



A Program of Colorado Rocky Mountain School

# ANNUAL REPORT

# **MISSION**

[HS]<sup>2</sup> prepares a group of first-generation and/or low-income students of color to succeed in college by empowering them with STEM-based skills, a family of driven peers, and a space to see the light and power in their own voices.

#### **VISION**

We envision a world in which all students have unburdened access to higher education and professional opportunities regardless of race, income, and family history.

#### **VALUES**



**CARE** - [HS]<sup>2</sup> students show tremendous empathy towards each other and are rewarded with a community of vulnerability and trust



**CURIOSITY** - [HS]<sup>2</sup> students explore and expand the outer bounds of their thinking and their comfort zones



**PERSISTENCE** - [HS]<sup>2</sup> students rebound from challenges and stand firm in their desire to create incredible opportunities for themselves and for their communities



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** - [HS]<sup>2</sup> students hold themselves to a high intellectual standard and shine in the classroom





# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It's 7 a.m. on a summer morning, and the CRMS campus radiates [HS]<sup>2</sup>'s energy. As I enter the Bar Fork Dining Hall, I pass a group of scholars exiting the gym, already having completed a workout alongside the CRMS Head of School. They laugh and chat and emanate companionship as they hustle back to the dorms to transition for class. In the Bar Fork, students greet one another with good mornings and hugs, fill plates with bacon and eggs, and sit among new friends, eager for another day. Some sit quietly, completing homework,

while others surround themselves with peers. Some join the faculty, seeking academic support or simply venturing to deepen their relationships at the ripe hour of 7:10 a.m. The community feels vibrant and whole. The pandemic feels firmly in the rearview mirror.

This scene illustrates a return to normalcy after multiple summers plagued by COVID-19. Students ventured to Carbondale, familiar with each other and the program, and had spent the entire prior school year learning in person. Their stamina had returned, and they were eager to approach all opportunities the program offers. Scholars thrived in Geometry and BC Calculus, College Counseling and Creative Writing, River Ecology, GIS Mapping, Computer Science, and SAT prep. They hiked Aspen Mountain and Red Hill, whitewater rafted, and defeated the faculty in our annual volleyball game. They forged new friendships, nurtured the old, and communed over the value of this opportunity, why the mountains feel refreshing, and how they can support their futures.

Each summer [HS]<sup>2</sup> is a vibrant yet short burst of energy. Over five weeks, meaningful relationships are built, and significant learning and growth occur. And then, as swiftly as students arrive and programming begins, students head home and return to their other 47 weeks of the year. Despite the brevity, the relationships built at [HS]<sup>2</sup> nurture, connect, and support scholars all year round.

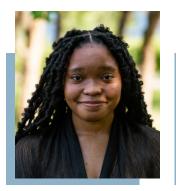
As time progresses our connections transform. No longer do we share meals and debate our favorite authors and artists. Now, I get a text seeking a college recommendation, needing eyes on an essay, or sharing exciting news about being a scholarship finalist. The connections built transcend our five weeks on campus. Students share their hardships and victories with their [HS]<sup>2</sup> family, and we faculty cheer them on along the way.

All of this is made possible by our stellar supporters and the generosity of CRMS. [HS]<sup>2</sup> is lucky to call this campus home, and we thank you, our donors, for making our powerful programming possible.

I hope you'll take your time to immerse yourself in the magic that was summer 2022 in the pages ahead. We are proud of these wonderful scholars and grateful to be a part of their journeys. Thank you for making [HS]<sup>2</sup> a home and family for so many, myself included.

With warmth and gratitude, Annie Oppenheim [HS]<sup>2</sup> Program Director

#### QUESTBRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



ALICIA CAGE

Dartmouth College, 2026

Major: Biochemistry



EMEMOBONG UMO Colby College, 2026 Major: Biology



AMANUEL ABEL Emory University, 2026 Major: Biology

QuestBridge is a nationally selective scholarship program that matches exceptional youth with leading colleges. If awarded, the prestigious scholarship provides a "full-ride." [HS]<sup>2</sup> students increasingly take advantage of the QuestBridge program. Three alums (above) from the class of 2021 "matched" and won the scholarship. Already this year, six students from the class of 2022 are "finalists" to match.

