



FIRST IN FAMILY
JACKSON HOLE

**2023 IMPACT
REPORT**



Dear FIF Friends,

As we enter the new year, we wanted to thank you for believing in the idea that a college education can change lives. Thanks to your unyielding support over the past 7 years, First in Family Jackson Hole has evolved into a robust scholarship program. We would not have been able to grow as we have without the incredible support of the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole and the generosity of our community of supporters. We are so incredibly grateful to each of you for your guidance, mentoring and financial support

Your donations helped support 42 scholars and their families in 2023 and provided \$118,717 in scholarships. You provided a college counselor who advised scholars and reviewed applications to 60 colleges and 120 scholarship programs. You provided ACT Prep and tutoring to help scholars improve their academic performance. You helped scholars complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the CSS Profile, and other financial aid applications through workshops and individual advising, earning students over \$1,020,311 in college scholarships and grants. You funded 3 Boot Camp sessions for college-bound freshmen to help them prepare for the transition to college, 9 monthly Study Break sessions for students and staff to gather virtually, and 252 individual meetings and calls with scholars and their families. All of this programming allows

for 100% college matriculation, 95% of scholars returning for a 2nd year, and 75% graduating within 6 years. You should be proud to be part of such a successful program.

Your continued support allowed us to become an independent non-profit organization in August 2023 and we are grateful to maintain the strong relationship with you and with the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole in providing scholarships to local scholars.

Your generosity is helping change expectations in our community. In our inaugural year, we only had four applicants. Those first college graduates paved the way for future scholars and we currently have 12 college freshmen, 10 high school seniors, and anticipate over 25 applicants for the program in 2024.

Education is the gift that keeps on giving by encouraging social mobility and community engagement. Thank you for making these opportunities available to local scholars, their families, and our community as a whole.

With gratitude,
Mary Speyer, Board Chair, and
Charlotte Quesada Krugh, Program Coordinator



OUR MISSION

First in Family Jackson Hole provides local first generation students with essential advising and financial support to succeed in college and beyond

OUR VISION

Expand educational opportunities so all first generation students in our community can pursue their academic and professional dreams

2023 Achievements

\$118,717

FIF Scholarships received by scholars

\$1,020,311

Financial Aid from universities and grants received by our students excluding FIF financial support

42

28 college students + 10 high school seniors + 4 college graduates receiving our support currently

2

College graduates in the class of 2023

501(c)(3)

Received our non-profit status

16

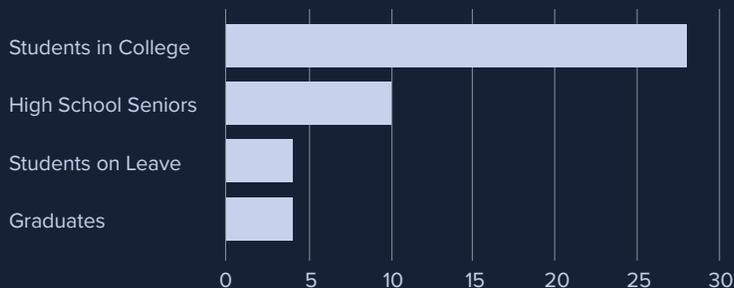
Different colleges and universities our scholars have attended



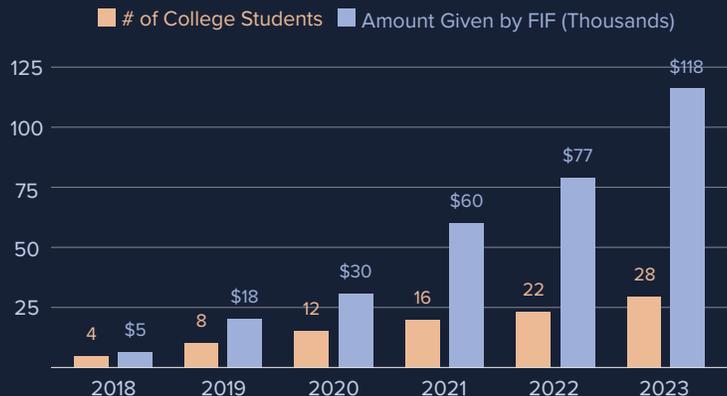
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Red Rocks Community College
Tufts University
University of Denver
The University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wyoming
Westminister College

2023 STUDENTS SERVED



SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN



2024 Goals

SUPPORT

Accept 10 students, assist 34 college scholars, celebrate 4 new graduates

EXPAND

Mental Health Support and develop career coaching, internship and mentoring programs

GROW

Raise \$450,000 from individual donors, foundations, and grants

First in Family Roadmap



JUNIOR YEAR HIGH SCHOOL

- Apply in March
- Accepted in June



GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR HIGH SCHOOL

- Participate in college readiness activities, (test prep, writing workshops and family nights)
- Work individually with college counselor to finalize school list and complete applications
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Prepare for transition to college by attending FIF boot camps
- Select a college based on admission and financial aid awards
- Develop an individualized plan to pay for college



COLLEGE SCHOLARS RECEIVE

- Yearly scholarships
- Stipend for books and a computer
- Individual check-ins and cohort advising
- Care packages
- Mental health offerings
- Academic planning assistance
- Ongoing financial aid support
- Career readiness programming
- Internship and networking opportunities



GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE. CAREER AND BEYOND



DETOUR?

