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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

JULIETTE CHIEN



Dear Friends and Champions,

2020 has been an historic year as our worlds have been turned upside down. So much troubles us and grieves us in our communities, nation, and world. Around the country, first-generation-to-college and low-income students are experiencing most the health, economic, and educational disparities exacerbated by these crises.

Our mission is more critical than ever before: to ensure that each one of our students is accepted into a 4-year university, equipped to reason, create, serve, and lead. We continue to dream--what might happen in our communities if these young people grow to be agents of blessing in their neighborhoods and workplaces? What might happen to the fabric of our society if these young people mature to be bridges of grace across divides? What might happen in our nation if these young people develop as leaders, refreshing our systems and institutions and traditions?

As we look back over the last three years, we're amazed and proud of our students' resilience and growth. We're finding that our relational approach pays pedagogical dividends. Our committed teachers provide necessary stability. Our small class sizes ensure each student receives attention. Our extended school day and enrichment programs provide support.

And, finally, surrounding our scholars with a network of champions lifts heavy burdens. A strong academic curriculum, student support, and community are contributing materially to a longed for Shalom in Bayview-Hunters Point. We hope this annual report offers a glimpse of that.

In August, our inaugural class started 9th grade—a new and bright chapter for us all. As we start high school, our hopes for growth in program quality and depth renew our commitment to meet the bigger challenges of high school and beyond—to keep rising. This fall, instead of growing in numbers, we chose to focus our resources and energy to build out a quality high school program on the foundations that have proven successful.

May the Lord keep raising our students to know their place in the world, how to serve and lead in it, to know the love of God for them, and to grow into the sign of justice and peace that they are and will be to our fractured world that God's reign is coming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Juliette Chien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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RISE PREP MODEL

THREE FOUNDATIONAL PILLARS

Rise University Preparatory is an independent Christian middle and high school, making accessible an academically rigorous education in a college-bound environment to the Bayview/Hunters Point community and beyond. Our goal is that 100% of Rise Prep scholars gain admission to 4-year universities. At Rise, we teach whole students, equipping them with the tools they need to reason, create, serve, and lead. Rooted in our neighborhood, Rise Prep is an outworking of God’s shalom—a place where students and families of different communities, ethnicities, and socioeconomic status unite to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

Rise Prep’s three foundational pillars form the basis of our educational approach, which models renewed urban education:



Rise Prep provides **a superb academic program** taught by exceptional, committed faculty that prepares scholars to attend a 4-year university.



Rise Prep's approach to learning and human development inspires **student and family flourishing**, as we all come to embrace our full identity as children of God.



Rise Prep seeks to contribute to and be enriched by the **beloved community** in the Bayview and beyond as an expression of God's just kingdom.

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RISE PREP MODEL IN-DEPTH SUPERB ACADEMICS

We hold our students to high standards of achievement in mastering a robust and rigorous academic curriculum.

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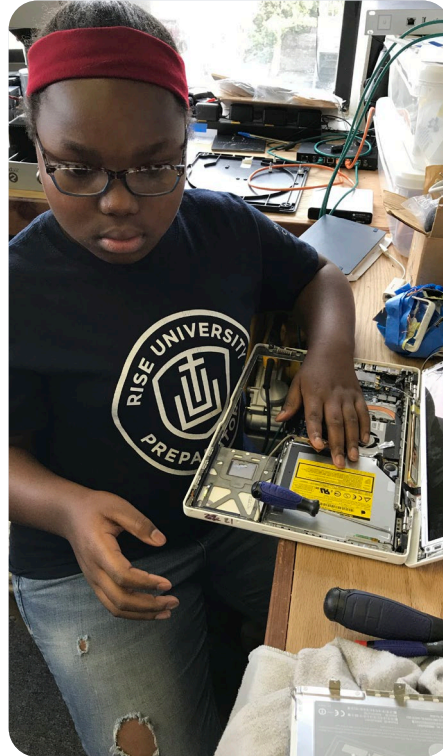
9-5 school day, offering more support and opportunity

10+

We hire excellent, stable, and proximate teachers. Most of our faculty have 10+ years of experience. Many have degrees from Stanford, Harvard, University of California, Wheaton and Princeton.