College is going better than I expected. I plan on majoring in Biochemistry on the Pre-Medical track. I aspire to be a Cardiothoracic surgeon after attending medical school. The First Generation, QuestBridge, and [HS]<sup>2</sup> communities at Dartmouth have been my greatest support systems as I tackle one of the most difficult academic tracks here.

Alicia Cage, Class of 2021

# [HS]<sup>2</sup> CLASS OF 2021 COLLEGE MATRICULATION LIST

Berkeley City College
Blinn College - Bryan Campus
Colby College
Colorado School of Mines
CU Boulder
Dartmouth College
Emory University
Georgetown University
Kennesaw State University

New York University

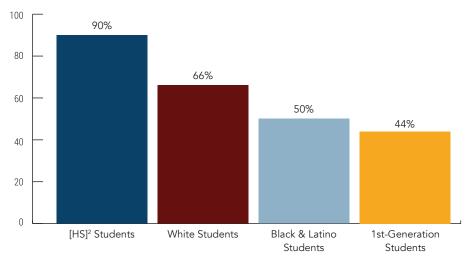
Northwestern University

Tarrant County College
Texas Christian University
Texas State
Tuskegee University
University of Denver
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Notre Dame
Wichita State
Yale University

NYU - Stern Business School

# [HS]<sup>2</sup> COLLEGE GRADUATION RATE OUTPERFORMS NATIONAL AVERAGE

At what rate do college students graduate from college within 6 years?



Sources: [HS]<sup>2</sup> Internal student database; National Center for Education Statistics (NCES); Center for First Generation Student Success



I never regretted going to [HS]<sup>2</sup>. Not for a second. Every choice I made was my own. I lived with the consequences and the rewards. I made friends and learned so much. I hiked and went rafting for the first time.I saw the stars. At [HS]<sup>2</sup>, it feels like I'm in control of my fate. And this feeling is something I never want to give up. I want to live for myself.

Angeline, Class of 2022, Bronx, NY

# 2022 SCHOLAR DEMOGRAPHICS



**NEW YORK** 21 Scholars

31%



**TEXAS** 17 Scholars

26%



**LOUISIANA** 15 Scholars

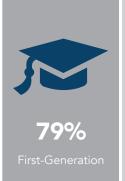
22%

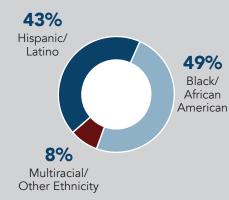


**COLORADO** 

14 Scholars

21%







91%

66%

31%





# **COLORADO**

Carbondale - Roaring Fork High School Denver - Arrupe Jesuit High School Denver - DSST College View High School Denver - DSST Conservatory Green High School Denver - DSST Green Valley Ranch High School

# **LOUISIANA**

New Orleans - KIPP Booker T. Washington High School New Orleans - KIPP Frederick A. Douglass High School New Orleans - N.O. Science and Mathematics Charter HS New Orleans - Rooted School

New Orleans - The Willow School

# **NEW YORK**

Bronx - KIPP NYC College Prep High School Brooklyn - Achievement First Brooklyn High School Brooklyn - Achievement First East Brooklyn HS Brooklyn - Achievement First University Prep HS Long Island - The Academy Charter HS Hempstead Long Island - The Academy Charter HS Uniondale Manhattan - Cristo Rey New York High School Manhattan - East Side Community High School

# **TEXAS**

Fort Worth - Amon Carter Riverside High School

Fort Worth - North Side High School Fort Worth - R.L. Paschal High School Fort Worth - South Hills High School Fort Worth - Southwest High School Fort Worth - Trimble Technical High School

Fort Worth - Young Men's Leadership Academy Fort Worth - Young Women's Leadership Academy

San Antonio - Cast Tech High School

#### **ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

Each year at [HS]<sup>2</sup> we priortize innovation within our curriculum. All students are immersed in a math class to prepare them to succeed in courses they'll take in the coming year, a hands-on science course, and a writing and/or college counseling class.

