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Dear Friend & Supporter,

The 2022 Report Card illustrates the transformational work Higher Edge is completing with students - at local high schools, within the community and on campuses across the country. From UCONN and Eastern Connecticut State University to colleges in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Kentucky; our students' are making an impact on the bigger world.

Each of us has had a dream - whether it’s getting an ideal job or seeing our favorite team win, a bucket list of items to accomplish or places to visit. For Higher Edge students; that dream is being the first in their family to graduate from college. Their dreams are coming to fruition. They are our leaders; role models to our younger generations. They are Brave and their stories INSPIRE.

In Community,

Katie Hallisey
COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

Personalized advising that guides high school seniors through the college application process and empowers them to make informed college decisions.

HIGHER EDGE CAP CLASS OF 2022

22 Students from 7 high schools

85% ENROLLED DIRECTLY

$400,000+ TOTAL AID RECEIVED
Merit Aid & Institutional Grants

$150,000 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Private Organizations & Foundations

68% AT 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ACT - EastCONN (Willimantic)
- Fitch High School (Groton)
- Grasso Technical HS [Groton]
- New London MultiMagnet HS
- Norwich Technical HS
- Saint Bernard School [Uncasville]
- Windham HS

- Central CT State University
- Dean College
- Eastern CT State University
- Mitchell College - UCONN
- University of Hartford
- University of New Haven
- University of Saint Joseph
- Vanderbilt University
Spotlight on The CAP Class of 2023
Nazariah,
New London Arts Magnet High School

First Choice: Emerson College

Major: English with a concentration in Creative Writing

Proudest Moment as a Student: Having my poem featured in the book, "Some Stranger Somewhere"

"Higher Edge has guided me through the process of applying to college. Helping me find college, writing my essay, and applying for aid and scholarships are just a few of the things they've done. I also felt safe and comfortable enough to talk about my struggles so far this year, which were always met with kindness and understanding. I'm very thankful for Higher Edge for making me and so many others feel ready for life after high school."
SUCCESS PROGRAM

Upon making their final college choice and completing enrollment steps; students receive support and guidance throughout their time in college that ensures they persist and earn a degree.

100 COLLEGE STUDENTS AT MORE THAN 20 CAMPUSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

90% PERSISTED TO THEIR SECOND YEAR

In 2022

26 GRADUATED
6 PURSUING PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

40 Other/Private 4-Year Colleges
26 2-Year Colleges
19 Eastern Connecticut State University
10 SCSU Southern Connecticut State University
4 Central Connecticut Blue Devils
Catching up with Sam,

1st year, UCONN Avery Point

Major: Pre-Social Work

Campus Involvement: Mentor to middle school students & Guard on the Women's Basketball Team

GO POINTERS!

Favorite Snack: Oreos

Proudest Moment As a College Student: Making the Dean's List

"Higher Edge has supported me a lot during my first year such as helping me out with scholarships, financial info. And always being available to answer any questions I have."

This summer, Sam will be interning with a nonprofit in New London through a partnership with Eleven +.

To learn more about Eleven+ & how the organization supports Higher Edge students, visit https://www.eleven-plus.org/
A little history ...

When Higher Edge was founded 10 years ago, the organization was serving 6 students, all from one high school. At the time, Higher Edge was a one year program and only guided students to college. But as students navigated campuses; they continued to reach back out to their advisors.

As a result, the Success Program was developed, which follows students through college.

Since 2016; 119 students have earned their college degree.

... And 25 are set to graduate in May 2023.
AILIN, UCONN CLASS OF 2022
Diagnostic Genetic Sciences

"I will forever be grateful to Higher Edge and their support throughout the college application process and all the way through graduation. As a first generation college student having someone help me with all the paperwork, review essays and provide moral support was extremely beneficial and stress relieving. Gracie has always been a great resource - even after I graduated, she still checks in. I am grateful for her encouragement and kind words."

"My METAS Mentor had such an impact on me that I chose to be a mentor too. And as an alumnus, I'm happy to still be a support."

"One of the most memorable moments was when my mentees thanked me for being so open about my experiences as a 1st Gen Latina at a PWI. It made them feel less alone and encouraged them to seek help whenever they need it."

Favorite Late Night Snack:
Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Cups

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:
- METAS/PRLACC, LSAMP, UCONN Health NICHE Purposeful Visitor Program,
- Genome Ambassador Program
FINANCIALS

REVENUES

- Foundations & Grants $261,345 (96%)
- Individual Contributions / Events $10,525 (4%)

Total REVENUES $271,923

EXPENSES

- Programming $184,873 (77%)
- Administrative $52,971 (22%)
- Fundraising $450 (1%)

Total EXPENSES $238,294
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