- Change of major
- Study abroad
- Academic struggle
- Family emergency
- Mental health break
- Unexpected financial shortfall
- Emergency and supplemental funds available, if needed



Why Our Work Matters

Financial barriers and social disadvantages can prevent first generation students from having an equitable path to college, careers, and a thriving future. Nationally, only 21% of first generation students attend college, with only 11% of low-income first generation students graduating within 6 years. First in Family Jackson Hole aims to change this reality for students in Teton County.

First in Family's program provides comprehensive college counseling, targeted tutoring, test preparation, and continuous support from the summer before 12th grade through college graduation. Beyond college enrollment, First in Family staff continue to advise scholars, provide career coaching, and offer mental health support through partnerships with local professionals. Emergency scholarships and supplemental funds are also provided as needed.

First in Family Jackson Hole leverages the power of social connection, academic guidance, and financial assistance to change the lives of Jackson's first generation students, their families, and the entire community. It is the only local group dedicated specifically to uplifting first generation students in our community.

"The support and attention to detail provided were extremely helpful throughout all the stages of college applications. From writing essays, to filling out the FAFSA, all the way to budgeting for school. These steps that would usually be difficult without any guidance were made easy thanks to First in Family."

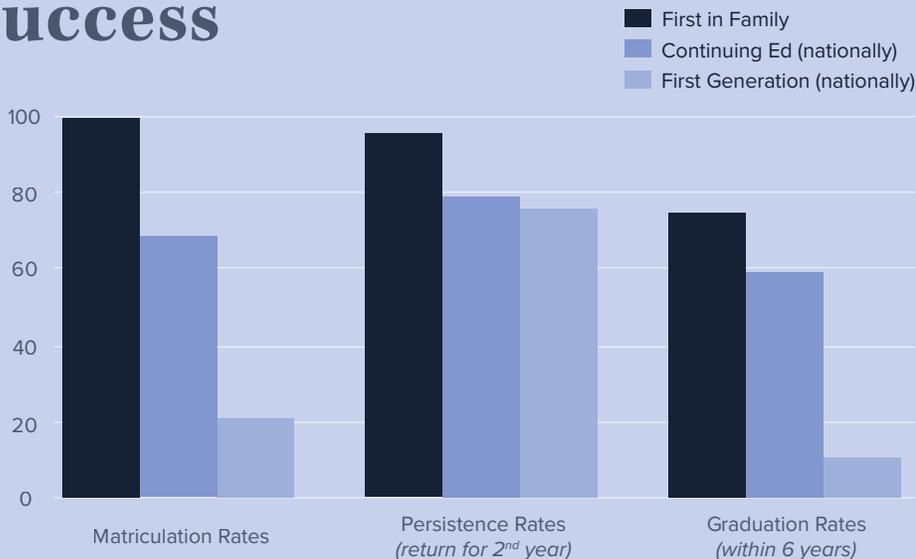
"The help I get from you guys has meant a lot and actually think of the people in this program as a family rather than just a program."

"I have a lot less anxiety because when I am facing issues in school, I have a support team happy and ready to help."

"The financial aspect of the scholarship is extremely important to me (and) the adult support I received helped guide me in my decision-making. I always knew I had people in my corner rooting for me."



Measuring Success



“The readiness to help. I do not feel like a burden asking for help. Everyone is so willing and is encouraging me throughout college. Without FIF I would not have been able to stay in school.”

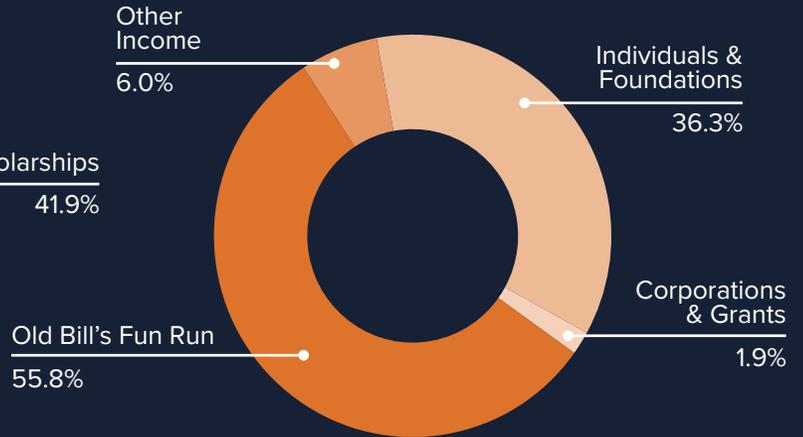
“Working with First in Family has brought the support that I very much needed moving forward with college. In a sense, it felt more interpersonal and facilitated by asking questions and working together in order to fulfill goals. It’s been like a backbone, a foundation, for the unknowns college brings.”



2023 Financials



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