



# 2022-23

## GRATITUDE REPORT



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# A Word from our Leadership



Dear Wonderful Donor,

Thank you for your support during our 2022-23 fundraising year!

It was another great year for our students. Thanks to your donations, academics, arts and athletics were present in our schools, enhancing our children's education!

This, our annual Gratitude Report for donors, outlines all of the wonderful opportunities you helped make happen for our Santa Monica public school students. From Academic Enrichment Grants, which gave teachers the chance to bring exciting projects to their classrooms; to sorely needed athletic equipment and uniforms; to an array of art offerings for students in TK through 12th grade, every student was touched by your gift.

This past year saw an unprecedented level of Ed Foundation investment in competitive school sports. Samohi received funding for new equipment and personnel that benefited all of their school teams and athletes. We were excited to provide seed funding for the long-planned competitive Middle School Athletic program. In Spring 2023, hundreds of middle school students attended the first sports clinics created by a new Athletic Coordinator position funded solely by the Ed Foundation. The demand for the program was tremendous and validated our investment in this important area of education.

YOU made all of the above, and so much more, possible. Your investment in Santa Monica's public school students ensured that they have access to what makes their education vibrant. Your support that provided our children with these extraordinary aspects of their education.

What rang true all year was this: your generosity and commitment to every child in Santa Monica's public schools. THANK YOU!

With gratitude,

Linda Greenberg  
Interim Executive Director

John Baracy, President  
2022-2023 Board of Directors



Linda Greenberg



John Baracy

## OUR MISSION

To engage the community to invest in a vibrant educational experience for all students in the Santa Monica public schools.

# Your Dollars at Work...

## ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT GRANTS

Last year, the Ed Foundation brought back its Academic Enrichment Grants program for our Santa Monica teachers for the first time since 2012. During the 2022-2023 school year, we awarded grants to teachers for a total of \$30,000, thanks to you!

The Ed Foundation's Academic Enrichment Grants give Santa Monica teachers an opportunity to enrich their classrooms with innovative programs, projects and field trips. Teachers can apply for individual grants for up to \$1,000 and they can also apply for Super Grants for up to \$5,000. These Super Grants are only awarded to collaborative teams (within one school, one grade level, one core, one department or one house) to encourage innovation and collaboration between teachers.

School	Project Title
Franklin	Interpretation Book Clubs/Novel Study (5th Grade)
Grant	Learning Through Play – Story Retelling and Reenacting (TK)
McKinley	Phonics Books for Phenomenal Readers
Roosevelt	Growing Culturally Relevant Libraries School-wide
SMASH	Core 2 Physics Project
JAMS	Vocal Solo Coaching Workshops
JAMS	Mousetrap Car Project
JAMS	8th Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Tolerance
Lincoln	The Birdhouse & Catapult Projects
Lincoln	VR headsets to Take Field Trips Around the World
Lincoln	The Lunchbox Project
Samohi	Bodies 2.0 Exhibition Field Trip
Samohi	Asian American Literature Texts for 9th Grade
Samohi PBL	"We Are America" Project



Birdhouse Project

We were thrilled to see so many exciting projects and programs benefitting our students! One middle school purchased VR headsets so that students could go on “field trips” anywhere in the world. A Samohi teacher bought a set of new books focused on Japanese literature that is now a core part of his curriculum for the coming years. And a group of elementary school teachers wanted to bring more culturally relevant books to their school so that every child could see themselves in these books.

Check out the complete list of schools and grants to see how YOU impacted students.



Library of VR Headsets

# Your Dollars at Work...

## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Thanks to a grant the Ed Foundation secured from an anonymous donor, Samohi athletics were given a boost last year! The Samohi athletic department was able to hire a strength and conditioning coach and also purchase a number of items to enhance the department, including: team uniforms; tournament fees; replacement equipment for sports teams; and a new HUDL system, which films players for coaches to review key plays and give feedback