Some 2022 class highlights were computer science, a capstone river-ecology course for our 3rd Years, and as always, intensive college counseling classes.

In addition to these courses, students participated in a remote college visit day and connected with colleges such as Dartmouth College, Stanford University, Harvey Mudd College and Duke University, completed a squid dissection, showcased their work and progress in a first-ever science showcase, and performed in a poetry slam. We can't wait to build on these exciting events and opportunities next year.













# **COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS**

A warm and strong community is the cornerstone of life at [HS]<sup>2</sup>. Outside of academic classes, students build relationships through our active program, residential life, weekend programming, and all of the moments in between. It was a delight to witness the [HS]<sup>2</sup> community gel during summer 2022 through the challenging and unique opportunities that students experienced together.











#### **ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

[HS]<sup>2</sup> had the immense privilege of welcoming eight alumni onto our faculty during summer 2022. This budding tradition of alumni returning en masse to teach brings incredible richness and rigor to all we do. These alumni serve as mirrors for all scholars, offering a vision of success through college and beyond in adults who once sat in their same seats. We are grateful for their contributions and dedication to the program, and look forward to building on this group in the years to come.

#### REBECA HERNANDEZ AVELAR, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2016

Education: University of Denver, 2021, B.A. Spanish Currently - Realtor at Inmotion Group Properties

#### JOHN OKHIULU, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2016

Education: Stanford University, 2021, B.A. Human Biology + African and African

**American Studies** 

Currently - Program Associate at Decolonizing Wealth Project and Liberated Capital

#### ROBERT GATABAZI, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2016

Education: TCU, 2021, B.S. Youth Advocacy & Educational Studies

Currently - 2nd year graduate student in Mental Health Counseling and Behavioral

Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine

#### ARTASIA JACKSON, [HS]2 2016

Education: University of Texas at Arlington, 2021, B.S. in University Studies and

Medical Humanities

Currently - CRMS Teaching Fellow and on call EMT, high school math tutor

#### JASMINE RUIZ, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2017

Education: Ursinus College, 2022, B.S. Math and Spanish

Currently - Seeking work in accounting

#### CLEMENTE DE HOYOS JR., [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2017

Education: Emory University, 2022, B.S. Neuroscience

Currently - Teaching Fellow & ESOL Support Teacher at CRMS

#### JONATHAN PRICE, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2011

Education: Rice University, 2016, B.S., Civil Engineering

Currently - Project Engineer, Manhard Consulting

#### HEAVEN ADAMS, [HS]<sup>2</sup> 2018

Education: University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Secondary Education English, 2023

Expected B.A. in May



Working at [HS]<sup>2</sup> is my way of giving back to a program which has instructed me and directed me towards being the best possible version of myself. As a high school student I was provided a temporary home with like minded peers who became family and understood the struggle of being a first-generation student. Coming back as an alum allowed me to share my experiences with the new generation of students who are facing similar situations. This program not only provides all the necessary tools for academic success, but a lifelong

support system.

Rebeca Hernandez Avelar, Class of 2016

[HS]<sup>2</sup> is a powerful bridge for myself and the youth that attend the program each summer. The program provides access and education to students that is tantamount to bridging the opportunity gap faced systemically by students from under-resourced communities. The X factor is that the program also provides a warm, supportive community in a way not so distant from straight up magic.

