

IMPACT REPORT



2024



HELPING ACHIEVE EQUITY THROUGH EDUCATION

While the year brought many unique challenges, College BoundAZ successfully rolled out a high level of services to a growing number of students in need.

	PROGRAM	DETAILS	OUTCOME
266	RISE Scholars	\$8 million in financial support for students	65% of high school seniors transitioned to college or trade school.
2,466	Fueling Minds with Heart	We stock food-pantries for student access	Better focus in class achieved by providing meal equivalents
42	Laptop Scholarships	We are closing the digital divide by providing laptops	42% of neediest students received college-ready laptops to help them succeed



“ I’m really thankful that I was able to be one of the RISE Scholars and able to go to college. ”

– Carlos Rios, Arizona State University



THE YEAR IN REVIEW



2024 was a year that sparked more support for underrepresented and First Generation youth wanting to go to college.



More laptops than ever were provided to our neediest students. A laptop is an essential tool to store coursework, collaborate, and develop projects for college success. The laptops are refurbished but meet specifications that make them college-ready.



Our increase in scholarships removes some of the financial stress students experience. Lack of finances can cause students already marginalized to fall through the cracks and perhaps not complete a postsecondary school at all.



We built partnerships with other organizations like Mesa West Rotary to enhance the resources available to RISE Scholars.

Summer Highlight

A new scholarship was added to help seniors for Fall 2024. The Dianna L. Sharps Achieve scholarship is renewable up to four years.

Autumn Highlight

A partnership with Mesa West Rotary was launched to benefit Mesa unaccompanied youth in the McKinney-Vento program.

Winter Highlight

Our website was relaunched to reflect the Equity through Education initiative. The website design was donated by Maxify Pro Marketing.

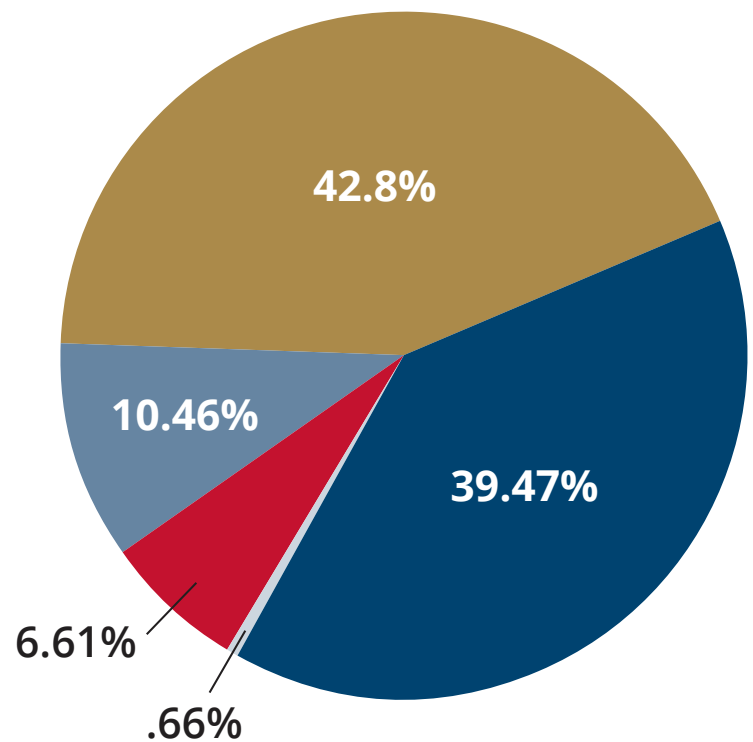
Spring Highlight

Three more scholarships were added to help students going to college in Fall 2024, donated by Matt Watson, State Farm, Mesa West Rotary, and Sun State Builders.

REVENUE



- Individual
- Investment
- Fundraising
- In Kind
- Grants



“RISE Scholars inspired me that I could go to college, and I’m grateful for the scholarship I received.”

– Kyle Lile, Arizona State University

WE'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We couldn't be more grateful to those who made it possible for us to continue our reach into the community.

- **Otto and Edna Neely Foundation**
- **Valley of the Sun United Way**
- **Thunderbird Charities**
- **East Valley Institute of Technology (EVIT)**

Our many individual donors collectively provided education possibilities through laptops and other scholarships.

Thank you for your continued support and belief in the power of education. Together, we are building a legacy of success and opportunity for generations to come.

