

COLLEGE HORIZONS



2023
Annual Report

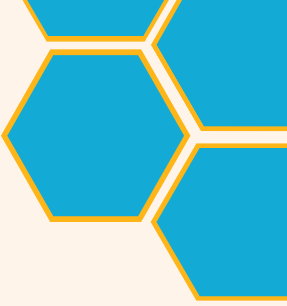


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Welcome from our Board President

Aloha mai kākou!

On behalf of the College Horizons Board of Directors, mahalo (thank you) for your support of perpetuating "College Pride, Native Pride" with our upcoming generation of Nation Builders. This past year, 2023, has been filled with our hearts' work, especially as we transitioned from heavy remote work influenced by COVID and returned to in-person programs this summer. While the magic did not wane through the programs delivered online the past 3 years, seeing our colleagues and students in 3D filled my heart and brought back this inexplicable feeling of joy that I find only College Horizons can provide. Or perhaps it's that familiar awkwardness of dorm life as an adult, together with extra long twin mattresses and campus cafeteria food that I missed? Either way, I have been infinitely grateful for the work of the CH team and Carmen's leadership bringing us back in person and finding the CH rhythm all over again.

2023 also brought its share of challenges, and I greatly admire the College Horizons community for activating its support and refusing to shy away from these challenges. After all, I don't think it was a coincidence that the SCOTUS ruling came during the Redlands program. I remember thinking that day -- there are few other colleagues and communities I would want to be with to process the initial feelings that the ruling stirred up. ***Without missing a beat, the CH community came closer together to reassure each other that this ruling would not disrupt our work;*** in fact, it only deepened our resolve and commitment to our students that our work is now more important than ever.

I believe this report will shed light on the impact of this important work and hopefully inspire you, dear reader, to think about where else you can fit in to support College Horizons. We always welcome more members and more deeply engaged members to the CH 'ohana (family), so whether you're new to the fold or a veteran, if you read this and have an inkling to lend more of your talents and strengths to our work, I hope you will let us know. ***College Horizons' work is never done, and we are excited to look at the possibilities in the years ahead.***

In closing, from my ancestors to yours, I wish you a healthy and safe wrap up of 2023 and holiday season. I look forward to all that we have in store for 2024!

Me ke aloha,
Aunty Nikki



Dr. Nikki Chun
Board President



Our Stories, Our Impact

Our Ancestral Stamina Carmen Lopez, Executive Director

At College Horizons, our students come from the Cosmos. We are the Four Directions. We are Navigators. Children of the Stars. Buffalo and Eagle Dancers. Born from White and Yellow Corn. Molded in the image of Changing Woman.

Collectively, our students represent 300 Tribal Nations, the villages of Alaska and islands of Hawaii.

College Horizons navigates the space between generational trauma and ancestral stamina balancing old and new narratives in education. The violence of our past and present with the possibilities of our future. Navigating feelings of outrage while remaining hopeful. Native American communities make up less than 2% of the population yet only 15% of Native American students attain a bachelors degree compared to 40% nationally.

There is not one specific problem that keeps Native American students from college entry and completion. It is the cumulative barriers over a student's lifetime - from historical trauma to the pandemic making visible the technology divide in rural Indian Country to the Supreme Court's ruling to exclude race in the admission process. Moreover, in higher education, Indigenous students are rendered invisible, considered statistically insignificant and largely left out of institutional data due to small enrollment rates.

At College Horizons we believe there are alternative ways to close, mend and heal the college attainment gap for Native American and Native Hawaiian students. We prepare, celebrate, and empower Native youth to pursue higher education by providing culturally sustaining college advising programs that contributes to community Nation Building. **We believe that affirming the value of Indigenous Knowledge systems alongside western systems and connecting culture and community to college supports Native student's wellbeing academically, culturally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.** We see the impact among the 4,000 students we serve as 95% matriculate to a 4-year degree and 85% graduate from college.

Enjoy the testimonials of our students, faculty and staff and join us in celebrating our collective impact!