John Okhiulu, Class of 2016





Adh-Dhuha Ahmed Fort Worth, TX



Arael Anaya Denver, CO



Ismael Arcentalez Brooklyn, NY



**Amber Dalton** New Orleans, LA



Natalie Gonzalez Fort Worth, TX



Jacqueline Guzman Denver, CO



A'Kayla Harrison New Orleans, LA



Miles Harrison San Antonio, TX



Charles Jackson Fort Worth, TX



Tyrese Lawson New Orleans, LA



Francisco Leyva Fort Worth, TX



Joseph Li Brooklyn, NY



Arlene Marte Bronx, NY



**Kyla Mathis** Fort Worth, TX



New Orleans, LA



Myles McWilliams



Julia Monconduit New Orleans, LA



Catara Muse New Orleans, LA



Vanessa Trevizo Denver, CO



**Mensly Providence** Hempstead, NY



**Angeline Villar** Bronx, NY



Hoved the opportunities [HS]<sup>2</sup> gave me to discover who I really am. Getting

ahead in the college process

and writing my personal essay was therapy, the

workshop with different

careers, the leadership roles I took on, and just meeting new people. An aspect that had a huge impact on me

was being surrounded by people from all over who inspired me to do more

and pushed me. I created a

family here of people who want what's best for me.

Arleen, Class of 2022 Bronx, New York

Matthews Wondwessen Denver, CO

# **2022 FINANCIAL REPORT**

# **CONTRIBUTIONS**

Individuals \$339,574 Foundations \$204,878

In-Kind: CRMS
Contribution of

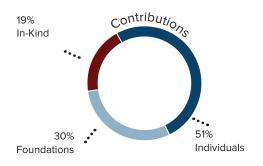
Support Services \$124,000

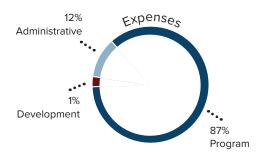
TOTAL REVENUE \$668,452

# **EXPENSES**

Program \$580,237 Administrative \$80,166 Development \$8,049

TOTAL EXPENSES \$668,452





This is my final year as an [HS]<sup>2</sup> student. I will miss the friends I have made and all of the kind and encouraging faculty members. However, knowing that when I leave the people and the program will continue to grow makes it easier. Supporters like you are why this program can keep growing and keep giving students the space and opportunities to grow and learn about themselves. To reach for the stars and write their own destinies for the first time.

Ismael, Class of 2022 Brooklyn, New York

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

[HS]<sup>2</sup> is governed by a hybrid Standing Committee of the CRMS Board of Trustees. This Committee is comprised of CRMS Board members, supporters of [HS]<sup>2</sup>, and content experts in this field. We are grateful for the Standing Committee's ongoing support and their investment in the development, progression and longevity of the [HS]<sup>2</sup> Program at Colorado Rocky Mountain School.

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[HS]<sup>2</sup> Alumnus and '21+'22 Resident Assistant Rob Gatabazi with program co-founder Mollie Lasater. Rob and Mollie have remained connected since Rob entered the program in 2015.

#### **2021-2022 SUPPORTERS**

The [HS]<sup>2</sup> program would not be possible without the generous support of individuals and foundations that believe in the program's mission. All gifts are used to meet the expenses of the students, including their travel, room & board, and the wide range of academic and social development services that are a hallmark of the [HS]<sup>2</sup> experience. The per-student cost to operate the [HS]<sup>2</sup> program is \$8,000 per summer.

