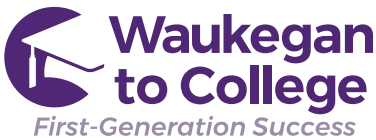


# 2018 Annual Report

# BE EXTRA ORDINARY



**10 Years of Helping  
First-Generation Students  
Graduate from College**

## Dear Friends of W2C,

Welcome to the first Waukegan to College Annual Report. We are proud to share our accomplishments and our vision for the future, and proud to have you with us on the journey.

This is the ideal moment to take stock of our initial decade, helping First-Generation students of Waukegan be admitted to and graduate from college. There are an impressive number of victories to be savored, but an even-greater number of challenges that lie ahead.

We are incredibly proud of our 45 college graduates—scholars—supported by indomitable families who have beaten incredible odds to claim their rightful place in the ranks of professional young Americans. These graduates are our ultimate proof point that the support offered by W2C does, indeed, lead to a college degree.

However, the work in front of us is daunting. There are approximately 17,000 students in the Waukegan school system. And with a college readiness rate of only 18% at Waukegan High School, we must and will find incremental and novel models with which to support a vastly larger percentage of these First-Generation families. Some of these new approaches are actually in beta testing already.

Others have yet to be imagined or created. But our mission is clear, and our passion is real.

Our ever-growing Volunteer Corps and our generous, committed donors have helped us to grow steadily over this first decade. Our student population has grown from 25 students in 2009 to nearly 200 in 2018. And this growth in scholars has been supported and nurtured by an Operating Budget growing from \$125,000 to \$532,000 over the same ten-year period.

Thank you for the myriad ways in which you have supported our mission. Your names and your efforts are “engraved” forever on the diplomas of our college graduates. We look forward to sharing an inspired future with each and every one of you.

With pride and gratitude,

Elyse Danckers  
Executive Director

Mary Sue Welch  
Board Chair



## 10 years ago,

Lake County United held community listening sessions, asking Waukegan residents to identify what was broken in their community.

The almost universal response was a concern about education and the community's low college attainment rate.

**“ We're worried that our children are not on a path to live the American dream.**

The Waukegan to College Blueprint was born, **focused on scholars in middle school through college graduation. We are results driven, community-based, and family-focused.**

We launched in 2009 with 25 students, matured in scope and capabilities, and became a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2012.

At W2C, we are helping to fill a crucial gap in the financially-challenged Waukegan public school system: preparing motivated first-generation college students for university admissions and beyond.

**We accomplish this through a robust variety of resources and an extraordinarily dedicated corps of volunteers, all devoted to helping students get on and stay on the road to a four-year degree.**

Our programming is broad and deep; we support students as young as 5th grade so they're always ready for the next level. We take a holistic, one-on-one approach with students and their families, preparing them for the academic, financial, social, and psychological realities of a four-year degree program.

### Our year-round programming includes:

COUNSELING

ADVOCACY

COACHING

TUTORING

ACT PREP

MATH SKILL BUILDING  
with KHAN ACADEMY

READ TO ACHIEVE

COLLEGE VISITS

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

ONE-ON-ONE HELP with  
APPLICATIONS

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

COLLEGE PERSISTENCE



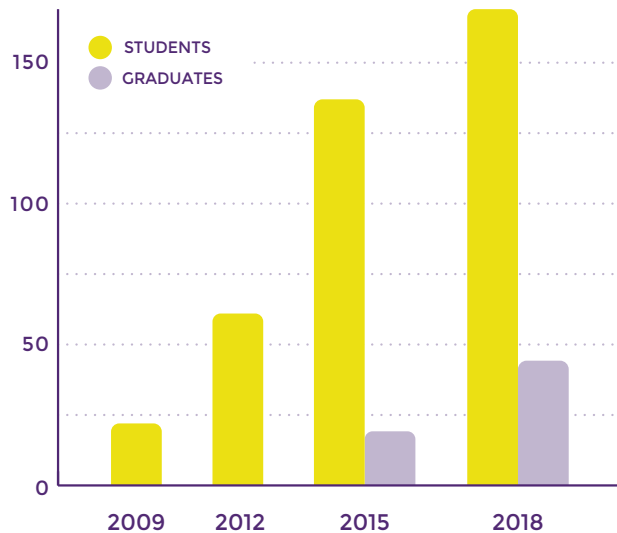
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## OUR GROWTH IS EXPONENTIAL

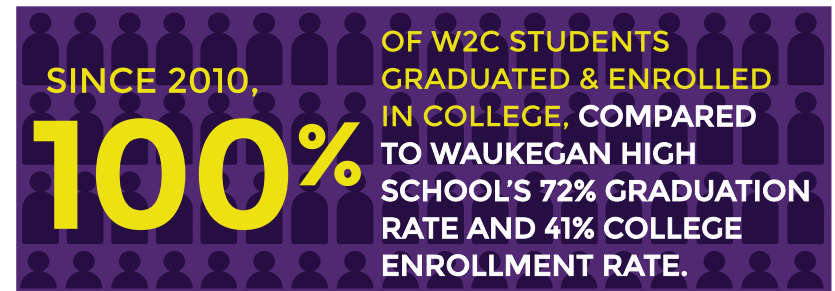


**524% INCREASE**  
IN W2C STUDENTS SINCE 2009

## Our college students continue to impress.

Our thirteen college graduates or 2017 grew our cumulative total to 45 First-Generation College graduates!