-Auntie Carmen

"College Horizons has inspired me to take my next steps in education. As an indigenous person I feel safer applying to college. Through College Horizons my cultural identity has developed tremendously. Thank you College Horizons for helping me find my place in this world." - CH'23 Student

"I love learning the stories of our students and seeing a community form during the summer program. I love working with an all Native team who are passionate about college access and success work." - Mikaela Crank, CH Staff

The ability to learn about the distinct cultures, languages, histories, and traditions of native/indigenous students and connect on a 1 on 1 level with these high schoolers. The mentoring pieces of this program are what make CH unique and incredibly impactful for us as University Reps.
- CH'23 Faculty Member.

"College Horizons has been such a blessing. The people, the pride, the culture, everything. Being native is a privilege and something to embrace. We were meant to be in these schools, our kūpuna worked for us to share who we are, and their land was ours first. This program has helped me appreciate my culture, my home, and my stories in light of what I see for my future." - CH'23 Student

"Connecting with Native students and helping them realize their potential is the exciting part of working with College Horizons. I resonate with the stories students share in their application and homework for the program - I see the same ambition and curiosity about the world and I hope to guide them to make informed decisions about their future. This 1:1 culturally-relevant counseling is the work of Native nation-building."
- Kendall Harvey, CH Staff

"This was such a wonderful experience. It was the perfect blend between an access program, classic summer camp and all the best parts of college prep" - CH'23 Faculty member

College Horizons Board of Directors



DR. NIKKI CHUN, President

Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, **University of Hawaii-Manoa**
Native Hawaiian

“College Horizons has come to represent my heart's work in admissions and higher education. It's such an honor to serve the organization in this capacity among CH leadership because this is a transformative program that does more than ensure students are supported in college; this program creates our future nation-builders. I am so proud to be a part of this incredible program.”



DR. BRYAN MCKINLEY JONES BRAYBOY, Vice President

Dean, School of Education and Social Policy, **Northwestern University**
Carlos Montezuma Professor of Education and Social Policy
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

“The opportunity to be part of an Indigenous student's higher education journey is everything. CH is a place that is built on possibility and the future; its commitments to young people—and by extension—our communities and nations is powerful.”



JEREMY OYENQUE, Secretary/Treasurer

Education Department Director, **Pueblo of Santa Clara**
Santa Clara Pueblo

“As a board member, I take immense pride in the accomplishments of College Horizons, especially during challenging times. The statistics speak volumes, but what resonates even more is the organization's adaptability and resilience. Operating the program in a virtual format during the Covid-19 pandemic and successfully transitioning back to in-person activities showcases our commitment to the mission despite external challenges. Being part of an organization that not only navigated uncertainties but also thrived in the face of adversity reinforces my belief in the strength and effectiveness of our programs.”

College Horizons Staff



CARMEN LOPEZ
Executive Director
Navajo Nation



CHRISTINE SUINA
Program Coordinator
Pueblo of Cochiti



MIKAELA CRANK
Scholars Pathway
Program Director
Navajo Nation



AMELIA CATÉ
Program Associate
Pueblo of Acoma/
Santo Domingo



KENDALL HARVEY
Scholars Fellow &
Program Associate
Navajo Nation



TANEYA GARCIA
Policy Fellow
Pueblo of Santa Ana/
Acoma

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About College Horizons

WHO WE ARE

College Horizons (CH) is a national non-profit organization based in New Mexico located on the homelands of the Pueblo People. College Horizons was founded in 1998 at the Native American Preparatory School (in New Mexico) initially serving American Indian students in the Southwest and today has grown to serve over **4,000** Native American students nationwide representing over **300** Tribal Nations, villages of Alaska and islands of Hawai'i. CH has also provided professional development training to **1,000** college admissions officers, high school counselors, and Tribal Educators.