8:1

student to faculty ratio



Dynamic classroom instruction

Teaching is not transactional, it is relational. Learning is not mechanizing, its humanizing... As teachers, we strive to be loving guides who invite students to see the beauty of the world, to grow in understanding its subtlety and complexity, and to know what is true about it.



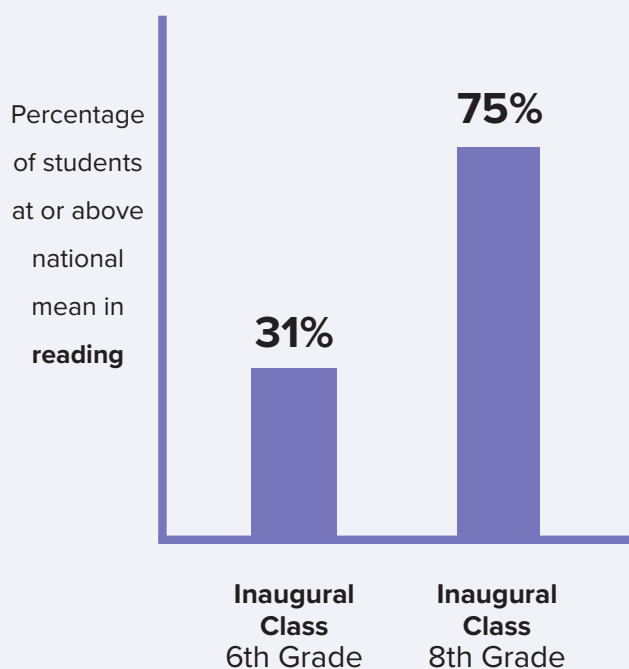
JEFF BOYD
Academic Dean

RISE PREP MODEL IN-DEPTH SUPERB ACADEMICS

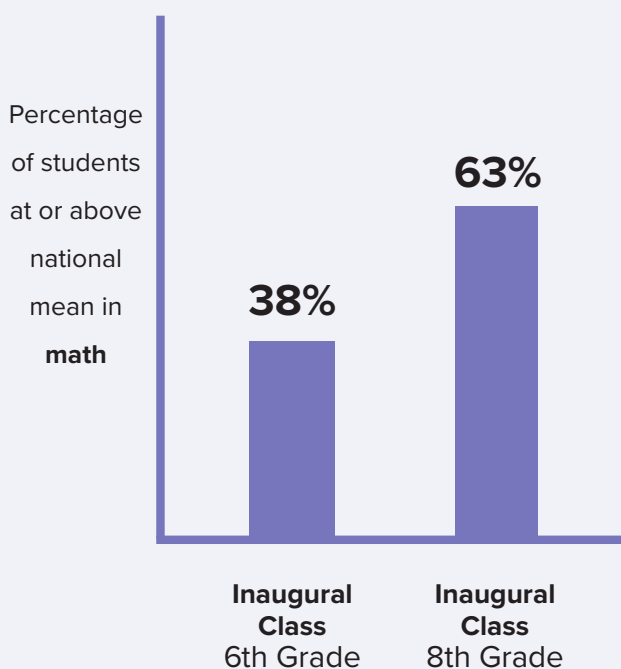
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Longitudinal results show significant gains in reading and math.

In 3 years, the percentage of students at or above national mean in reading grew **44%**.



In 3 years, the percentage of students at or above national mean in math grew **25%**.



