REPORT CARD
**College Access Program**

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.

**Total Aid Received**
- $772,934
- Merit aid, institutional grants, private scholarships

**Total Scholarships**
- $214,521
- From private organizations and foundations

**Scholarship Average**
- $3,830
- Average amount received per scholarship recipient

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**Combined Site Totals**
(New London and Willimantic)

**93%**
- Enrolled Directly
  - Percent of students enrolling directly into college after high school.

**75%**
- 4-Year Institutions
  - Percent of students enrolling in four-year colleges and universities.

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**Spotlight on Willimantic**

83%
- Enrolled Directly

Thanks to local funders 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.

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**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

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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.

### PERSISTENCE

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

### TARGETED PROGRAMMING

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### 152 Success Students

...and counting!

FINANCIALS 2019-2020

**REVENUES**

- Foundations/Grants $246,810 (94%)
- Events $6,500 (2%)
- Individual Gifts/Other $10,309 (4%)

**EXPENSES**

- Programming $194,476 (73%)
- Administrative $71,595 (26%)
- Fundraising $1,837 (1%)

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Meet Luis. Luis is a senior at Providence College where he has taken advantage of various leadership opportunities. He serves as a resident assistant, secretary for the Organization of Latin American Students, and a mentor for the college’s Peer Mentorship Program which focuses on first-generation students. This past fall, he competed in a data analytics bootcamp where he and other students analyzed an investment scenario and presented findings in front of big corporation partners. In May 2021, Luis will graduate with a degree in management - with a minor in finance. He plans to pursue his MBA at Providence College to prepare for a career in finance and data analytics.

Luis is one of the 152 students we are working with this year - he started with a dream to attend college and is about to reach his 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!

"The call from Higher Edge notifying me that I’d been accepted into the program changed my life. Higher Edge gave me the opportunity to receive the guidance I never would have had on my own. Being a first-generation student, my mother, unfortunately, couldn’t help me with the application process. From the beginning, Higher Edge broke every process down for me in my search for picking the right school, and didn’t leave me abandoned once I started that next step in my first year. Higher Edge has been the resource to help me navigate this chapter in my life so that I wouldn’t be lost and hopeless, and has helped me be equal to others that have the resources to back them up. My wish is that Higher Edge continues to touch and change the lives of others in our community.

-Luis Urena
Higher Edge Success Student
Providence College, ’21"