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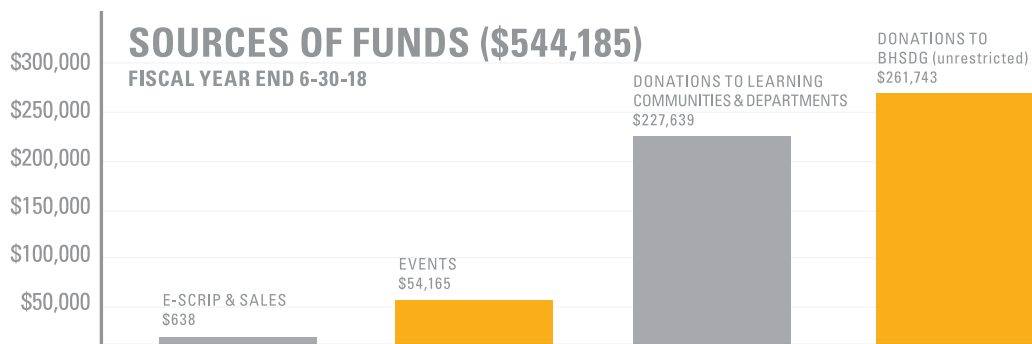
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Berkeley High School Development Group is playing a crucial role as we work to close the achievement and opportunity gap in our schools. From helping students attend field trips to funding theater, music and mentoring programs, as well as grants for teachers and administrators, BHSDG's contributions are helping our youth thrive. —JESSE ARREGUIN, MAYOR OF BERKELEY

BHSDG FINANCIAL REPORT 2017–2018



THE BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT GROUP (BHSDG) received and processed over \$544,000 in donations and other revenues during the 2017–2018 school year. Approximately 58% of this revenue (\$317,000) was directed to or earned by BHSDG to be distributed by our Board. From these unrestricted revenues, BHSDG provided funding for academic, athletic, artistic and club programs at Berkeley High School (BHS).

ONGOING BHSDG INITIATED PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

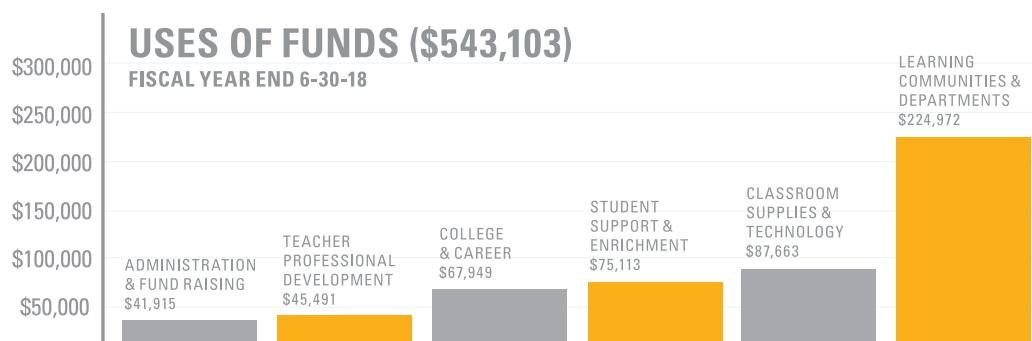
- Classroom Supplies grants for all teachers as well as funding for the registrar, library, counseling, career, and principal’s offices (\$44,000)
- College and Career Support including the College Fair, college application and test fees & discretionary funds (\$13,000)
- After-School Tutorial Program free for all BHS students (\$33,000)
- First Step Scholarships (\$55,000)
- Student Organizer available free to all students (\$21,000)

OTHER BHSDG GRANTS INCLUDED:

- Professional development and departmental retreats (\$37,000)
- Probeware for science labs (\$10,000)
- Technology/equipment, including replacement Chrome Books for the library (\$8,000)
- Student support—arts, classroom materials, classroom enrichment and field trips (\$32,000)
- Student and family—substance abuse prevention, counselor support, special projects (\$7,000)

BHSDG received approximately \$228,000 in donations and other revenue earmarked for specific learning communities, programs and departments. BHSDG acts as fiscal agent for these funds, at no cost, providing a significant benefit to BHS schools and programs. BHS schools and programs determine how they will spend these monies, and they were used for a wide range of educational enrichment opportunities.

