



**MINDS MATTER**  
COLORADO

# Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2022-23

# Minds Matter 2022-23

## at a Glance

89

students served

191

volunteers donated  
13,263 hours of  
their time

13

different high  
schools in Denver,  
Aurora and  
Colorado Springs  
were represented  
among MMCO  
students

100%

of seniors got into four-  
year colleges with  
scholarships - a statistic  
that has remained  
consistent for the 20  
year history of MMCO

28

seniors  
graduated and  
are headed to  
college this fall

90%

of MMCO Students  
identify as BIPOC

100%

of MMCO students are  
from low-income  
families

5

staff members

# 2022-23 SUCCESSES



- ✓ In the summer of 2022, we were thrilled to resume sending students out-of-state for collegiate summer programs (out of state travel had paused due to Covid).
- ✓ In the summer of 2023, we sent 19 students to out-of-state collegiate summer programs at institutions such as Brown, Harvard, Yale, Syracuse, and Johns Hopkins.

- ✓ We hosted our 19th annual CELEBRATE fundraising gala, our most financially successful spring event to date.
- ✓ We were awarded the prestigious Paul Purcell "Kids Win!" Annual Baird Education Grant - one of the largest gifts we've received in organizational history.



# 2022-23 CHALLENGES

We began the 2022-23 year with 104 students. As the year progressed, enrollment dropped to 89. While some year-over-year attrition is expected, our goal is 90%+ retention. We know our young people today have unique challenges and we are closely monitoring feedback from departing students and their mentors. We continue to address strategic priorities within our mentoring structure and curriculum to target retention.

This was a challenging fundraising year. The broader economic landscape of rising interest rates, corporate budget tightening, and market uncertainty resulted in lagging contributions. Thanks to our many steadfast partners we were able to meet our operational budget needs. We are developing increased stewardship and cultivation activities in the coming year to continue to work towards our financial sustainability goals.

# THE CLASS OF 2023 IS ATTENDING:



University of Colorado  
Denver



University of Colorado **Boulder**



**COLORADO STATE  
UNIVERSITY**



COLORADO SCHOOL OF  
**MINES**

**Duke**  
UNIVERSITY

  
**FRONT RANGE  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**



**HOWARD  
UNIVERSITY**

Lewis & Clark  
College  


  
**MSU  
DENVER**

  
**MSU  
TEXAS**  
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

  
**NCCU**



  
**REGIS  
UNIVERSITY**

  
**Stanford  
University**

# 100%

of Seniors were  
accepted to  
4-year universities  
AND earned  
scholarships to pay  
for college

# 11

seniors received  
full-ride  
scholarships

## STUDENTS RECEIVED "FULL RIDE" FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM...

Daniels Fund

Greenhouse Scholarship

Gates Scholarship

Lewis and Clark College

Cheatham-White Scholarship

Sean "Ranch" Lough Scholarship

Stanford University



*"Following each MMCO session there's this warm, fuzzy feeling of contentment that comes from watching the students continuously grow and push their comfort levels higher and higher."  
Mentor at DMLK*



*"I love all the opportunities MMCO has provided for me to invest in my future."  
Mentee at DMLK*



*"Minds Matter is a welcoming community that actually cares for the future lives of students. Minds Matter takes into consideration all your hard work and sees you for the person you are inside."  
Mentee at GW*



*"Minds Matter is an amazing program that has a lot of heart. It's a program that really cares about each individual student."  
Mentor at West*



*"I jumped at the chance to be a part of Minds Matter. I discovered an amazing support system in my mentors. I worked with them to build my confidence and learn how to advocate for myself and others."  
Mentee at GW*

# THANK YOU

Funds were used to support mentee expenses and program supplies for high-achieving, low-income students during the 2022-2023 academic year. Students enrolled in the Minds Matter program are guided through valuable lessons in academic preparedness, writing and critical thinking, and college-readiness programming and test preparation.

The opportunity to partner with you allowed Minds Matter Colorado to help deserving students living in the Denver metro area navigate the continuing coronavirus pandemic and still work toward getting into college with scholarships.



**We thank you for your  
continued support of  
our program.**

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