



Annual Report 2024



35 Years of Murphy Scholars

From supporting four Murphy Scholars in our first year in 1989 to supporting over 500 Scholars today, DMSF proudly celebrates the growth and impact of our mission while also looking forward to our future growth.



“Before DMSF, I knew I was driven and bound to be something great in the world - but life after the scholarship just truly shows you how blessed you are.”

- Morgan Payne

*Marist High School '17,
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign '21*





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A Note from DMSF Leadership



Cindy Hallums
Chief Executive Officer



Mary Jo DeMaio
Chair, Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

At the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund (DMSF), we've always had one goal: unlocking educational opportunities for talented students in the Chicago area who face financial need. For more than three decades, this mission has guided us, helping create scholarships, academic programs, and personal support that empower our Scholars to reach their full potential and give back to their communities.

This year, we celebrated a milestone: 35 years of transforming lives through education for thousands of students across the Chicago area.

The impact of DMSF is undeniable. Since our founding, we've supported over 2,300 Scholars, and in 2024 alone, we helped over 500 students attend more than 80 partner schools in Chicago and nationwide. Scholars like Kristopher and Alexander Smith who are currently seniors at Marist High School and are considering multiple competitive college offers. Our Alumni like Gabriela Pedroza who appreciate the opportunities DMSF afforded her as a high school student and now serving as an Affinity Group leader.

Through partnerships and programs, we challenge our Scholars to think critically, collaborate, and dream big. We're preparing future leaders who will make their communities stronger!

None of this would be possible without YOU. Your support—whether through donations, volunteerism, partnerships, or encouragement—fuels our mission and makes dreams a reality. Together, we've achieved so much, and together, we can do even more.

Your generosity powers every scholarship, every program, and every success story. Join us in celebrating 35 years of impact and ensuring that the next generations of Murphy Scholars have the tools they need to thrive.

Thank you for helping us continue this life-changing work and for being a part of this journey!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindy Hallums". The script is fluid and cursive.

Cindy Hallums
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Jo DeMaio". The script is fluid and cursive.

Mary Jo DeMaio
Chair, Board of Directors



Mission

The mission of the Daniel Murphy Scholarship Fund is to unlock educational opportunities for talented Chicago-area students facing financial need. DMSF partners with Scholars, families and schools through high school and beyond by providing scholarships, academic programs and personal support so that each Scholar can reach their potential.

Vision

We envision a world in which every student has access to a high-quality education and the support they need to succeed in life, regardless of financial means.



A Year in Review

OUR MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS



■ Celebrating 35 Years of Unlocking Opportunities and Transforming Lives

For 35 years, DMSF has been transforming the lives of talented young people in Chicago. What began in 1989 as a tribute to Daniel Murphy by his sons, Bob and Jim, has grown into a powerful force for educational access. Inspired by their father's hard work and dedication, the Murphy family and their friends started DMSF to provide financial support to students striving for excellence. That first year, DMSF supported four Murphy Scholars. Today, over 2,300 Scholars—hailing from all corners of Chicago and now, Lake County—have benefited from the program, embodying resilience, leadership, and dedication.



The results speak volumes: 100% of Murphy Scholars graduate from high school and gain admission to four-year colleges, with 87% earning their degrees within six years.

This success is a testament not only to the Scholars themselves but to the network of supporters who make it all possible. From families and partner schools to donors, Board Members and volunteers, every member of the DMSF community plays a vital role. Together, they've helped DMSF grow and thrive, enabling us to support over 500 current Scholars while cultivating a thriving Alumni base.

As DMSF celebrates 35 years, we honor the past while planning for the future. We are committed to expanding our reach, providing deeper financial and programmatic support, and ensuring our Alumni have access to diverse career opportunities. This vision underscores the continued drive to unlock opportunities and potential and create a brighter future for Chicago's young people.

Together, we will continue to open doors to endless possibilities for the next generation of Murphy Scholars. ■



■ \$2 Million Grant from Schreiber Philanthropy Expands DMSF into Lake County

This generous and transformational donation, spread over four years, will enable DMSF to expand its renowned Murphy Scholar program to Lake County, offering new opportunities for students.