The BHSDG’s fundraising and administrative expenses were \$42,000 for the school year (or ~8% of total expenses). We carried forward \$25,000 as a reserve for minimum administrative costs and anticipate funding our sponsored programs on an ongoing basis.



The mission of the BHSDG is to support and strengthen the educational experience of all students at BHS by raising and distributing funds.

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ARTS

Computer Art Supplies
Jazz Sheet Music
Photography Supplies
Rhythm & Motion Choreography

COLLEGE & CAREER

UC/CSU Conferences for College Counselors
Student College Fees
College & Career Discretionary Funds

ENRICHMENT

9th Grade Identity Quilt
AP/IB Story Play Production
Art Open House Retreat
BHS Robotics Club
Cheerleading Supplies
Day of the Dead Activities
Generation Citizen Democracy Program
IS Programming Power Class
Reggae & Words
Spoken Word Club
Spring Carnival
Storytelling Festival
Student Film Production
Vagina Monologues
World Aids Day
Director of Student Activities Discretionary Funds

FIELD TRIPS

Academy of Science Field Trip
CAS Destiny Arts
De Young Museum
Hip Hop Exhibit Oakland Museum

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/SUPPORT

Avid Summer Training
Brave Spaces Professional Development
Culturally Responsive Professional Development
Math Website and Common Core Practice Standards

National Arts Education Conference
Special Education Retreat and Professional Development for Math and Reading
Access to Higher Education for Immigrant Students Conference
Train In Teacher Professional Development
World Languages Workshop
Staff Unity/ Spirit Shirts
Attendance Office Discretionary Funds
Classroom Needs Grants
Library Discretionary Funds
Principal's Office Discretionary Funds
Registrar's Office Discretionary Funds

STUDENT & FAMILY SUPPORT

BTA PTSA
Challenge Day
Dreamers Project Mentors
Get Focused Stay Focused High School/ College Completion curriculum
IS/BTA Garden
Link Crew Training/Conference
Spec Ed Counseling Interns
Substance Abuse Prevention
Boss Sponsorship
Counseling Office
Homeless Student Center Discretionary Funds
OCI Coordinator Discretionary Funds
Parent Resource Center Discretionary Funds
Teen Parenting/Daycare Center Discretionary Funds
Volunteer Coordinator Discretionary Funds

TECHNOLOGY AND SUPPLIES

Special Education Creative Arts Equipment
Library Chromebooks
Science Probeware and Supplies
IB/AP Environmental Textbooks
Projector Bulbs

BHSDG funds things that give students and teachers access to opportunities they won't get anywhere else.

—ERIN SCHWENG, BHS PRINCIPAL

Smaller grants like new textbooks might not seem like a lot, but try reading a math problem that has graffiti, or reading a page that is partially torn. New textbooks make a huge difference.”

—COLLEEN BURNS, 12TH GRADER

Attending the Supporting Access to Higher Education for Immigrant and Undocumented Students conference this past spring was an incredible experience. I came back with a lot of optimism and motivation to begin supporting the students and help educate other educators... and provide insight on undocumented students.

—JUAN C RODRIGUEZ, BHS AC/CAS COUNSELOR

The Storytelling Festival showed how storytelling can be an opportunity to get a message across or teach a lesson through the history and tales of different cultures.

—ALAN MILLER, BIHS ENGLISH TEACHER

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Your generous contributions improve the lives of our students, faculty, and staff.

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I personally contribute and participate in the activities of the BHSDG because I know how important the work is... Every student at BHS deserves the resources to help them rise and the BHSDG is one of the best ways to provide those resources.

