



# PASSAGEWAY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION



Annual Report

2017-2018 Academic Year

Dear Passageway Friends, Supporters and Donors,

At Passageway Scholarship Foundation, we have the honor of helping ROP alumni achieve their educational and professional goals. In the 2017-2018 academic year, Passageway provided scholarships for students in schools across the country including Cincinnati School of Barbering, Shippensburg University in PA, Glendale Community College in AZ, Arizona State University, University of Kansas and the University of Denver Morgridge Graduate School of Education.

I am inspired by the resiliency of the young people we serve and the potential they all have. In this annual report, we're sharing some of our scholars' stories and notes of gratitude, so you, too, may be inspired. I hope you will recognize the importance of our mission and the ripples of positive change created when we educate a young mind and provide hope for the future.

In gratitude and appreciation,



Lisa Broman

Executive Director

*Offering Rite of Passage youth who have the desire to succeed, the means to do so.*

# Mr. Lucero

## Teaching Us All the Value of Education

Passageway Scholar Vincent Lucero has been teaching fourth grade social studies for three years, but for almost a decade, he has shown us all how to be resilient, tenacious and committed to education.

After graduating from Ridge View Academy in 2004, Vincent enrolled in Metropolitan State University of Denver. As a first generation college student, Vincent found school financially overwhelming, but he persevered and remained committed to getting an education, even sleeping in his car at times and going without a phone in order to pay tuition. After

many years of hard work in and out of the classroom, Vincent earned his degree in Chicano Studies and Elementary Education.

In his own classroom, Mr. Lucero encourages students to become engaged citizens of the world, to achieve academically and to understand the value of education. He knows first-hand how an education can change one's life. And, he continues to teach through example. In June, he graduated with a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies with the Principals Licensure at the University of Denver.



## 2017 & 2018 Financial Breakdown



### Jordan graduated in May with his associates degree from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, CA:

*"All of this wouldn't have been possible without you guys. Thank you for the help throughout the years believing in me when I didn't even believe in myself. You guys are miracle workers. Please continue to do what you do."*



### Kelsey is a sophomore at Metropolitan State University of Denver with plans to enter the medical field:

*"A prominent reason I so adamantly seek an education and an esteemed career is my daughter Zelda. . . In order to raise a strong, outspoken, fierce young woman, I must be this myself."*

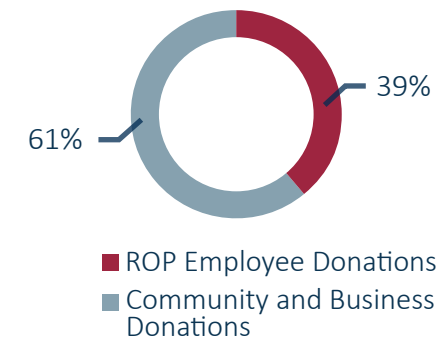
*The financial support that Passageway provides allows me to fulfill my obligations not only as a student, but also as a mother. Less than pleasant experiences in the foster care system once made me question whether good people still exist. Since beginning my education at MSU Denver, I have time and time again become acquainted with good people. Being a recipient of a selfless act feeds a similar drive within myself. A billion "thank you's" will never serve to express the gratitude I have for my donors. Rather, I hope to show my appreciation through hard-earned good grades and a career in the medical field where I, too, can help others.*

*My voice cannot convey the appreciation I have for the Passageway Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for helping me attain a quality education. Thank you for showing me that good people do exist, and for inspiring me to be the best one I can be."*



100%

of all donations go directly to scholarships



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scholarships awarded in 17-18 school year

State of Financial Position		
	2018-2017	2017-2016
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	\$ 82,331.19	\$ 63,695.29
<b>Expenses</b>		
Scholarships	\$ 73,957.45	\$ 59,254.84
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 8,373.74	\$ 4,415.45
<b>Funds Balance</b>	\$ 773,796.87*	\$ 765,423.13

\*As of July 31, 2018

**ROP matches all employee donations dollar for dollar and covers all administrative costs.**

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## Student Gratitude... in their own words



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