"The expansion of the Murphy Scholar program to Lake County aligns with our commitment to remove hurdles to access an excellent education and empowering students to achieve their dreams," says Cindy Hallums, Chief Executive Officer at DMSF. "We are deeply grateful to Schreiber Philanthropy for their life-changing gift and their belief in DMSF's mission and Murphy Scholars."

John Schreiber, chairman of Schreiber Philanthropy, echoes these sentiments. "Much of our philanthropic work is focused on breaking down barriers that can prevent the next generation of leaders from accessing a high-quality education," Schreiber says. "We're grateful to DMSF for expanding their Murphy Scholars program to Lake County, where students with big dreams and diverse talents will leverage the strong curriculum and resources to be successful in high school, college and beyond."

After a successful recruitment process in fall 2023, DMSF is excited to welcome its first cohort of nine Murphy Scholars from Lake County. This expansion represents a significant step in fostering a culture of academic excellence and personal development for even more students, ensuring a brighter future for all. ■

>> It is through generous financial support from our partners and funders that DMSF is able to provide access and services our Scholars need to thrive. DMSF is grateful for a \$2 million commitment from Schreiber Philanthropy (formerly The John & Kathleen Schreiber Foundation) to help reach Scholars in Lake County.



■ *A Historic Swing: DMSF's 35th Annual Golf Classic Raises Over \$2.98 Million*

What a fitting tribute that as we celebrated our 35th anniversary, DMSF scored another milestone: raising a record-breaking \$2.98 million at the 35th Annual Golf Classic. This extraordinary achievement cements the event as the largest charity golf outing in the nation and showcases the power of the DMSF community.

Held across seven premier Chicago-area golf clubs, the event welcomed over 600 supporters for a day of spirited play and philanthropy. The festivities didn't end on the course; an evening reception brought participants together for an inspiring program featuring a paddle raise, live and silent auctions, and a celebration of shared purpose. The incredible generosity displayed ensures essential resources and opportunities for over 500 Murphy Scholars and their families in the coming school year.

For 35 years, the DMSF Golf Classic has embodied the organization's mission: unlocking educational opportunities for talented youth with financial need. This year's success underscores the enduring dedication of its supporters.

Together, the DMSF network continues to prove that with generosity and a shared vision, anything is possible. ■

>> \$37M *Total amount raised for scholarships and programs from the annual Golf Classic over 35 years*

■ *DMSF's 35th Anniversary Gala Ignites Potential in Spectacular Style*

DMSF pulled out all the stops to celebrate our milestone 35th anniversary with the star-studded Ignite Potential Gala at The Geraghty. The evening was a feast for the senses, featuring 20-foot scrolls that proudly displayed the names of every Murphy Scholar throughout DMSF's history, a powerful tribute to decades of impact.

The gala wasn't just a celebration—it was a heartfelt homage to 34 years of dedication from this year's honoree, Steve Elkins, who was introduced by Olivia Carberry, a 1998 Murphy Alumna, DMSF Board Member, and longtime mentee of Steve. His unwavering support has been instrumental to DMSF's mission. More than 100 Alumni and Scholars joined us to celebrate – representing the many dreams unlocked through Steve's devotion to this work.

The evening came to life as donors came together to raise an incredible \$1.65 million, topping it all off with an after-party that had everyone dancing the night away.

The Ignite Potential Gala was proof of the transformative power of community and a glimpse of what's to come in the next chapter of DMSF's journey. ■



** While the 35th anniversary planning occurred in Fiscal Year 2024, the event took place in September 2024, Fiscal Year 2025. Revenue will be shared in the Fiscal Year 2025 annual report.*

OUR PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

DMSF deeply values our partners' unwavering commitment to empowering our Scholars, recognizing that their expertise and dedication is instrumental in shaping bright futures and unlocking each student's potential. Together, we create transformative opportunities that inspire excellence, resilience, and lifelong success.

Partner Schools

DMSF's partner high schools are a network of top-tier institutions committed to providing our Scholars with exceptional educational opportunities. Our schools span from private day schools in the Chicago area to boarding schools across the country. They play a vital role in shaping a developmental learning experience, offering rigorous academics, extracurricular enrichment, and supportive communities that help our Scholars thrive and reach their full potential.