Superb growth

Every year, Rise Prep tests students in 4 key subjects—math, reading, language, and science—using a nationally normed standardized test (NWEA). For students who have been at Rise for 3 years, **100% of them jumped one or more quintiles in at least one subject area.** That means if a student started in the 20-40th percentile, they have now moved to the 40-60th percentile or higher. **83% of those same students jumped one or more quintiles in at least two subject areas.** **50% of those same students jumped one or more quintiles in at least three subject areas.**

RISE PREP MODEL IN-DEPTH STUDENT AND FAMILY FLOURISHING

Rise Prep fosters the core values of honor, integrity, hard work, and generosity by providing activities and instruction that enrich the whole student and bless the whole family.

Qualities of a Rise Prep Scholar



Analytical Thinker

asks productive questions, discerns crucial evidence, makes key connections, and joins in scholarly dialogue.



Imaginative Creator

cultivates a vibrant imagination, envisions bringing about good, demonstrates resilience in the process of conceptualizing, drafting, evaluating, re-designing, and implementing.



Humble Leader

welcomes responsibility, cares for others, practices integrity, models service, fosters relationships.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10

Rise is developing the minds, bodies, and spirits of Bayview's tomorrow.



KIRK DAVIS

*Community Engagement
Director*

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Competitive sports program



In-depth enrichment program - fine art, makers lab, choir, coding



2 basketball championships in 2020



Parent **Net Promoter Score**

91%

of parents surveyed, **strongly agree** that Rise Prep is a place where people of all economic backgrounds can feel welcome.

What's different about Rise is that God is at its center. Because God is at the center of everything that Rise is doing, it helps in how Rise communicates with families, with students, and just overall as a community. It's very supportive.



LILA NELSON

Rise Parent

WHERE WE ARE

RISE PREP AND THE BELOVED BAYVIEW COMMUNITY

The story of Rise is interwoven with the story of our neighborhood, the Bayview, which sits in the southeast corner of San Francisco. While the Bayview has a rich cultural history and vibrant community, it also has also experienced the effects of social, environmental, and educational inequity. The Bayview has become the least desirable zone for district hires and its schools have some of the lowest test scores in the San Francisco Unified School District.

This creates a negative reinforcing cycle of deteriorating educational opportunities for students in the Bayview. Many of our youth in the Bayview seek schooling outside of the neighborhood, with some students busing up to 1 hour away.

Rise is a high-quality school rooted in the Bayview that is joining with the broader beloved community. We believe that the Bayview is not a problem to be solved, fixed or conquered. Rather, it is a blessed place with blessed people where God is actively at work. This is where truth is spoken to power, and the invisible is made real. This is where rooted neighbors can testify to God's mysterious, steady and long-lasting work borne out of people loving God and neighbor.

We are glad to be part of this story.

36%

Bayview teacher turnover is 36% compared to 21% for the rest of SFUSD.

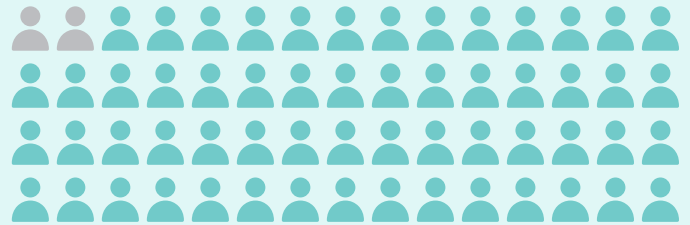
29%

29% of Black students and 25% of Latinx students in SFUSD do not graduate.

31%

31% of Black students and 37% of Latinx students graduate as University of California eligible.

Rise Prep Student Population



58 of 60 students served this year are people of color.

80%

We reserve 80% of our seats for students who are first to college, low-income, or Bayview/Hunters Point residents.

RISE PREP MODEL IN-DEPTH BELOVED COMMUNITY

Rise Prep values deep partnerships that cross traditional lines of division and foster harmony, peace, and justice. Rise Prep is embedded in the Bayview district of San Francisco, where we seek to be a true neighbor in our community.