Our recent college grads have formed our first-ever Alumni Board.



## Our middle and high school students far outpace their peers.

Since 2010, all W2C students graduated from high school and matriculated to college!

70% of our students are on the honor roll or high honor roll.

79% of W2C students earned A's/B's in math, with 84% doing so in English.



# Saluting Our Graduates and the W2C Team

## Graduating High School Seniors – Class of 2022

Rafael Aguilera - Santa Clara University  
Adriana Amador - University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
Guadalupe Bueno - Coe College  
Ezau Calderon - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Elisa Flores - Denison University  
Juan Carlos Flores - Lewis University  
Jared Herrera-Sanchez - Lake Forest College  
Estrella Limon - Lake Forest College  
Anjelica Linares - University of Illinois, Springfield  
Ivan Martinez - University of Illinois at Chicago  
Veronica Martinez - Marquette University through CLC's  
Guaranteed Transfer Program  
Sebastian Salgado-Gonzalez - College of Lake County  
Tamara Sanchez - Northwestern University

## 2018 College Graduates

Francisco Aquino - Western Illinois University  
Osvaldo Calzada - Tufts University  
McKenzy Kelley - Lake Forest College  
Enrique Lazcano - Babson College  
Jesus Martinez - Dominican University  
Cynthia Padron - Lake Forest College  
Cecilia Rico - Cardinal Stritch University  
Krithika Sivaramakrishnan - Wellesley College  
Teairra Smith - University of Illinois, Chicago  
Anthony Strack - Wesleyan University  
Margarita Uriostegui - Denison University  
Maria Villarreal - St. Augustine College  
Kyle Williams - Illinois State University

## W2C Staff

Elyse Danckers, Executive Director  
Laura Rios, Program Manager  
Gaby Castrejon, Senior Program Associate  
Daisy Hernandez, Program Associate  
Ulysses Smith, Program Associate  
Destani Boyd, Americorps Service Member  
Brandi France, Americorps Service Member

## W2C Board of Directors

Mary Sue Welch, Chairman  
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## A Special Thanks

to our 100+ volunteers who dedicate their time and talent to supporting W2C students.



“ **THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS I’M NOW REALLY INVOLVED IN MY DAUGHTER’S EDUCATION.** W2C has motivated me to take English and computer classes and I learned how to be a leader in my community. I’m now part of the



W2C Board and an active member of the Parent Leaders Team. We are working to make changes in our community.  
*Maria, Parent*

W2C STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AT



THE NATIONAL RATE

“ **UP UNTIL HIGH SCHOOL, I DIDN’T THINK COLLEGE WAS AN OPTION.** My parents never talked about it, nor had they attended college themselves, and quite frankly, I didn’t know anyone who had a college degree. That all changed once I started 10th grade and joined W2C. Now I’m the first college graduate in my family.



*Liz, Lake Forest College, Class of 2016*

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For year ended June 30, 2018

### REVENUE

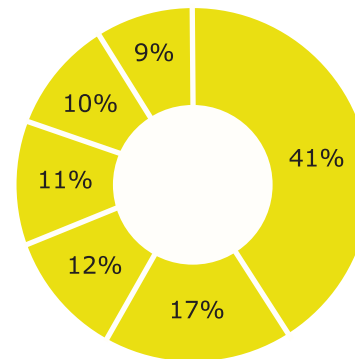
Contributions	\$205,241
Fundraising Events	\$66,368
Grants	\$220,337
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$491,946</b>

### EXPENSES

Program Services	\$318,703
General & Administrative	\$35,438
Fundraising	\$104,491
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$458,632</b>

### TOTAL NET ASSETS

Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$307,447
<b>Net Assets at the End of the Year</b>	<b>\$340,761</b>



### MAJOR PROGRAM EXPENSES

Advising	41%
Workshops	17%
Scholarships	12%
Field Trips	11%
Academic Enrichment	10%
Summer Camps	9%

# Thank you to our donors

## **\$25,000 and up**

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Mr. & Mrs. Ken Falkinham

## **\$10,000 and up**

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## **\$5,000 and up**

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## **A Special Thanks**

to Ken and Sandy Falkinham for their Falkinham Scholarship, a 4-year scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year that was awarded to an outstanding 2018 W2C senior with financial need.



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- ✓ BY MAKING A DONATION TO HELP US GROW OUR IMPACT.
- ✓ BY JOINING OUR VOLUNTEER CORPS TO BECOME A TUTOR, MENTOR, OR COACH.
- ✓ BY FOLLOWING OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND VISITING OUR WEBSITE: [WAUKEGANTOCOLLEGE.ORG](http://WAUKEGANTOCOLLEGE.ORG)

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