WHAT WE DO

College Horizons addresses the college attainment gap by providing a culturally responsive college and career readiness curriculum that aligns with community core values and meets individual needs. College Horizons is designed to align with diversity outreach initiatives of colleges and universities by offering pathway opportunities:

College Horizons (Pre-College for high school students)

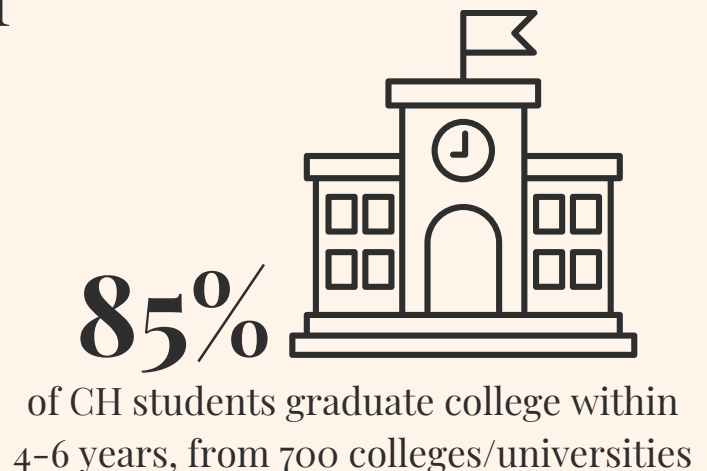
Scholars Pathway Program (College Transition, Well-being & Wrap-Around Support)

Graduate Horizons (Pre-Graduate for college students/recent graduates)

OUR STUDENT IMPACT



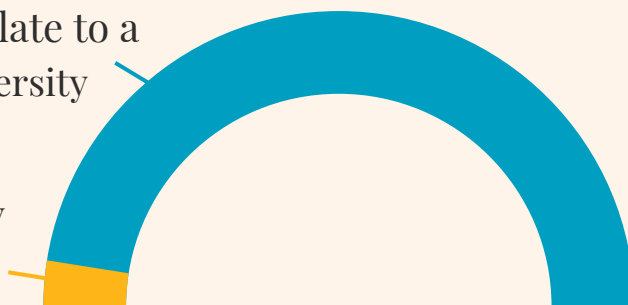
99%
of CH alumni
graduate from
high school



85%
of CH students graduate college within
4-6 years, from 700 colleges/universities

95% of students matriculate to a
4-year college or university

5% matriculate to a Community
College or Tribal College





Vision

Our vision is for Native American students to attend college as their **full selves - bringing their culture, language, ancestors and Indigenous ways of knowing with them because these are gifts, blessings and educational assets.** College Horizons was created to address the college attainment gap of Native American students and position our work through an asset based approach.



Mission

The mission of College Horizons is to encourage and facilitate the higher education of Native American young people. Our goal is to:

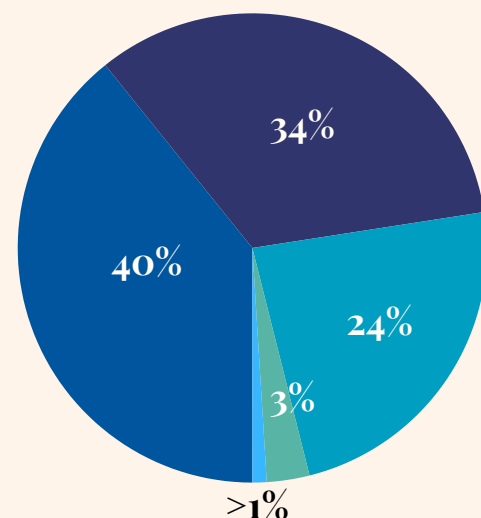
1. **Increase the higher education rate of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian high school and college students** by providing pre-college (College Horizons) and pre-graduate (Graduate Horizons) admission/financial aid counseling programs and,
2. **Increase Native student well being and college completion rate** by providing a college success program for alumni (Scholars Program).



2022-2023 Financial Statements

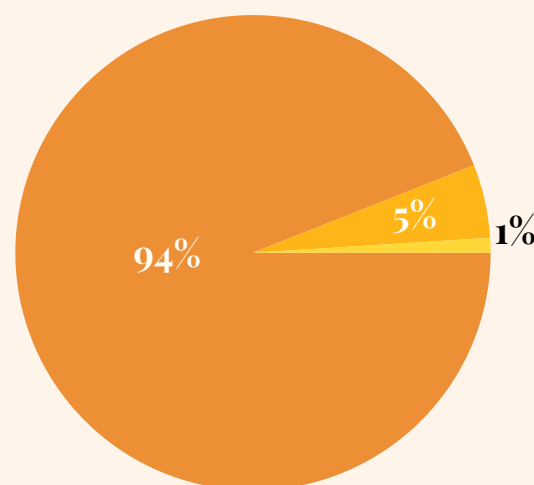
Revenue & Support

In-Kind Revenues	\$498,085
College Partnerships	\$430,183
Grants & Sponsorship	\$258,969
Individual Donors	\$47,000
Interest	\$3,947
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,238,184