We have a goal that every student feels known and advocated for by **5+ people** in the Rise community: teachers, tutors, financial supporters, and community members

90% We raise 90% of tuition costs from our supporter community, so Rise can be an affordable option for our students.



Weekly time with community leaders (pastors, business owners, community organizers) to share testimonies



JULIETTE CHIEN
Head of School



Sponsor Week



Daily tutoring time with community volunteers

RISE PREP SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT

Mariah

Member of Rise Prep 2024 Graduating Class

“I am so blessed to be a student at Rise Prep because I have a lot of people invested in my education.”



LA SAUNDRA OWENS

Sponsor

“I think Mariah is a special young lady. She has one of the warmest hearts I have ever seen in a child. She’s very talented in a number of things, and just really, really resilient.”

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Mariah and her family welcomed us when we moved to the Bayview, and I am blessed to be her teacher and friend.



JOANNA BOYD

Teacher

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SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



MARY HAO

Sponsor

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“I really saw something in Mariah. I saw a spark in her.”



DR. KAI KENNEDY

UCSF Physical Therapy Professor

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“I know Mariah wants to work in the healthcare profession, as a doctor or a nurse. My hope is that she has as much exposure as possible to those fields, and that she really finds the niche that is right for her.”

What made you want to be part of the Rise community?

“One of the things that we do here at the Warriors is to try to find organizations that really are making a difference, and we have the opportunity to have players and have resources that can help the mission of whatever organization that we are working with.”

MYESHA BROWN

*Golden State Warriors Basketball
 Community Relations Manager*

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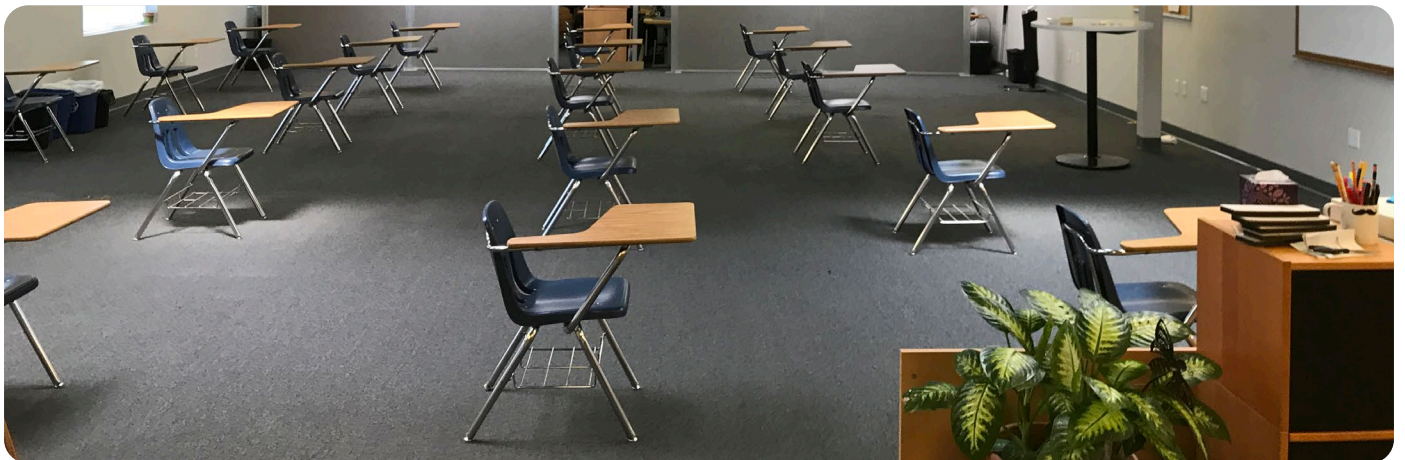
RISE PREP VOLUNTEERS & SCHOOL PARTNERS

While classroom learning led by experienced, committed educators is at the core of our program, we rely on scores of volunteers from our community to create a rich network of relationships that supports our students and staff throughout the academic year. To counter the large challenges many of our students bear, we surround our students with a larger community of adults dedicated to their growth as whole individuals.

