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2021-22 Berkeley High School Annual Report



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Our entire Berkeley High School community would like to thank the Berkeley High School Development Group for its financial commitment that allows our educators to make dynamic and enriching learning opportunities a reality for our students. Thank you to the donors and Board for the grants and collaboration you make possible to our educators every single day.

—Juan Raygoza, BHS Principal

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# GRANT SPOTLIGHTS

## INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION

Your gifts provided much-needed professional development opportunities for teachers to invigorate their instruction after two school years of pandemic disruptions. **A retreat for all Universal 9th grade (U9) teachers**, funded in partnership with the Berkeley Public Schools Fund, focused on reconnecting with fellow staff members, creating equitable grading practices, offering student support, and clarifying U9 goals and values. And your donations enabled **9 math teachers to attend the California Mathematics Council annual conference** and develop practices to improve outcomes for all students.

You also made it possible to develop innovative new academic programs: a **Data Science curriculum** will introduce students to data analysis, sampling, probability, and data modeling as part of a new math pathway. An **Asian-American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Literature class** is the first step in a future AAPI humanities curriculum that will offer lessons, resources, and materials across BHS. A **personal finance curriculum** will be integrated into Economics courses and prepare students for life after high school, and a **Universal Design for Learning** approach for special education students will remove barriers to learning.



## COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENRICHMENT

Your generosity funded the **all-school spring carnival** (complete with teacher dunk tank!) and **provided discounted prom tickets for 140 seniors** who otherwise couldn't afford to attend. You also helped send more than 1,500 students on field trips, including all 9th graders and Academic Choice (AC) seniors to an A's baseball game.

**"The community building was a much needed break from a pretty heavy school year and a particularly difficult time for Berkeley High School,"** said U9 lead teacher Hasmig Minassian. **"We heard nothing but positive results from students, teachers, and parents."** Intervention Counselor Jasdeep Malhi added, **"The time we spend with students outside of school has been the most rewarding and really allowed them to bring down their walls and open up to us."**

More than 180 students were inspired by a **virtual presentation by Minnijean Brown-Trickey**, one of the Little Rock Nine who helped desegregate her high school in 1957. And you supported a student-organized **fashion show and art exhibit** that celebrated the talents and creativity of the entire school community.



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS

You stepped up and made sure our students had the academic and social support they needed after more than a year of distance learning and isolation. **After-school tutoring** returned in person, and donations to BHS DG enabled 37 teachers to stay after school and provide free tutoring to any student who needs a little extra support—more than 50 every day. One student appreciates **"getting help from my ACTUAL teacher, someone who knows me and knows the content inside and out. I don't know what I would do if I couldn't get help."**

Teachers and staff continue to focus on equity in learning and creating an **affirming school environment for LGBTQ+ students**. **"This professional development was a huge success!"** reported teacher Tasha Jackson. **"It was clear our staff needed the professional development time and have asked for more support and more meetings like this."**

Students took advantage of creative learning opportunities like the **I-RISE writing therapy class** designed to improve the mental health of high-risk students and a state of the art **CNC high precision metal cutting machine** which will be used by the Robotics Club and Robotics classes for years to come. And you funded a **graduation ceremony for students in the Multilingual program**, all recent immigrants.





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**—B-Tech/BIS Principal Heidi Weber**

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# SPRING COMMUNITY EVENT REBUILDS CONNECTIONS

This spring BHSDG transformed the traditional business fundraiser into an in-person community event to rebuild the Berkeley High School community and nurture new connections. More than 100 people came together at Gather restaurant for a lively and timely conversation with former Berkeley High parent and bestselling author Peggy Orenstein (*Girls and Sex, Boys and Sex*) and consent educator and author Shafia Zaloom (*Sex, Teens, & Everything in Between*)

Accompanied by music performed by Berkeley High Jazz Band students, the pair discussed how to help our students navigate the confusing worlds of relationships and sex. They also shared what their research and ongoing conversations have taught them about how young people are handling these issues and offered expert advice and guidance on communicating with teens.

The support of sponsors North Berkeley Wealth Management, McCrae Thompson, Compass Real Estate, and attendees and donors like you, raised more than \$25,000 for BHS.

Kate Campbell King and Brian Kozel from event sponsor North Berkeley Wealth Management told the audience, **“We have been proud to partner with BHSDG for many years to support Berkeley High students, teachers, and community through events at the intersection of important conversations and community engagement - a combination that helps move us all forward and creates a stronger Berkeley community.”**

A portion of funds supported the College and Career Center (CCC), helped offset college application and test fees for 180 students in need, provided First Step Awards to help 38 low-income seniors defray expenses as they made the transition to college, and purchased yard signs celebrating all graduating seniors.



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— BHS graduate and First Step Award recipient

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The Berkeley High School Development Group (BHSDG) was created in 1991 by a group of parents concerned about cuts to school arts programs. With the support of donors and community members like you, BHSDG has grown to become an essential source of funding for Berkeley High School, Berkeley Technology Academy and Berkeley Independent Studies (9-12). Your giving sustains programs that enrich the experience of every single student—like after-school tutoring, technology, classroom supplies, community-building and college and career assistance.