Expenses

Program Services	\$1,221,469
Management & General	\$67,428
Fundraising	\$14,061
Total Expenses	\$1,302,958



Assets

Total Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$1,124,857
Total Assets, End of Fiscal Year	\$1,060,083

Financial Note: CH experienced a deficit this fiscal year due to inflation increases in program expenses, families requesting more travel aid as airline tickets increased by 30% for summer travel, and CH prioritized COVID-19 safety practices providing PPE and test-kits for all participants. Overall, CH remains financially healthy with cash liquidity reserves at \$1M.

Student Support: \$92,415

Airfare assistance awarded to 2023 program participants

The only direct cost for students/families to participate in College Horizons summer programs is the cost of airfare. CH provides need-based financial assistance to eligible students.

Thank you to our 2022-2023 Donors!

The Mellon Foundation
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**Foundations,
Partner Colleges,
Organizations,
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Businesses,
Volunteer
Counselors,
and Individual
Donors.**

PROGRAM IMPACT

2023 COLLEGE HORIZONS SUMMER PROGRAM

College Horizons serves 10th and 11th grade Native high school students providing pre-college admission and financial aid counseling. After 3 years of remote programming, in 2023 College Horizons returned to in-person programming serving Native students nationwide.

University of Redlands

(Redlands, California)

June 24-30, 2023

2023

HOST SITES

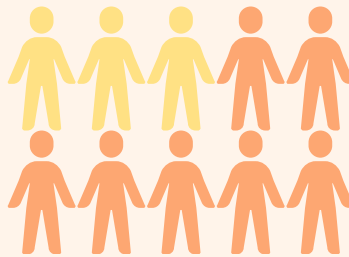
Emory University

(Atlanta, Georgia)

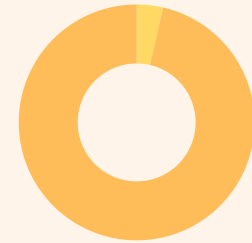
July 8-14, 2023

TOTAL Participants: 212

68 (32%) 11th graders
144 (68%) 12th graders
10 returning students

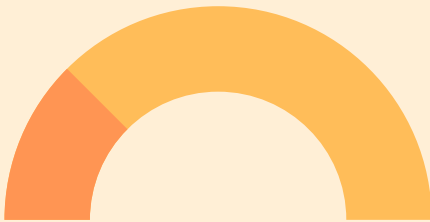


Total Admissions Rate: 94%



25%

of students are
First Generation



62

Native Nations Represented



142 American Indian students

67 Native Hawaiian students

3 Alaska Native students

123

High Schools Represented



34 Independent Schools

89 Public Schools

31%

of students reside or live
near their Tribal homelands



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2023 FACULTY AND COLLEGE PARTICIPATION

128

Total Faculty

106 Admission Officers

22 High School Counselors

75 Partner
Colleges



10 New Partners

PROGRAM IMPACT

2023 SCHOLARS PATHWAY PROGRAM

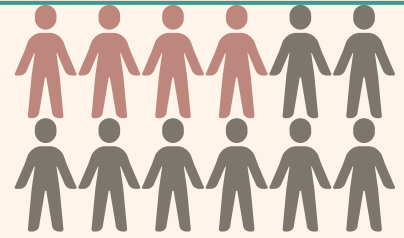
The Scholars Pathway Program is designed to empower College Horizons alumni in their transition to college. Students participate in a 4-year pathway program that supports them with academic study skills, well-being strategies, seminar/lecture courses and pre-graduate planning..