Central to our community model are two key partnerships with organizations with whom we share physical space: Redeemer Community Church and Dayspring Technologies. This unique configuration between a school, a church, and technology firm gives us a broad spectrum of

advantages. Since our inception, Redeemer has played a crucial role in offering spiritual and relational support, buttressing our staff against the strain that usually characterizes this work. Dayspring continually donates professional services that free us to focus on our students. It also plays an active role in tutoring and providing role models of work for our students.

100% Dayspring has funded the development position at Rise such that **100% of donations go directly into our programs and serve our students.**



Dayspring Office Space Converted to Rise Classroom

RISE PREP VOLUNTEERS & SCHOOL PARTNERS



UCSF Physical Therapy Department - TeenFit program



Cameron Moberg - Street Art



Ultimate Impact



Golden State Warriors - girls at STEM tech day

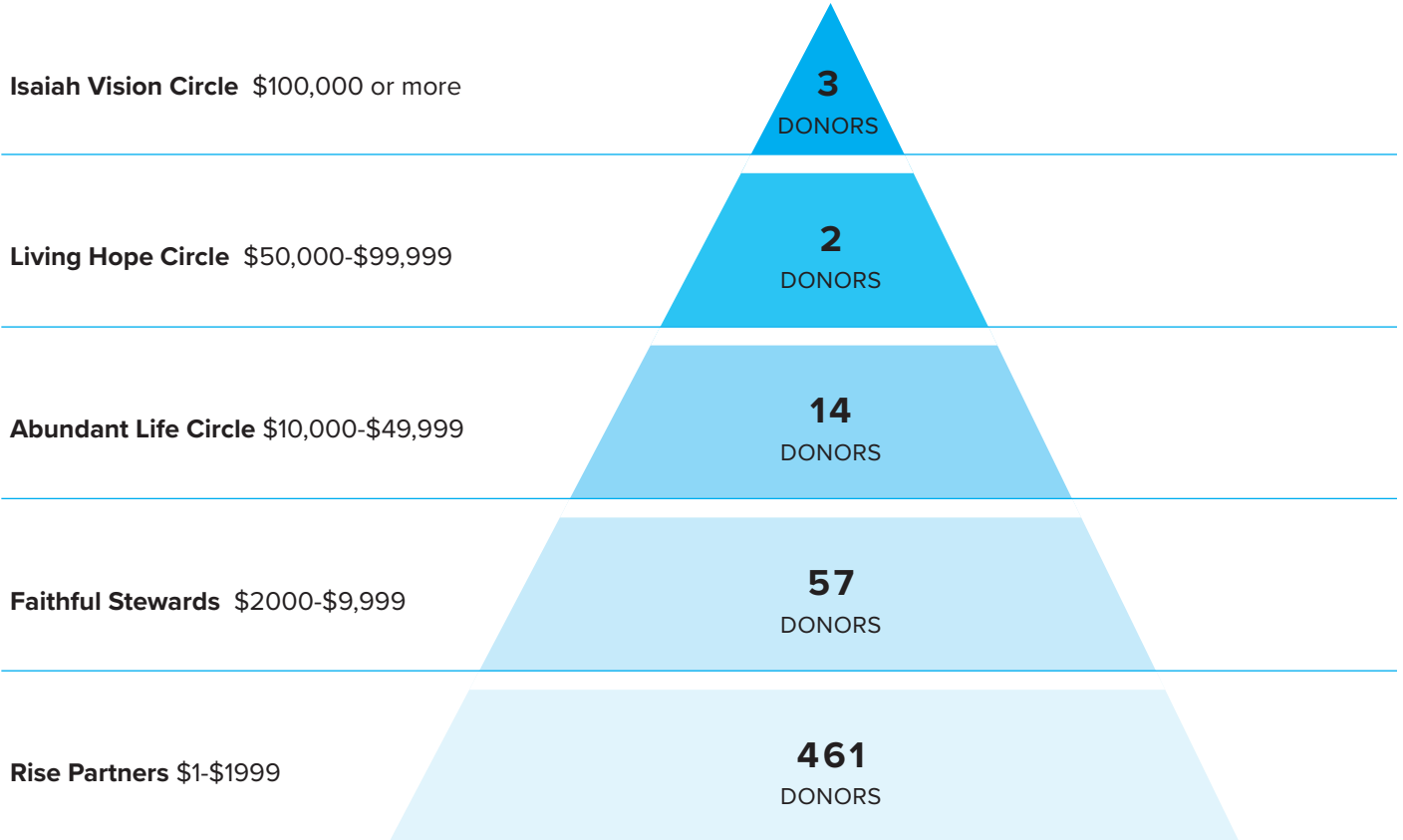
CHURCH PARTNERS

**Agape Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Church of the Sojourners
City Life Church
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church
CornerstoneSF
Grace Fellowship Community Church
Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Maranatha Presbyterian Church El Paso**

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Radiance
Reality SF
Redeemer Community Church
Shekinah Christian Fellowship
Sunset Ministry**

RISE PREP DONOR LEVELS

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FOUNDATIONS

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National Christian Foundation

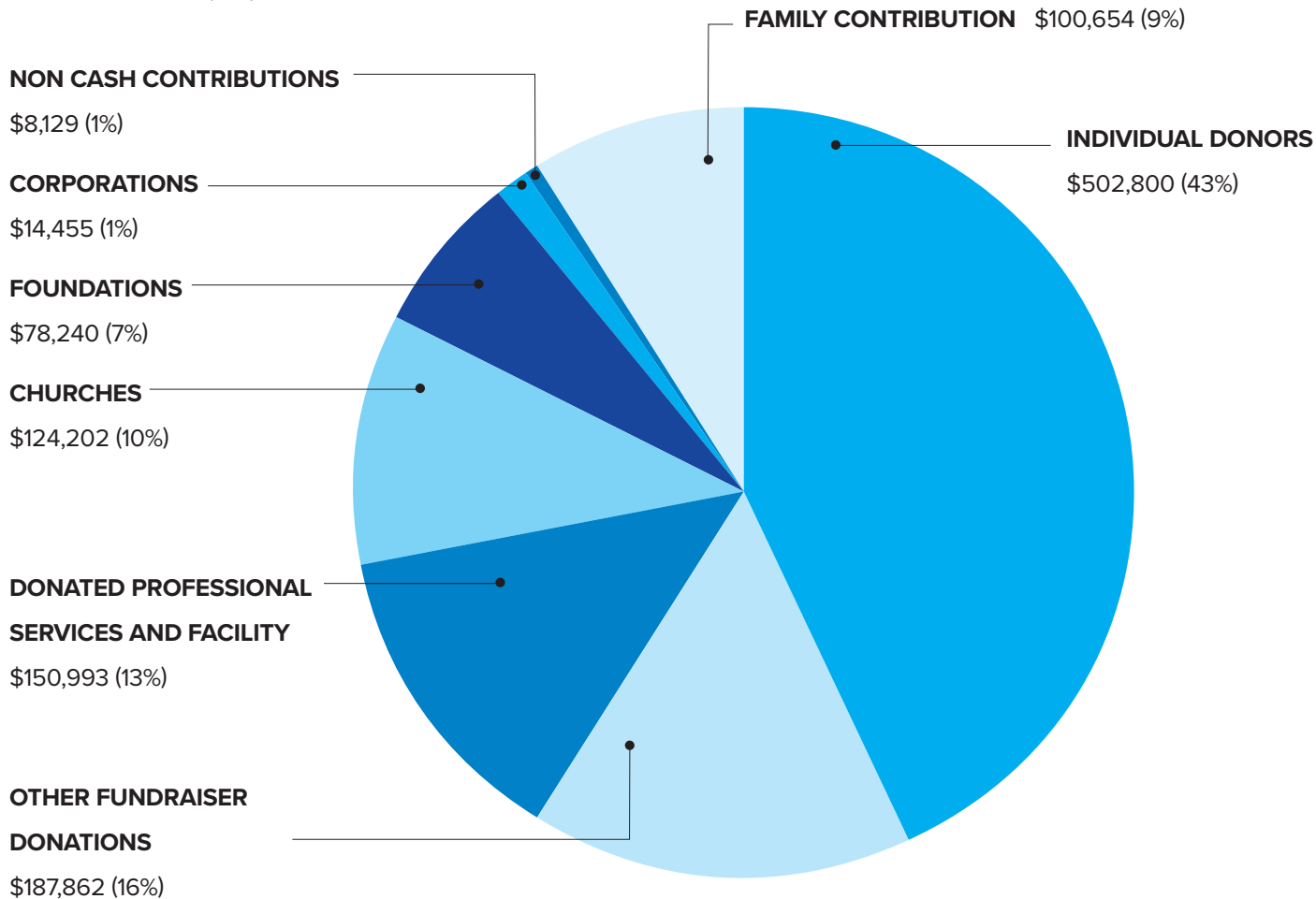
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

