

2019 Annual Report

BE EXTRA ORDINARY



**Waukegan
to College**

First-Generation Success

To our W2C Family of Students, Parents, Friends, and Supporters,

We are pleased to share this synopsis of our fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Please think of this report as the official wrap up of our first decade and the exciting launch of our second!

Although our first ten years gave us much to be proud of, as you will see in the ensuing pages—we are certainly not resting on our laurels. We began this second decade with a candid and far-reaching assessment of our resources and opportunities, followed by a commitment and a plan to expand our reach and impact.

The ranks of W2C college graduates continue to grow. We are proud to count 52 college graduates among our most important accomplishments, with 17 more expected to join this select cohort this year.

However, we must do more. And—more we will do.

This past year we began two strategic initiatives that will be pivotal to our growth goals and our mission:

1. A robust College Persistency Program with dedicated resources and leadership, and
2. An expanded Community Outreach Program.



Both of these initiatives are data-driven, based on urgent, well-documented, unmet needs within our Waukegan school system and first-generation students and families.

The launch of this new decade also saw the addition of our first full-time Development Director, as well as plans to move our headquarters to new space—a home that will better support our expanded goals and initiatives.

But perhaps there is no greater proof point of our progress than our passionate and engaged Alumni Board. These young professionals (and recent W2C college graduates) are the true embodiment of our mission. They have personally experienced the joy of holding their college diplomas in their hands, and they are now “paying it forward” in myriad ways. They are extraordinary.

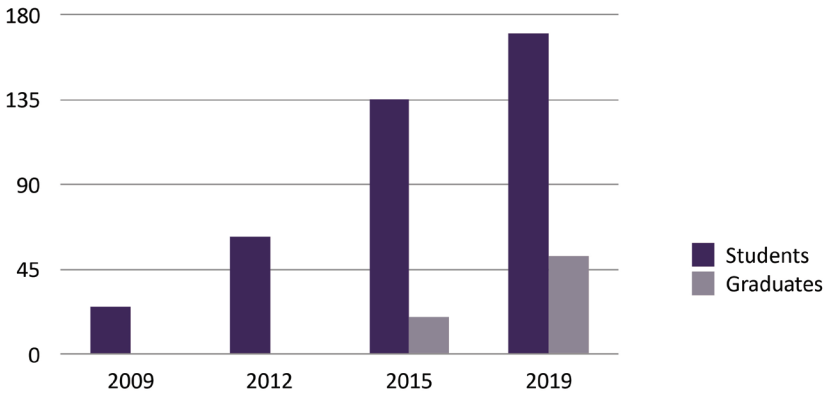
With pride and gratitude,

Elyse Danckers
Executive Director

Lauren Jiles-Johnson
Board Chair



EXTRA ORDINARY RESULTS



52 First-Generation College Graduates!

**We constantly strive to increase
the number of families we can serve**



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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Colleges of Our Scholars and Graduates



California

- Pomona College (College of Graduates)
- Santa Clara University (College of Current Students)

Connecticut



- Wesleyan University (College of Graduates)



Illinois

- Bradley University (College of Current Students)
- Chamberlain College (College of Graduates)
- College of Lake County (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- DePaul University (College of Graduates)
- Dominican University (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- Eastern Illinois University (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- Illinois Institute of Technology (College of Graduates)
- Illinois State University (College of Graduates)
- Knox College (College of Current Students)
- Lake Forest College (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- Lewis University (College of Current Students)
- Millikin University (College of Graduates)
- National Louis University (College of Current Students)
- Northern Illinois University (College of Current Students)
- Northwestern University (College of Current Students)
- St. Augustine College (College of Graduates)
- University of Illinois Chicago (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- University of Illinois Springfield (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (College of Current Students)
- Western Illinois University (College of Graduates)

Iowa



- Coe College (College of Current Students)



Massachusetts

- Babson College (College of Graduates)
- Tufts University (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)
- Wellesley College (College of Graduates)



Michigan

- Eastern Michigan University (College of Current Students)
- Western Michigan (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)

Nebraska



- York College (College of Current Students)



New York

- New York University (College of Current Students)

North Carolina



- Duke University (College of Current Students)



Ohio

- Denison University (College of Graduates/ College of Current Students)

Pennsylvania



- Bucknell University (College of Graduates)



Tennessee

- Belmont University (College of Graduates)
- University of the South, Sewanee (College of Graduates)

Washington, D.C.



- Georgetown University (College of Graduates)



Wisconsin

- Beloit College (College of Current Students)
- Cardinal Stritch University (College of Graduates)
- Carroll University (College of Graduates)
- Marian University (College of Graduates)
- Marquette University (College of Graduates)
- St. Norbert College (College of Graduates)

Saluting Our Graduates and the W2C Team

Graduating High School Seniors – Class of 2023

Maritza Aldama - Lake Forest College

Erick Castrejon - Western Michigan University

Marianne Chuy - Tufts University

Keyana Diaz - University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign

Aurora Flores Gaytan - Knox College

Jaselyn Gallegos - College of Lake County

Cymia James - New York University

Scarlet Mencia Cardoza - Cardinal Stritch University

Xitlali Ramirez - Duke University

Vania Torres - Cardinal Stritch University

2019 College Graduates

Flor Aldama - Cardinal Stritch University

Roberto Flores - University of Illinois, Springfield

Vanessa Flores - Dominican University

Maria Gaytan - Georgetown University

Fernando Tovar - Denison University

Kaream Williams - Millikin University

Magruillio Zuniga - Pomona College



W2C Staff

Elyse Danckers, Executive Director
Laura Rios, Program Director
Mike Marion, Development Director
Krystina Briones, College Persistence Manager
Gaby Castrejon, Senior Program Associate
Daisy Hernandez, Program Associate
Cecilia Harrington, Program Associate
Destani Boyd, Americorps Service Member

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The Power of Our Work



As an ambitious, bright but rather shy student caught in the low achievement and low expectation culture of Waukegan High School, Maria was truly at a loss. She knew her parents had sacrificed their livelihood and security so she could get a first-rate education. Maria and her family found her roadmap to college when she joined W2C.

This proud 2019 graduate of Georgetown University is currently participating in the highly-selective Teach for America program, working with grade school children with developmental disabilities

In sharing Maria's story, we are telling the story of Waukegan to College. We are telling the story of all the smart, dedicated First-Generation students and families who need a road map; who need role models to show them what is possible; who need champions to build them up.

W2C STUDENTS GRADUATE
FROM COLLEGE AT
5X
THE NATIONAL RATE



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For year ended June 30, 2019

REVENUE

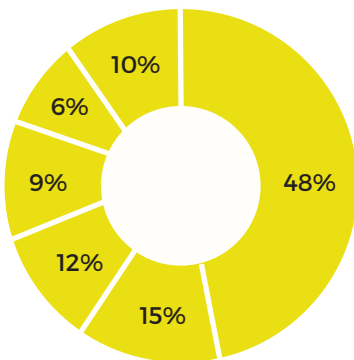
Contributions	\$205,932
Fundraising Events	\$128,587
Grants	\$358,769
Total Revenue	\$693,288

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$336,739
General & Administrative	\$65,157
Fundraising	\$108,799
Total Expenses	\$510,695

TOTAL NET ASSETS

Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$340,761
Net Assets at the End of the Year	\$523,354



MAJOR PROGRAM EXPENSES

Advising	48%
Workshops	15%
Scholarships	12%
Field Trips	9%
Academic Enrichment	6%
Summer Camps	10%

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A Special Thanks

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

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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**