Partner Day Schools CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Beacon Academy
Bennett Day School
Carmel Catholic High School
Chicago Academy for the Arts
Chicago Hope Academy
Chicago Waldorf School
Christ the King Jesuit
College Prep
Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
Cristo Rey St. Martin
College Prep
De La Salle Institute
DePaul College Prep
Fenwick High School
Francis W. Parker School
Holy Trinity High School
Ida Crown Jewish Academy
The Latin School of Chicago
Loyola Academy
The Lycee Francais de
Chicago
Marian Catholic
Marist High School
Morgan Park Academy
Nazareth Academy

North Shore Country Day
School
Providence St. Mel School
Roycemore School
St. Ignatius College Prep
St. Laurence High School
The University of Chicago
Laboratory School
Wolcott College Prep

BOYS' SCHOOLS

Brother Rice
Leo Catholic High School
Mount Carmel High School
Northridge Prep School
Notre Dame College Prep
St. Patrick High School
St. Rita of Cascia High School

GIRLS' SCHOOLS

Hanna Sacks Bais Yaakov
High School
Josephinum Academy
Mother McAuley Liberal Arts
High School
Regina Dominican High
School
Trinity High School
The Willows Academy

Partner Boarding Schools CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Berkshire School
Brooks School
Choate Rosemary Hall
Concord Academy
Culver Academies
Cushing Academy
Deerfield Academy
Episcopal High School
George School
The Governor's Academy
Groton School
The Hotchkiss School
The Hun School
Interlochen Center for
the Arts
Lake Forest Academy
LaLumiere School
Lawrence Academy
The Lawrenceville School
The Loomis Chaffee School
Middlesex School
Millbrook School
Milton Academy
Northfield Mount Hermon
School
Phillips Andover Academy
Phillips Exeter Academy
The Putney School
Shattuck-St. Mary's School
St. Andrew's School
St. George's School
St. John's Northwestern
Academies
St. Mark's School
St. Paul's School
Stevenson School
Suffield Academy
Tabor Academy
The Thatcher School

The Webb Schools
Western Reserve Academy

BOYS' SCHOOLS

Salisbury School
The Church Farm School

GIRLS' SCHOOLS

Dana Hall School
Emma Willard School
Garrison Forest School
Miss Porter's School
Woodlands Academy

CO-EDUCATIONAL ACADEMIC/RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

Mooseheart
Boys Hope Girls Hope





Educational Endeavors

Educational Endeavors plays a vital role in empowering students through their partnership with DMSF, fostering growth and success both during the progressive Summer Bridge program and throughout the academic year. In Summer Bridge, Educational Endeavors leads three dynamic courses: *Habits and Strategies*, where students master essential skills like note-taking and exam prep; *Ignite Writing*, which nurtures confidence and creativity by helping students find their voice as writers; and *Why? Math*, an innovative course that inspires curiosity and strengthens critical math skills. During the school year, their commitment continues through the DMSF Tutoring Program, ensuring Scholars receive the academic support they need to excel.

LEAP (Language Empowers All People)

LEAP is a non-profit organization dedicated to unlocking the power of communication, and their partnership with DMSF during Summer Bridge is impactful. Through their *Language for Scholars* course, LEAP

helps students become confident, articulate communicators by honing real-world skills that amplify their self-advocacy and empower them to shine in any setting. By tapping into each Scholar's unique strengths, LEAP not only boosts their confidence but also equips them to navigate challenges with clarity and poise, making a lasting impact on their academic and personal success.

Project SYNCERE

In an effort to integrate math and science, DMSF partnered with **Project SYNCERE** whose mission is to ignite the passion of underrepresented students and pave their way to exciting STEM careers. During Summer Bridge, Scholars launched into the world of physics by building a rocket. They explored the thrilling dynamics of flight. While some of the rockets took off and others didn't, Scholars noted how much fun they had while learning. It was a time of discovery, teamwork, and innovation. ■



Our Impact in Fiscal Year 2024

PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE PERSISTENCE

In addition to scholarships, DMSF provides robust programming to ensure Scholars are successful in high school, college and beyond.