—JOSH LANGENTHAL, BHS PARENT AND BHSDG DONOR

I joined the BHSDG board because I wanted to contribute to the betterment of the educational experience for all BHS students in as many tangible ways as possible. It is inspiring to work in the company of so many dedicated and bright parent volunteers.

—STEPHEN PAIK, BHS PARENT AND BHSDG BOARD MEMBER AND DONOR



The college fair was very useful and interesting... I learned more about colleges I was already interested in, and discovered colleges I had never heard of.

—ANNABELLE HURLEY, 12TH GRADE

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TECHNOLOGY: A GROWING NEED

LAST YEAR, the Berkeley High School Development Group funded over \$30,000 in technology grants for badly needed equipment replacements and upgrades including replacing 20 aging and broken Chromebooks in the Library; 140 Kindle Fires for a pilot program that will reduce AP Chemistry textbook costs while enabling connected learning opportunities in and out of the classroom; and digital data collection devices, CO2 and optical dissolved oxygen probes to replace broken and non-functioning equipment serving 660 IB/AP Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science students each year.

The Development Group received and administered two designated donations totaling almost \$80,000 for computers and equipment for the 9th Grade Physics program and a set of iPads for AP Chemistry.

Technology needs for 2018-2019 and beyond are a growing concern; BHS computers are aging, yet every year more teachers are using computers in the classroom. While classroom computers are an acknowledged critical priority, District funding for technology at BHS is deficient. For 2018-2019, BHSDG has already committed \$25,000 for replacement Chromebooks, but more funding is essential to allow ALL students access to the tools and learning opportunities needed for academic success.



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BUSINESS PARTNERS + FRIENDS LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

BHS ALUMNUS DAVEED DIGGS (2000)—Grammy award winner for *Hamilton*, rapper, co-writer/director/actor of *Blindspotting*—was the 2018 BHSDG guest speaker at our Business Partners + Friends Luncheon fundraiser. A packed house of 120 rapt people at Revival Bar and Kitchen enjoyed stories of Mr. Diggs’s rise from BHS student to international fame. Donations for the event exceeded \$50,000, which will fund grants benefiting students & staff. The luncheon was followed by a special assembly for the entire BHS student body in the Community Theater, where Mr. Diggs reminisced about his time at BHS, answered questions from students and gave thoughtful advice on becoming your own best self. Mr. Diggs also met with a group of CAS students (his former small school) for coffee, cookies, and a private conversation. His generosity of spirit made the entire day a huge success, boosted fundraising significantly, and made the Business Partners + Friends Luncheon a ‘not-to-be-missed’ event.



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The Carnival demonstrated the potential of students, staff and community partnerships. We had students running a mile to beat teachers, teachers voluntarily getting dunked by students and at least one student who used the carnival as a reason to ask someone out on a date. The event was a success and something we wish to continue for many years. –JOHN VILLAVICENCIO, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES



When I went to the Carnival, I was impressed with all the different groups of people and different small schools coming together as one... There aren't many activities at this school where all the small schools and grades get to come together.

-KATELYN, 10TH GRADER

GROWING STUDENT COMMUNITY: FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CARNIVAL

FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS, student unity has been BHS Director of Student Activities John Villavicencio's goal as he steadily works to strengthen the BHS community. The 2018 Spring Carnival was envisioned as an end of the year celebration of students' accomplishments, a day that unified students of all grades and learning communities - as well as staff - in an afternoon of fun, friendly competition and teamwork.

The \$5,650 funding from the BHSDG allowed the BHS spirit to come alive by affording field games, inflatable obstacle courses,

carnival-style games and concessions. The success of the Spring Carnival among the students, staff and administration has started a new BHS tradition where students and staff socialize together outside of the classroom.

Spring carnival participation exceeded all expectations: over 2,700 students, 200+staff, and numerous parent volunteers proved that exciting school activities are a sure way to get BHS buzzing with Jacket pride.