# **\$50,000 - \$99,999**John and Jessica Fullerton

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Lorenzo Carlisle
Mags Miller '90

Marcia Banegas [HS]<sup>2</sup> '14 Meghan Duff Molly Lucas Nathaniel Drucker Reed Schultz Samuel Reiff Shawn Gerum Sophie Hasson Thomas Hyde Tim & Marina O'Keefe Tyler Valtin

# [HS]<sup>2</sup> Volunteers

Ellie Urfrig
Estelle White
Gelek Tshering
Kai Young
Makai Yllanes
Maya Menconi
Penelope Brabeck
Sydney Pfeifer-Picard
Wheeler Padgett

#### In Kind

5 Point Film Festival
Aspen Skiing Company
Aspen Words
Langan Engineering
Michele Cardamone Photography
Patagonia
Renee Ramge Photography
Shark Ninja



#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS**



#### MAYELA NORWOOD, [HS]<sup>2</sup> CLASS OF 2018

Claremont McKenna College Class of 2023 Major: Neuroscience | Questbridge Scholar

When I first left New Orleans for Carbondale, I was sad to be away from my family for so long. But, this program changed my life in ways that I never would have predicted.

From day one I had a family. Everyone was welcoming and reassuring. I learned what it's like to live with others before I moved away for college. The relationships and

bonds I created in this program are ones that have brought some of the most selfless and supportive people into my life. They've inspired me to be the best me - even when I don't feel like pushing myself. The community and love I received made [HS]<sup>2</sup> a home for me. My participation in the program taught me to go after what I deserved and wanted for myself. I learned to value myself and not let others define me. Each summer confidence was instilled in me, and for that I am forever grateful.

[HS]² also taught me to be more free-spirited and adventurous. My passion for learning transformed because I didn't just care about grades, I genuinely wanted to understand the material. I took risks and learned to love rock climbing, pushing myself to new heights and difficult routes. I looked forward to whitewater rafting and riding the bull. I couldn't wait to go to fused glass and make name plates for my family and friends. I began to love nature even if I didn't feel like waking up at 6 am to hike Red Hill. These experiences have made me who I am today.

I'm currently completing my fourth year at Claremont McKenna through a QuestBridge Scholarship with a degree in neuroscience. I've applied for a Fulbright Fellowship to teach in Greece during the 2023-2024 school year. Once I return from Fulbright, I plan on entering medical school in 2025 to become a pediatrician. Before attending medical school, I plan to continue giving back to the community through volunteering and conducting research. At twenty-one, my reasons for becoming a doctor have changed tremendously from my reasons when I was six. As a future physician, I do not want to help people simply by caring for them. I want to educate them on their health and create more equitable healthcare systems, which includes improving access to resources and healthcare facilities. Therefore, I will shadow healthcare professionals actively working to make constructive changes in the healthcare system and learn in clinics and hospitals how to properly educate myself on the differences in my future patient population.

I am excited about my bright future and I value [HS]<sup>2</sup> for being one thing that helped me to get here.



#### ELIAS WILLIAMS, [HS]2 CLASS OF 2018

Dartmouth College, Class of 2023 Major: Sociology

I'm from Denver, Colorado and currently at Dartmouth College studying Sociology. [HS]<sup>2</sup> is a huge reason why I was able to have a stress-free college application process. Not only did the summer classes prepare me for classes I took during the normal school year, but college counseling helped me send in quality applications and ultimately get accepted to institutions like Dartmouth.

On campus, I'm involved in the Dartmouth NAACP Executive Board, Club Basketball team, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and I'm the Director of Photography for Black Praxis student-led magazine. After college, I'm hoping to do Teach for America for a few years and then go on to either grad school or law school. It's been a blessing having other [HS]² alumni at Dartmouth. Every time I see them, I'm reminded of the summers I spent at CRMS and it brings me so much joy and comfort.

#### MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, [HS]<sup>2</sup> CLASS OF 2018

Dartmouth College, Class of 2023

I'm currently a senior at Dartmouth and Brooklyn is my home. Given everything I have done in my Dartmouth experience, I know [HS]² carried over to college. It gave me an early sense of independence, especially if you're going away from home. I believe that because of [HS]², my curiosity expanded to try new activities; programs like fused glass, silversmithing, blacksmithing, and others were so new to me. Taking 'risks' to try new activities, and enjoy them, resulted in me being unafraid to try new courses, programs, and experiences offered by Dartmouth. I've skied, sledded, traveled to NYC for free for a football game, gone apple picking, and so much more. Having a growing support system here on campus with folks like Anell, Onye, Elias, and Alicia (all [HS]² alums), has given me the space to be myself and continue growing academically and as a person. These folks have known me forever now. Had it not been for them, who knows where I'd be at this point in life.