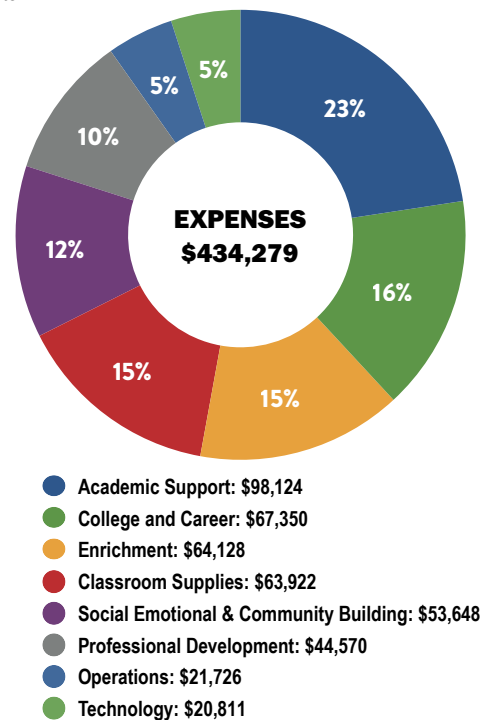
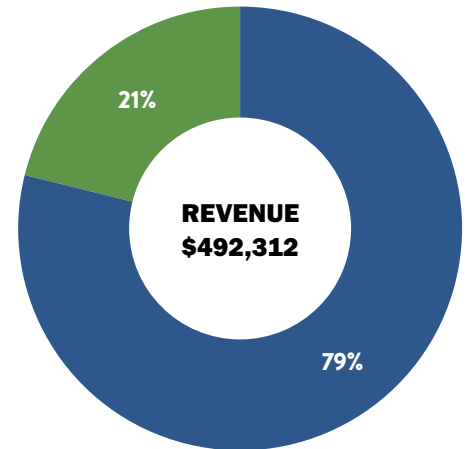
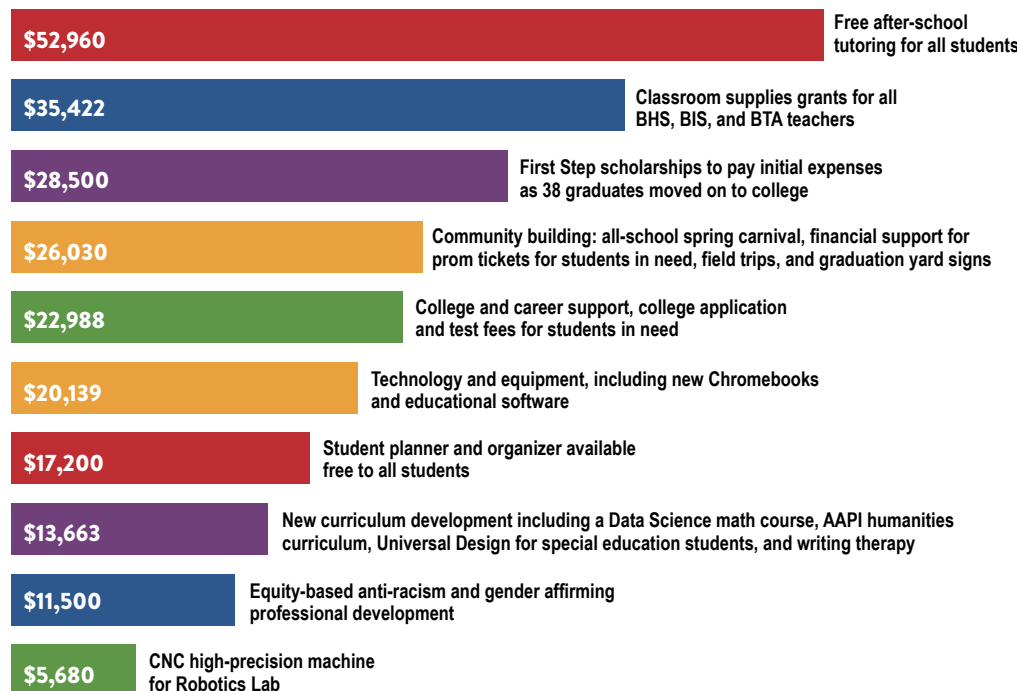
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Cash available at the end of 2021-2022 was \$439,353. This provided initial funding for the 2022-2023 school year and supports after-school tutoring, student planner, application and testing fees, classroom supplies, technology, and professional development focused on equity.

A new partnership with the Berkeley Public Schools Fund paid for a multi-day teacher retreat for the Universal 9th grade (U9) and a year-long program to grow the number of Technology Teacher Leaders and improve technology integration across all subject areas.

## TOP GRANTS

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The Data Science training has made it possible for us to teach a brand new and widely popular course this year. It has been vital to our understanding of the tech platforms and project-based flow of the units.

— Laura Gorrin, Math & Data Science teacher







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