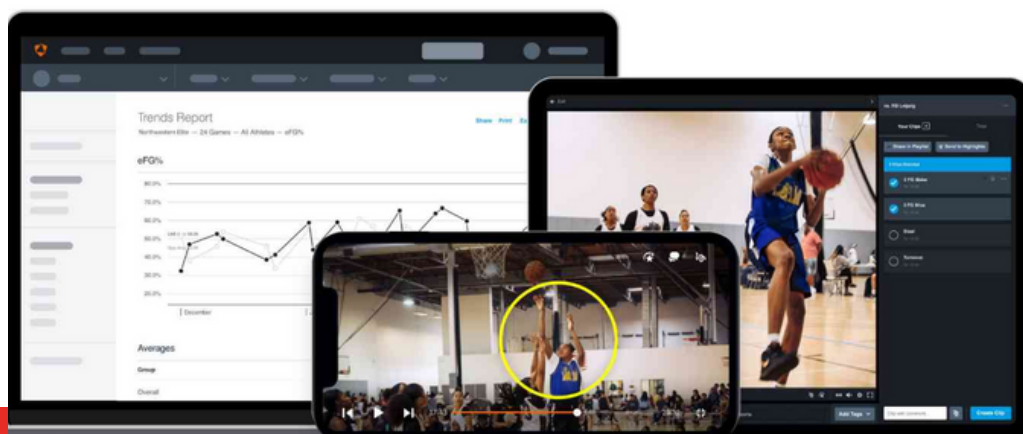
"We are so appreciative to this amazing donor," said Coleen Davenport Paysinger, Samohi's Athletic Director. "We were able to help programs [that] were in the most need for replacement and updating the needs of their program. [There is] still much more work to do to cover all teams, but this was an amazing start to the Ed Foundation's support of high school athletics."



Strength and Conditioning Coaching

Athletics can be such an important part of a student's educational experience. Being part of a team encourages students to try new activities, make more friends, push themselves, and take responsibility for personal fitness. Team sports – and athletics in general – also teach students how to face disappointment, lose gracefully, communicate with others, and continue to work hard, even after a victory.

Interested in helping build an Athletic Endowment to support athletics in our Santa Monica schools in perpetuity? Please email [info@smedfoundation.org](mailto:info@smedfoundation.org).



HUDL - Athletic Performance Technology



# Your Dollars at Work...



## MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER

The Ed Foundation has proudly funded after-school theater programs at Lincoln and JAMS (including students from SMASH) for over 10 years. Funding from our For The Arts Endowment pays for a drama teacher, Chad Scheppner from Theater 31, who works with over 100 students at each site. This theater program attracts students of all interests and abilities, whether they've had previous experience or not. Not only do they end their experience with four incredible public performances, they've learned to work together and create lasting friendships. There's something for everyone in this program.

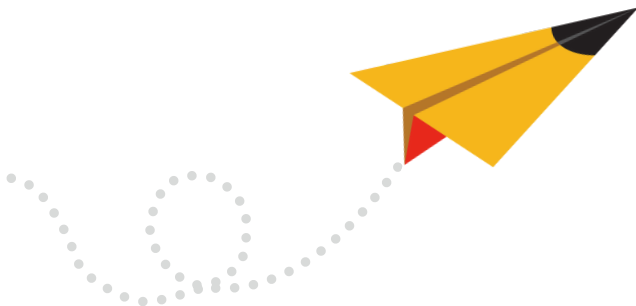
In 2022-2023, students in the Lincoln Theater Program performed in "Peter Pan" and students from JAMS/SMASH Theatre Company performed in "Grease."



JAMS/SMASH Theatre - "Grease"

