The CAP is an intensive year of highly effective college admissions and financial aid coaching that empowers high school seniors to make informed college choices.

Combined Site Totals
(New London and Willimantic)

TOTAL AID RECEIVED
$632,187
Merit aid, institutional grants, private scholarships

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS
$228,345
From private organizations and foundations

SCHOLARSHIP AVERAGE
$2,755
Average amount received per scholarship recipient

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

UCONN 42
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XAVIER UNIVERSITY

Spotlight on Willimantic

93% ENROLLED DIRECTLY

Thanks to the generosity of the Jeffrey P. Ossen Foundation and a strong partnership with Eastern CT State University, we have been working diligently to serve students in the Willimantic area so they too can realize the promise of higher education.

Advisors help students to demystify college options, produce well-crafted applications, and navigate the financial aid process.

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SUCCESS PROGRAM

The Success Program is for students who participated in the CAP and have enrolled in college. Success students get continued support throughout their college experience until they graduate, in the form of campus visits, workshops, and regular communication with their advisor.

97%

PERSISTENCE
Higher Edge Success students persist to their second year of college at double the rate of their peers.

TARGETED PROGRAMMING
Advisors use the SAFE Status model (Student’s Academic, Financial and Emotional well-being) to pinpoint and troubleshoot obstacles with Success students.

163 Success Students...and counting!

FINANCIALS 2018-2019

REVENUES

- Foundations/Grants $145,132 (61%)
- Individual Donations $14,442 (6%)
- Earned Income $55,800 (23%)
- Events $23,645 (10%)

EXPENSES

- Programming $272,472 (84%)
- Administrative $27,868 (9%)
- Fundraising $23,604 (7%)

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Meet Christina. She is a senior at Connecticut College where she has been actively involved in campus life. She founded Las Voces Unidas - a student club - and, is a Fellow at the Holleran Center for Community Action. Last spring, she served as a Connecticut Education Committee Legislative Intern in Hartford and, last summer, interned for the Office of CT Governor Ned Lamont. This May, Christina will be the first in her family to graduate college!

Christina is one of the 225 students we are working with this year - she started with a dream to attend college and is about to reach her goal. With your help, Higher Edge is growing and reaching more students every year.

This year’s report card illustrates the transformational work we’re doing with students, on college campuses, in our communities, and across the state. We need your help to strengthen Higher Edge programming for all of our students.

Thank you for being a part of our team!

"I can wholeheartedly say that I would not be where I am today without the support of Higher Edge. As a first-generation college student, I had no idea where to begin this process or if college was feasible for me. I am thankful to be a part of Higher Edge and for my advisor who guided me through this journey."

-Christina Cruz
Higher Edge Success Student
Connecticut College, ‘20

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