Summer Bridge

DMSF understands the transition from middle school to high school is a critical time and can be stressful for students and parents alike. To help ease the process and prepare our freshman Scholars for the rigor and expectations of the college-preparatory environment of our partner schools, Summer Bridge provides hands-on activities over two weeks. Courses include Habits & Strategies for organization and executive functioning, Language for Scholars for communication skills, Advisory for the daily opportunity to spend time with their school cohort and direct access to DMSF staff to build relationships, writing and math courses to strengthen their skills, and a STEM rocket building course.

Mentoring

DMSF pairs Scholars seeking extra support with dedicated mentors who become trusted advisors and confidants. Through regular communication and quarterly meetups, DMSF mentors provide the guidance and encouragement our Scholars need to thrive emotionally, academically, and socially.

Affinity Groups

Transitioning to a new school can be a daunting experience, often filled with unfamiliar environments and challenges. While academic resources may be readily available, finding personal support can be difficult, leaving Scholars feeling isolated and at risk of struggling to adapt. To address this, the Affinity Groups bring together small groups of 10-15 Scholars who share similar life experiences. Led by Murphy Alumni who intimately understand the Scholar journey, these groups meet bi-weekly during the school year to foster a supportive, peer-focused environment.



390+

Murphy Scholars have been awarded the Evans Scholarship since the start of the Murphy Caddie Program

Leadership Programming: Schmitt Scholars & Arthur's Aspiring Leaders

The Murphy Schmitt Scholar and Arthur's Aspiring Leaders Programs, provides leadership training for Murphy Scholars. Sponsored by the Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation, the program covers a portion of the Scholars' tuition and programming fees during high school, enabling them to focus on growth and service. Schmitt Scholars and Arthur's Aspiring Leaders actively engage in leadership training, professional development workshops, teamwork initiatives, and service projects, gaining invaluable experience that prepares them to lead with purpose and vision.

Summer Opportunities

When students become Murphy Scholars, DMSF helps connect them to opportunities that encourage them to experiment and discover their passions during the summer while nurturing their personal and professional growth. DMSF guides Murphy Scholars to map their unique paths with exciting options that match their interests—from pre-college programs at prestigious schools like Carnegie Mellon, Smith College, and Carleton College, to internships at iconic spots like Lincoln Park Zoo and the NASA SEES Internship. For those who prefer a bit more adventure, they can choose programs

that allow them to care for wolves in Colorado or indulge their love for food by exploring the culinary arts in Italy. The possibilities are endless and we're here to guide them every step of the way.

Murphy Caddie Program

Each year, over 100 Murphy Scholars take on the exciting challenge of becoming caddies at 30 premier country clubs across Chicago's northern and western suburbs. They earn money, gain invaluable job and networking experience, and live in college dorms for a taste of college life and independence. But that's not all—caddying opens the door to the prestigious Evans Scholarship, offering full tuition and housing for golf caddies with financial need. Beyond the job, it's a lesson in patience, reliability, focus, and teamwork. To date, more than 390 Murphy Scholars have been awarded the Evans Scholarship, allowing them to continue their educational journeys beyond high school.



87%
of Murphy
Scholars have
graduated,
or are on track
to graduate,
with a Bachelor's
degree within
six years



Tutoring

Part of the mission of DMSF is to meet our Scholars where they are and to help unlock their potential. Whether they prefer one-on-one virtual sessions or dynamic in-person group tutoring, we've got them covered. Each year, hundreds of Scholars tap into this incredible resource to excel academically. Based on Scholar's feedback, we've added hubs around the city to offer in-person tutoring—bringing the support closer to them and making our programming more accessible. With monthly sessions still available at the DMSF office, we are committed to supporting their academic growth.

College Counseling

The College Counseling program transforms Scholars by exposing them to college options and connecting them with colleges that align with their goals and are a good fit academically, socially and financially. Designed to build knowledge and social capital, particularly for first-generation students, the program emphasizes not just college access but long-term success. With a personalized approach that supports our Scholars' needs and fosters a welcoming environment for parents, we provide tools and support our Scholars in their transition to college.