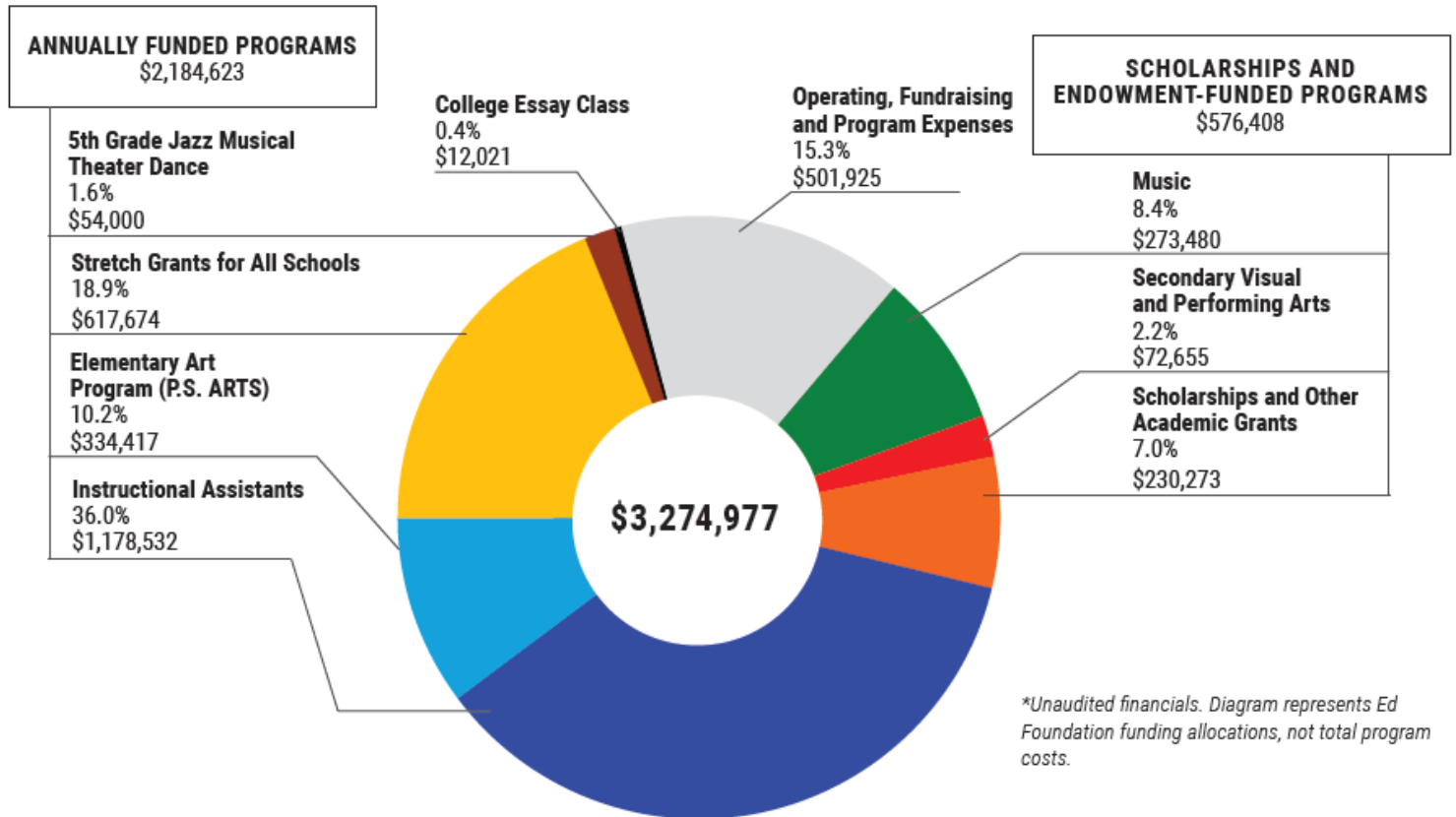


Lincoln Theater - "Peter Pan"



# Financial Overview

## 2022-2023 Allocated Funds



# Here's What YOU Made Possible!

# \$2,513,804

DIRECTLY INVESTED IN OUR  
STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS IN 2022-23