Graduate school is on my mind next to further my studies in Sociology and Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean studies. This past winter, I was involved in research in NYC. This consisted of documenting Puerto Rican murals in different neighborhoods. I researched details including who commissioned them, when, and what messages they send regarding the Puerto Rican diaspora and current politics. At Dartmouth, I have worked with several different programs and opportunities. I have been a Spanish II tutor and helped to establish the Latinx and Caribbean Council and have served on the PRIDE Committee. I am a member of Alpha Theta, a gender-inclusive greek house, and a senior society. I also work multiple jobs on campus.

#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS CONTINUED**



PATRICK NEAL, JR. [HS]<sup>2</sup> CLASS OF 2015

Texas A&M University Class of 2026 Bachelors of Science Chemical Engineering Working for Meta/Cognizant Technology Solutions

It is incredibly easy to become overwhelmed with emotion when I reflect on [HS]<sup>2</sup>. Since the first time I learned of the program in 2013, [HS]<sup>2</sup> has been a huge part of my life. Earlier today I talked to my best friend Marcia, [HS]<sup>2</sup> '14, on the phone. I am constantly motivated by my fellow [HS]<sup>2</sup> peers to set academic and personal goals. They all

inspire me to be great every single day.

I quickly learned that many of my peers shared similar aspirations of becoming exceptional professionals in STEM industries. My time at [HS]<sup>2</sup> is where going to college became a reality, it's where I learned of my love for running, it is the place I learned that my desire to become an engineer was not weird or taboo and extremely possible, and most importantly, it's the place I decided I wanted to be an inventor. [HS]<sup>2</sup> was the opportunity of a lifetime.

True story: when I was a student at the University of Texas at Austin my academic advisor told me I would never become an engineer because the Cockrell School of Engineering was so hard to get into. That was devastating. It took a while but I finally realized I didn't have to be an engineering student at UT, I could study engineering anywhere.

After it became clear UT Austin wasn't the right fit, folks at [HS]<sup>2</sup> made it possible for me to enroll at Austin Community College where I decided to pursue my associate's degree in general engineering. Without people like Nick Favaloro believing in me, I could have missed out on the greatest opportunities that follow. This opportunity quickly snowballed into my acceptance into the Texas A&M Chevron Academy of Engineers. Yes, I'm now an engineering student at an institution ranked 13th best in the US.

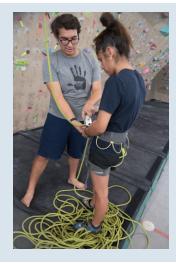
[HS]² has grown to become a program that supports me even today, seven years after graduating from the program. Dr. Whitnee Boyd, who supports [HS]² scholars from Fort Worth, would hold weekly meetings with me just to educate me on financial literacy so that I could make financially sound decisions and build generational wealth. Devany, [HS]² '20, is a UT Sophomore whom I have had the privilege of being connected with as we both live in Austin, TX. It is so wonderful to relate to Devany through our experiences with [HS]², the struggles of being a good student, and what I love most is offering encouraging words and any wisdom I have. I don't think this is said enough, but [HS]² graduates are the people on track to change the world.





Volunteering for [HS]<sup>2</sup> was one of the greatest experiences I have had at CRMS. While my main focus was working in the climbing program, I did my best to be as involved as possible. I loved getting to know people with different experiences from my own. Hanging out with the [HS]<sup>2</sup> students was an amazing experience and I can't wait to volunteer again.

Makai, [HS]<sup>2</sup> Volunteer CRMS Class of 2023









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