Lawrence University (Appleton, Wisconsin) , July 15-22, 2023

TOTAL 2023 Participants:

34

21 First Year Students
13 Indigenous Research
Methodologies Students
(Sophomores & Juniors)



18

**Native Nations
Represented**

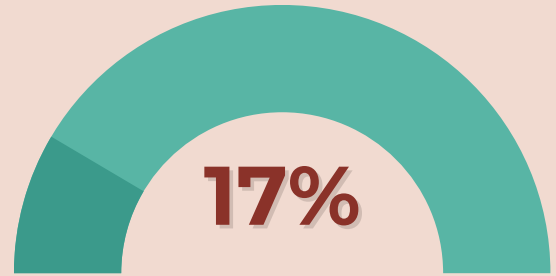
17 AI/AN tribes & villages
6 Native Hawaiian students



23

**Colleges/Universities
Represented**

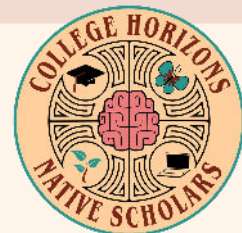
22 Colleges/ Universities
1 Tribal College/ University



of students are
First Generation



**Total Scholars
Served:
191
(2017-2023)**



PROGRAM IMPACT

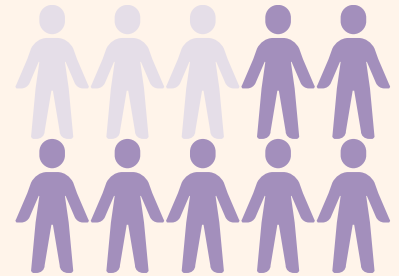
2023 GRADUATE HORIZONS PROGRAM

Graduate Horizons prepares Native college students to apply to Graduate Schools and Professional Schools (master's doctoral, professional degrees).

Lawrence University (Appleton, Wisconsin) , July 19-22, 2023

**TOTAL 2023
Participants:**
32

24 students **completed** an undergraduate degree
8 students **enrolled** in an undergraduate program



20 Native Nations Represented

16 AI/AN tribes & villages
3 Native Hawaiian Students



30 Undergraduate Institutions Represented



**Total GH
Students
Served:
689
(2004-2023)**

**GRADUATE
HORIZONS**

COLLEGE PARTNER & FACULTY IMPACT

College Horizons is committed to advancing diversity in Higher Education.

Our program is designed to assist in the multicultural outreach efforts of college and university admission offices. Throughout our summer programs, our partner institutions send admission counselors to interact with students about the college application process, share useful information and resources about financial aid, and participate in a college fair.

At College Horizons, we have:



Trained and provided professional development to over **1,000** college admissions counselors, high school counselors, and Tribal Educators



Historically, a total of **230+** colleges and universities have partnered

Total Faculty & Staff Participation:

138

across 2023 programs
(College Horizons, Scholars Pathway, Graduate Horizons)

Total Interns Hired:

6

across 2023 programs
(College Horizons, Scholars Pathway)

2023 Partner Colleges:

75

2023 New Partner Colleges:

10

2023 Faculty and Staff



2023 Partner Colleges

Amherst College	Lawrence University	University of California Berkeley
Barnard College	Macalester College	University of Chicago
Bates College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut
Boston University	Middlebury College	University of Denver
Bowdoin College	Mount Holyoke College	University of Hawaii Manoa
Brown University	New York University	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Bryn Mawr College	Northeastern University	University of Minnesota Morris
California Institute of Technology (CalTech)	Northern Michigan University	University of North Carolina Pembroke
Carleton College	Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame
Case Western Reserve University	Oberlin College	University of Pennsylvania
Colgate University	Oregon State University	University of Redlands*
Colorado College	Pepperdine University	University of Rochester
Columbia University	Pomona College	University of San Diego
Cornell University	Portland State University	University of Southern California
Dartmouth College	Princeton University	University of Utah
Duke University	Rice University	University of Virginia
Emory University*	Smith College	Vanderbilt University
Fort Lewis College	St. Olaf College	Vassar College
Hamilton College	Stanford University	Villanova University
Hampshire College	Susquehanna University	Washington University in St. Louis
Harvard College	Swarthmore College	Wesleyan University
Harvey Mudd College	Syracuse University	Whitman College
Haverford College	Trinity College	Willamette University
Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University	Williams College
	Tulane University	Yale University

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