during my junior year of high school. What I enjoy most about my role as a CSM is being able to connect students to various resources, and creating a sense of community on my campus. I wanted to become a CSM because I realized college can be very difficult to navigate, but having a support system can make the journey easier and encourages students to persist. In addition, I'm thankful for this opportunity to develop my leadership and professional skills, all while helping my fellow CAN mates."

BRENDAN

COLLEGE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBER

"Every time I work with the CAN students I am energized by their excitement and passion for education and pursuing their careers. I really enjoy my work with CAN and seeing what these amazing students are going to contribute to their community and the world."

NICK

PROFESSIONAL MENTOR

"Volunteering at College Access Now was very rewarding to me. Through being a mentor, I learned a lot about others, myself, and most importantly, how to be a good listener. Connecting with students and other mentors, I not only felt like I was helping the students but that I was also contributing to a community. The staff at CAN was very helpful and supportive, and it was wonderful working with them."

930
College Students Served

100+
Colleges & Post Secondary Institutions Attended

444+
Office Hours Provided to Students On-Campus

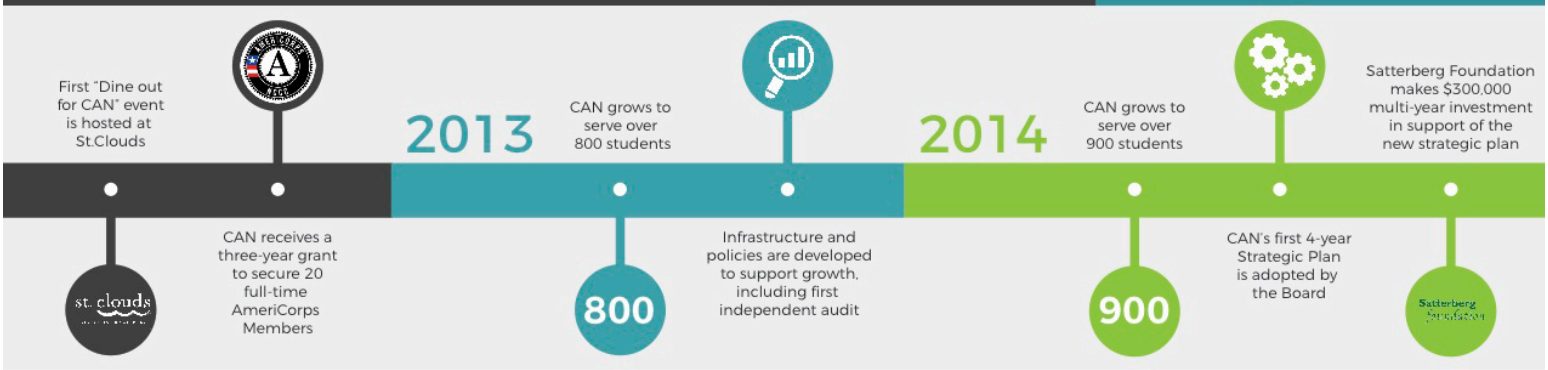
250+
One-on-One Meetings with CAN Students

88%
of First Year Students Enrolled in College within 12 months of H.S Graduation