Murphy Alumni

In addition to our robust College Counseling, our Career Exploration, professional development, and Murphy Alumni programs provide immersive company visits, career panels, skill-building workshops, and access to a thriving network of over 2,300 Alumni. These experiences build knowledge, confidence, expand possibilities, and create valuable connections, giving Murphy Scholars the tools they need to excel in their academic and professional journeys, empowering them to navigate internships and job opportunities. ■

>> 3x Murphy Scholars' college graduation rate is three times the national average for students from similar economic backgrounds

Colleges Murphy Alumni Attend

*At least one
Murphy Alum
at each of the
Ivy League
schools*

Albion College
Allegheny College
Arrupe College of Loyola
University Chicago
Augsburg University
Augustana College
Babson College
Bates College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
**Case Western Reserve
University**
**Claremont McKenna
College**
Colby College
Colgate University
College of St. Benedict
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University (NY)
Concordia University
Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Drake University
Duke University
Eastern Illinois University
Emory University

Fairfield University
Florida A&M University
Georgetown University
Grinnell College
Harold Washington College
Harvard College
Howard University
Illinois College
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
**Indiana University
Bloomington**
Ithaca College
Jackson State University
Kansas State University
Kentucky State University
Kenyon College
Lake Forest College
Lawrence University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Lewis University
Long Island University,
Brooklyn
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Marquette University
Marshalltown Community
College
Miami University (OH)
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
Milwaukee School of
Engineering
Moody Bible Institute
Morehouse College

Mount Holyoke College
National Louis University
North Carolina A&T State
University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio Wesleyan University
Parkland College
Pitzer College
Pomona College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Rhodes College
Saint John's University
Saint Louis University
Saint Xavier University
School of the Art Institute
of Chicago
Soka University of America
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale
**Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville**
Southern Methodist
University
St. Catherine University
St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
(TCU)
Texas Southern University

The Ohio State University
The University of Tampa
Trinity Christian College
Trinity College
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
University of Arizona
University of California,
Los Angeles (UCLA)
University of Chicago
University of Colorado
Boulder
University of Denver
**University of Illinois
at Chicago**
**University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign**
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Miami (FL)
**University of Michigan,
Ann Arbor**
**University of Missouri
Columbia**
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of South Carolina
Upstate
**University of Southern
California**
University of Washington
**University of Wisconsin
Madison**
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
**Washington University
in St. Louis**
Wayne State University
Webster University
Wesleyan University
Wheaton College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Yale University

** Colleges in bold have multiple
Murphy Alums attending*



OUR IMPACT NUMBERS

501

Scholars enrolled in school

+2,300

Murphy Alumni

3.5

Average cumulative core GPA

87%

Have graduated or are on track to graduate college within 6 years

\$37,800

Median income of a Murphy Scholar family

112

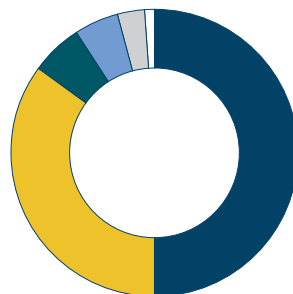
Murphy Scholars in the Class of 2024

73

Neighborhoods

Murphy Scholars represent 73 of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods in addition to Lake County. The highest percentage of Scholars come from Austin, Chicago Lawn, Humboldt Park, South Lawndale, West Ridge and West Town.

DMSF also serves Scholars in Cicero and Berwyn.



- 50% Hispanic or Latinx
- 35% Black or African American
- 6% Multicultural
- 5% White
- 3% Asian-American
- 1% Other

Class of 2024 by the numbers

3.5

Average cumulative core GPA

100%

of the Murphy Scholars who applied were accepted into four-year colleges and universities

72%

of the Class of 2024 are First Generation, the first in their family to attend college

\$2.8M+

Total grants and scholarships awarded

Scholarships Awarded

Evans Scholars: 16

QuestBridge Scholars: 5

Gates Scholars: 4

ATLAS Fellows: 3

Jack Kent Cooke Scholars: 3



The DMSF Impact

GABRIELA PEDROZA

Redefining Leadership and Claiming Her Voice

When Gabriela Pedroza walked through the doors at St. Ignatius College Prep, she admitted feeling nervous. As a Class of 2008 Murphy Scholar, she knew she earned her spot at the prestigious private high school in the city's Near West Side neighborhood and was grateful for the opportunity.