## \$30k

in **Academic Enrichment Grants** for teachers to supplement curriculum

## 70

**Instructional assistants** in our elementary classrooms

## 541

Third graders received **recorders and music books**

## 600

Sixth graders inspired by **dance education** in our middle schools

## 800+

Samohi student athletes benefitted from **new equipment and technology**

## 3,339

Elementary students explored their creativity with **P.S. ARTS**





# Investing today helps them tomorrow. Congratulations to Samohi's Class of 2023!

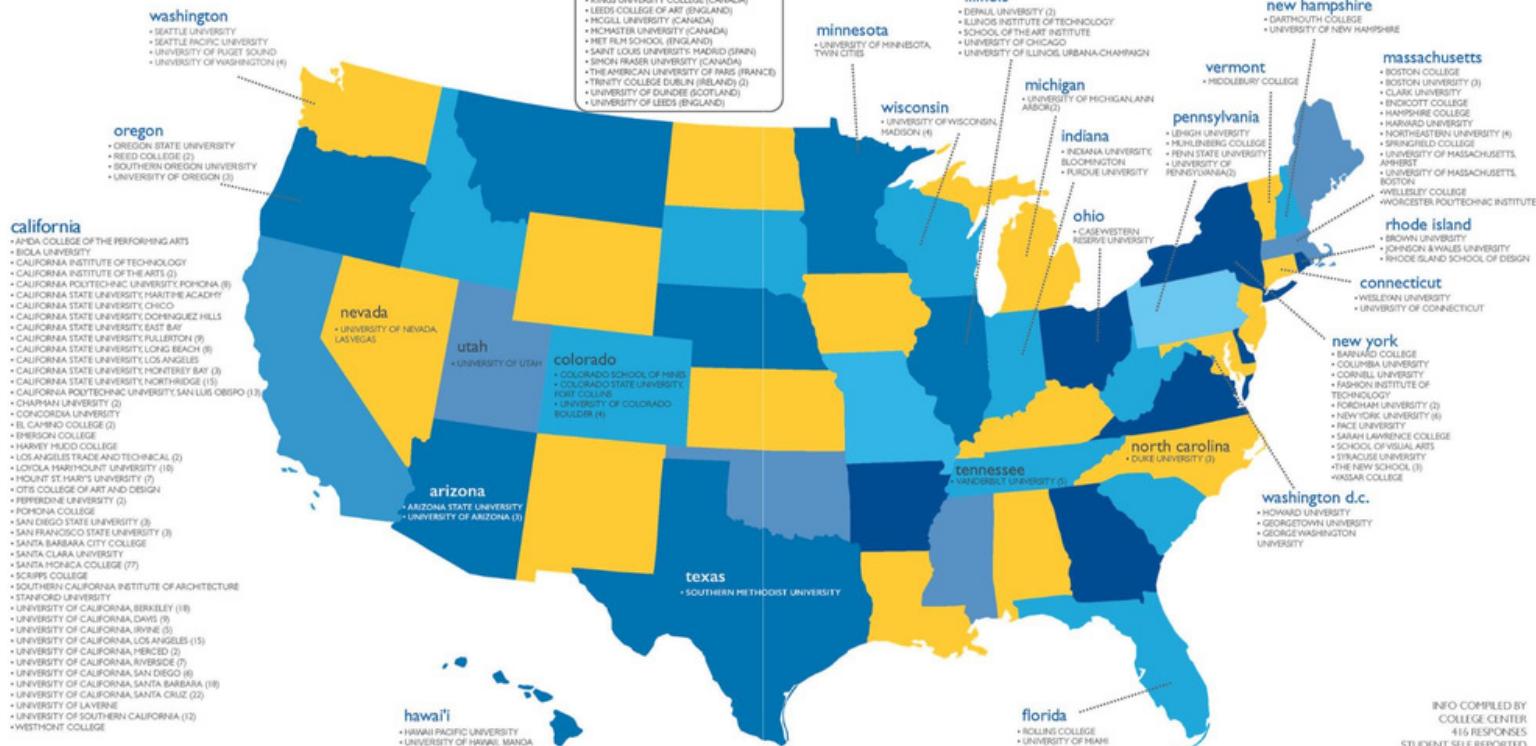
## Samohi Class of 2023 – Off to Great Places!

### international

- ABERDYTH UNIVERSITY (WALES)
- CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY MONTREAL (CANADA)
- DUKE UNIVERSITY (CHINA)
- ESSEC BUSINESS SCHOOL
- GOLDSMITHS UNIVERSITY (ENGLAND)
- IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON (ENGLAND)
- JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY (ITALY)
- KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE (CANADA)
- LEEDS COLLEGE OF ART (ENGLAND)
- MCCALL UNIVERSITY (CANADA)
- MCMASTER UNIVERSITY (CANADA)
- MET FILM SCHOOL (ENGLAND)
- SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY MADRID (SPAIN)
- SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY (CANADA)
- THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS (FRANCE)
- TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN (IRELAND) (2)
- UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE (SCOTLAND)
- UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS (ENGLAND)

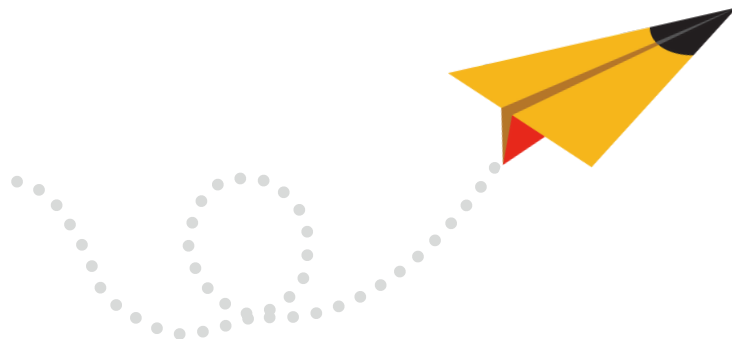
### other

- POSTGRADYEA
- UNITED STATES COAST GUARD



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COLLEGE CENTER  
416 RESPONSES  
STUDENT SELF-REPORTED  
COLLECTED ON JUNE 25

a map of senior destinations for fall 2023



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