

HIGHER EDGE



2024

REPORT CARD

Getting Students To & Through College

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Dear **HIGHER
EDGE** Friend & Supporter,

The 2024 Report Card illustrates the transformational work Higher Edge is completing with students.

For the last 9 years, Higher Edge has celebrated each May as its students walk the stage to accept their college diploma. These ceremonies are evidence that college degrees are not only attainable, but they are attainable by their peers coming from similar backgrounds and facing similar challenges. More importantly; they are achieving something greater than a degree, qualities that cannot be captured on a piece of paper - confidence, leadership skills, and self advocacy traits.

A famous quote by Audrey Hepburn reads, "Nothing is impossible, The word itself says 'I'm Possible'" Day in and day out, Higher Edge students and alumni are proving these words true.

I hope you find the data from 2024 as inspiring as I do.

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 2024

10 Students
from

4 high
schools

- Grasso Technical HS [Groton]
- New London MultiMagnet HS
- Saint Bernard School [Uncasville]
- Three Rivers Middle College (Norwich)

85%
ENROLLED
DIRECTLY
IN COLLEGE

65%
AT 4-YEAR
INSTITUTIONS



Connecticut College
Eastern CT State University
Howard University
University of Connecticut
University of Hartford
Wagner College

HIGHER EDGE 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.

70

**COLLEGE STUDENTS
AT 15 CAMPUSES
ACROSS THE
COUNTRY**



GRADUATED



**PURSUING
PROFESSIONAL
DEGREES**

30



Other/Private

22

**4-Year
Colleges**

10

**2-Year
Colleges**

6



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MEET Shariena,

University of Connecticut Class of 2024

MAJOR: Psychology

RESEARCH: Women's Physical Health & Its Connection to Psychological Well-Being

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP:
Undergraduate Research Assistant & Resident Assistant



make it
HAPPEN

FUTURE PLANS: "Right now I am applying to Ph.D. and Psy.D. clinical psych programs as well as masters programs focusing on mental health counseling. My ultimate goal is to establish my own private practice dedicated to offering services for neuro-divergent women, with a focus on marginalized communities, that will provide trauma-focused care for trauma-related disorders."

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU: My brother is my number one motivator to keep going. After seeing a lot of doctors dismiss his potential and then to see how he overcame all of that was an amazing experience. He's able to do more than what even a neuro-typical adult can do. I keep that in mind as I would like to see neuro-diverse individuals have the opportunity to flourish as well."

REMEMBER
**YOUR
WHY**

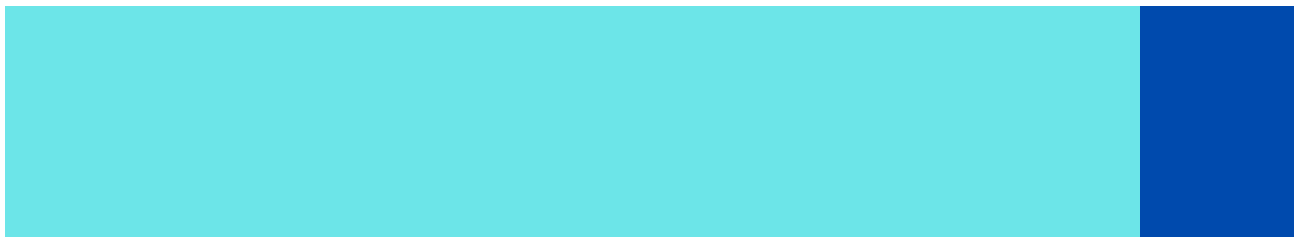


"The journey from high school to college is undoubtedly challenging, particularly in the absence of proper guidance. Higher Edge has wholeheartedly committed itself to every student, demonstrating unwavering passion throughout our path. Despite the difficulties inherent in this journey, Higher Edge recognizes the immense potential within each student and their future aspirations, serving as a constant reminder to persevere."

FINANCIALS

REVENUE

\$349,363



Foundations & Grants \$314,363 (90%)

Individual Contributions / Events / Misc Income \$35,000 (10%)

EXPENSES

\$327,670



Programming \$245,752 (75%)

Administrative / Overhead Costs \$81,918 (25%)

OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



FOUNDATIONS & GRANTS

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degree at a time**

make a difference.

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