



seattle**education**access



2018-2019  
**Annual  
Report**





## Dear SEA Community,

My first couple of months with SEA have left me feeling inspired, grateful, and excited for things to come. I'm thrilled to be leading SEA into a new chapter that continues to build on a strong values-based and mission-driven foundation. Transitioning into the Executive Director role here feels like the ultimate culmination of my personal journey as a low-income student and my professional pathway through the local community college system.

As a result of significant advocacy efforts and champions in the legislature, SEA was written into the state budget for the first time in our history! This investment over the 2019-21 biennium enables us to expand services into Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Thanks to you, SEA's work with students will continue into more areas with service gaps and need.

Your shared passion for and commitment to students has given their lives a new trajectory and strengthened our collective community.

Our future is filled with promise because of you.

In Solidarity,



Laura DiZazzo

**Executive Director, Seattle Education Access**

## New name coming soon!

# NWEA

— NORTHWEST —  
EDUCATION ACCESS

**We're so excited to share with you that in 2020, Seattle Education Access (SEA) will become Northwest Education Access (NWEA)! As SEA has grown, we've been outgrowing our name. Together, our board, students, and staff developed a name that represents who we are and where we hope to go.**





# Meet Mitzelle

I am a first-generation, low-income student, and I am devoted to the nursing field. I migrated to the United States in 2013. Growing up in the Philippines, I have seen some of the worst things possible just trying to live. I saw my passion along with my nursing degree as an instrument to give myself a brighter future and help my family escape poverty.

After four years of college, I can proudly say that I graduated Cum Laude with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Seattle University in August 2019. This would not have been possible without the SEA scholarship and my Education Advocate, Angela. She acted as a bridge, advocating for me and helping me find scholarship support.

I still have a few more steps to take before I am a registered nurse, including the nursing licensure exam. While I study for this exam, I am also applying to the residency program at Swedish Medical Center where I did my senior practicum.

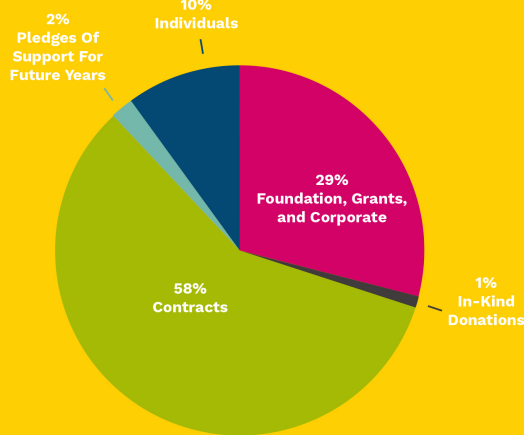
Higher education has changed my life! I have something that I can be truly proud of - a degree! As long as I don't quit, this will give me a brighter future. As my parents always say, "If there is anything they can give that no one else can take, it is an education."

# SEA 2018-2019 Report

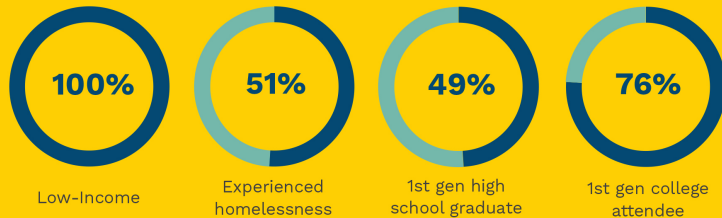
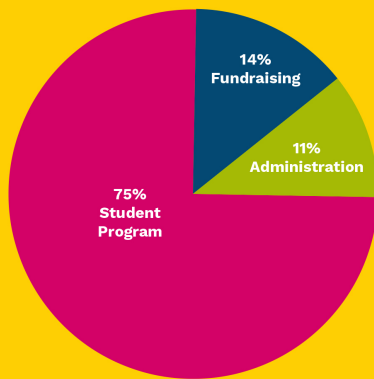
Students Served: 1,023



Revenue  
\$1,919,858



Expenses  
\$1,670,923



Thanks to your generosity, SEA awarded:

**\$134,410**

in scholarships to 198 students!

## College Prep Program

**549**

Students Received Assistance

**168**

High School Equivalencies Earned

**212**

College Placement Exams Taken

## College Success Program

**474**

College Students Served

**169**

Students Started College

**76**

Students Graduated with a Degree



**41%**  
male

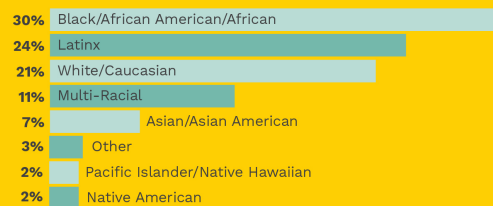


**54%**  
female



**5%**  
transgender/  
gender non-  
conforming

## Student Body



## 2018-2019 Corporate & Foundation Donors

Accenture	DXC Technology	Lucky Seven Foundation	Rotary Club of Mercer Island	Unisys Corporation
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