88%
of CAN Students persisted From Their First to Their Second Year of College

69%
6-Year Graduation Rate

22%
3-Year Graduation Rate

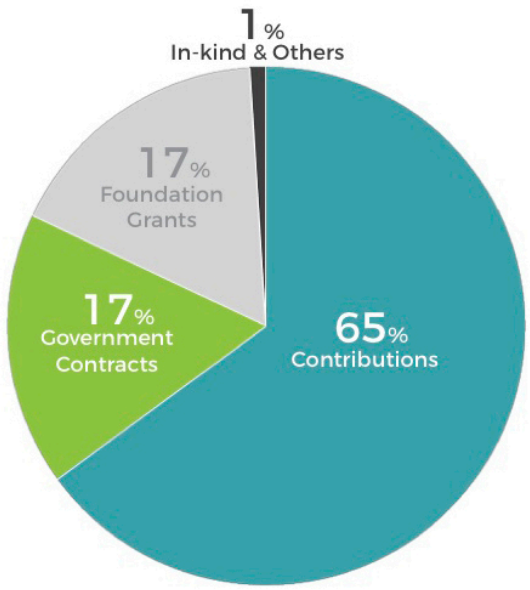


2015-2016 FINANCIALS

CAN'S Fiscal Year runs from August 1st - July 31st

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	
REVENUE		**ASSETS**	
CONTRIBUTIONS	$1,128,612	CASH & INVESTMENTS	$316,815
FOUNDATION GRANTS	$296,502	PLEDGES & RECEIVABLE	$1,237,366
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS	$302,654	PREPAID EXPENSES & OTHER ASSETS	$69,848
IN-KIND & OTHERS	$11,971	FURNITURE & EQUIPEMENT, NET	$73,033
TOTAL REVENUE	**$1,739,739**	**TOTAL ASSETS**	**$1,697,062**
EXPENSES		**LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**	
PROGRAM	$1,445,039	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	$20,225
ADMINISTRATIVE	$146,212	ACCRUED EXPENSES	$41,599
FUNDRAISING	$353,554	TOTAL LIABILITIES	$44,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	$1,944,805	NET ASSETS	$1,632,737
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	**($205,066)**	**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**	**$1,697,062**

REVENUE



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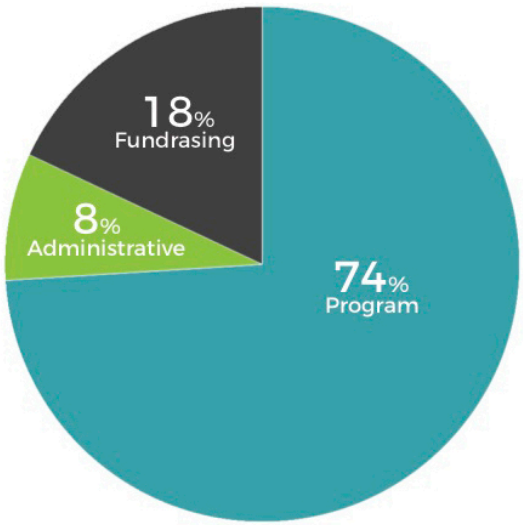

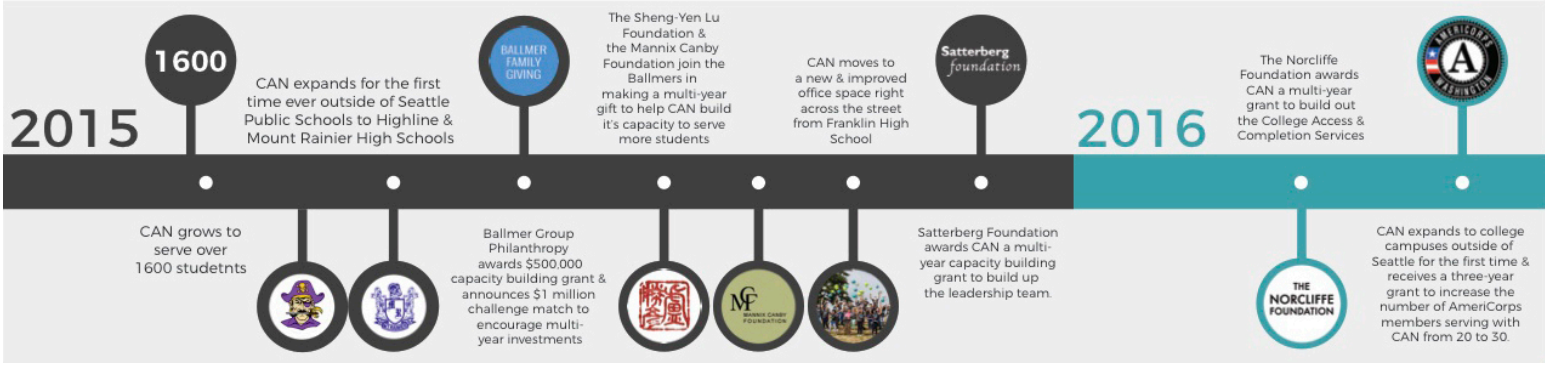

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