What helped her get through those first few weeks? Her Murphy Scholar cohort.

"It was important for me to see other kids like me there," Pedroza says. "It wasn't enough for me to have had family who went there. I felt like I really had to navigate it for the first time."

Just as important as the education she received, Pedroza appreciated the opportunities to engage with other students like her as well as the support the organization gave to her parents. "DMSF had programming for Scholars to help them transition from middle school to high school but they also worked with parents to help them understand what being a Murphy Scholar family meant and how they could support their child through their high school years."

"There was an entire village behind me, and I was just one student," she adds. The support and education she received are the reasons Pedroza gives back through her time as an Alumna.

"There's a gap in what the students are

capable of doing and what they know is possible," she says. She sees this gap when she interviews potential Murphy Scholars and also as a leader of an Affinity Group, the group mentoring program. "Like most people, we don't know what we don't know so unless someone guides us or shares a contact, or recommends something, we may not be able to take advantage of the opportunity."

Pedroza is determined to expose her Murphy Scholars to those opportunities whether it's through introducing them to places throughout the city during their weekend excursions or connecting them with Alumni who can help in some way.

She wants Murphy Scholars to feel like they deserve a seat at the table among their peers because they earned it. She is using the leadership skills she's learned as a Murphy Scholar to mentor current Scholars and help them claim their voice.

"These kids are hungry, motivated, determined, driven, and focused," she says. "I want to make that gap smaller and smaller."

Thanks to the support Pedroza received as a Scholar, she felt prepared and excelled in college when she attended the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She currently works in branding and graphic design after launching her own design business in 2018. ■



ALEXANDER & KRISTOPHER SMITH

The Transformative Impact of DMSF

DMSF has been a life-changing opportunity

for countless students, including twins Alexander and Kristopher Smith. The seniors, currently at Marist High School, learned of DMSF through their mother who encouraged them to apply. Intrigued, both applied, interviewed, and were accepted.

DMSF not only made their dream school financially attainable but also provided extensive programming and a support system that has enriched their high school experience.

Beyond Financial Support

While many might assume scholarships are solely about financial support, the twins soon realized DMSF offers much more. Another common misconception about scholarships like DMSF, they say, is that they cater exclusively to low-income families through just tuition support. The twins emphasize that the program is about much more than financial aid. Tuition support is only the beginning.

The program also equips Scholars like Alexander and Kristopher with tools to thrive academically and professionally. They appreciate the opportunities to conduct mock interviews, attend DMSF-sponsored college trips, participate in essay-writing workshops, and the networking opportunities that are actively preparing them for life beyond high school.

Kristopher highlights the transformative impact these resources have had on him.

"DMSF helps students reach their full potential, providing not just financial relief but also a network of support to navigate high school and prepare for college and careers," Kristopher says.

Alexander agrees, stating, "DMSF has truly had a big impact, a positive impact on my life, as well on my brother's." He shares how he was able to travel to Greece as part of a teen travel network program that he learned about from DMSF.

A Sense of Belonging

One of the greatest benefits of DMSF is its emphasis on community building. Alexander participates in an Affinity Group for Black and African American Scholars. "At Marist, a predominantly white institution, it can sometimes be challenging to feel a sense of belonging," he explains. "DMSF surrounds me with peers who look like me, helping me feel connected and supported."

Kristopher echoes this sentiment, adding that Affinity Groups serve as a space to unwind, manage stress, and focus on college preparedness.

"Stress can obviously have a very taxing and overbearing effect on how you perform in school. Balancing two AP classes and a calculus honors course is demanding. Being in an Affinity Group allows you to have that stress lifted off you for a while. Not only are you able to unwind, you're also able to write



your essays, develop your resumes, and get homework help from the leaders.” He appreciated his time with his Affinity Group led by Murphy Alum ‘15, Lee Martin.