We Raise Foundation

RISE PREP FINANCIALS

JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

Total Revenue \$1,167,335



OPERATING BUDGET

Total Expenses \$798,460

Personnel Costs	587,511
Occupancy Costs	68,789
Administrative Costs	52,653
Student Services	52,487
(Classroom Instructional Materials, Field Trips, Sports/Extracurriculars)	
Instructional Services and Equipment	37,020

RISE PREP TEAM



FACULTY



JULIETTE CHIEN
Head of School



JEFF BOYD
Academic Dean



KIRK DAVIS
*Community Engagement
Director*



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Development Director



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*Admissions Director,
Athletic Director*



AYO AGUNBIADE
Teacher



JAMES BOYD
Teacher



JOANNA BOYD
Teacher



KRISTIN RAY
Teacher



DAN YAMAMOTO
Teacher



JENNIFER JEONG
Administrative Assistant



RISE PREP TEAM



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Church



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BOGUE**

Friend & Advisor

Counselor, Richmond Area
Multiservices, Inc

RISE PREP HIGH SCHOOL VISION

Rise Prep’s inaugural class enters high school!



We’re looking for a campus in the Bayview to better serve our students and curricular needs. Pray we can grow from our current 2400 square feet to a location of 5000+ square feet!

“I think it is extremely important to have a school of this caliber within this community. I have lived in the Bayview community all my life, and I have spent more than half of my life traveling outside of the community to get my needs met. I want more for my children. My daughter and I did not attempt to fill out any applications to any other high schools because Rise is where she wants to be.”

RISE PARENT

High School Program

FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
Logic & Debate	Modern World History	AP US History	AP Comparative Government
English 100	English 200	AP Language & Comp, English Elective	
Geometry	Algebra 2	Precalculus	AP Calculus, Statistics
Biology	Chemistry	AP Biology, Science Elective	
Spanish 1	Spanish 2	Spanish 3	Senior Thesis & Defense
Physical Education 100	Physical Education 200	STEM Elective, Fine Arts Elective	
OT Survey	Fine Arts/ Computer Science	Gospels (S1) Research & Writing (S2)	College Apps (S1) NT Survey (S2)

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RISE PREP GALA 2020

Virtual Livestream
Saturday, October 24, 2020,
6:00 pm

Nationally, COVID has brought the inherent inequities and racial injustices of our educational system more clearly to light. In the midst of these inequities, Rise Prep continues to embrace its call as an urban school with heart, soul, and strength. Join us as we hear stories of hope and resilience in this critical moment.

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