College-Bound Success

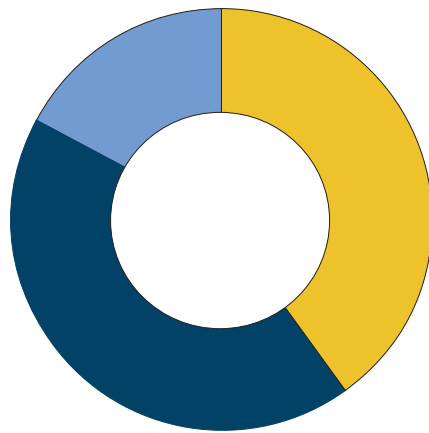
The twins’ hard work and DMSF’s support have already borne fruit. Alexander has been

accepted to nine colleges and is leaning toward American University in Washington, D.C., where he plans to pursue criminal justice and international studies. Kristopher, a Posse Scholar finalist for Cornell University, has received 10 acceptances and eagerly awaits decisions from top institutions like Yale and the University of Chicago. ■

Financial Overview

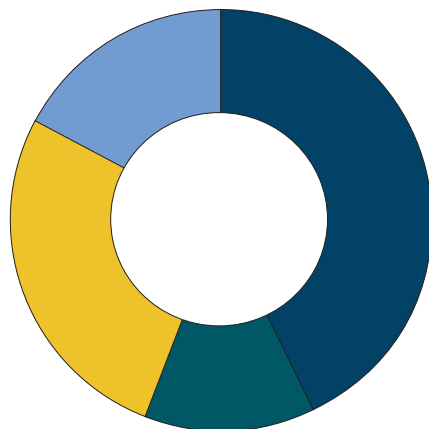
From Sept 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024*

OPERATING REVENUE



- **Fundraising Events**
\$3,016,808.03 (43%)
- **Grants & Contributions**
\$2,254,726.97 (40%)
- **Net Investment Income & Other**
\$1,166,976.27 (17%)

OPERATING EXPENSES



- **Scholarships**
\$2,480,731.49 (43%)
- **Fundraising**
\$1,595,407.45 (27%)
- **Operations**
\$977,065.90 (17%)
- **Programs**
\$732,291.37 (13%)

COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY

Transparency and trust are the foundation of DMSF's success, and we are committed to upholding the highest standards of accountability. We have earned a Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar and a Four-Star Charity Rating from Charity Navigator—both of which highlight our strong commitment to openness and responsible stewardship.

Please visit our website at www.dmsf.org to see our historical audited financials.

**Based on unaudited financials.*

Thank you to our Donors

*DMSF gratefully acknowledges
the significant financial
contributions from our donors
from \$500 to \$250,000+*

INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY & FOUNDATION DONORS

Multiyear Donors

*DMSF celebrates the
generosity of the following
donors who committed
multiyear gifts.*

Abra Prentice Foundation
(3 years)
The Brinson Foundation
(2 years)
Schreiber Philanthropy
(4 years)

\$250,000+

The Cynthia Elkins Foundation
Gailllee and Neil Fitzpatrick

\$100,000 - \$249,999

Alverin M. Cornell
Foundation
Mary Jo and Warren DeMaio
Lindy and Mike Keiser
Stella D. Moore Trust

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Anonymous (3)
Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation
Bowman C. Lingle Trust
Molly Carroll and Max
Nussbaumer
Kevin and Linda Conway
Bob and Loretta Cooney
David and Kirsten
Cunningham
Jim and Karen Frank
Chuck and Barbara Gately
Chris and Nikki Klingenstein
Jim and Sara Lynch
David Mackimm
Tom and Susan Moran
Robert R. McCormick
Foundaton

Joe Sanda
Allen and Jennifer Weaver

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous
Diane and Tom Allison
Marianne Borie and Stan
Martin
Bill and Wendy Brewer
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Ceres Foundation
The CGW Family Foundation
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Bill and Anne Cotter
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Robert and Susan
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