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**2018-19
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Annual Report**

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I deeply appreciate the thoughtful folks in the Berkeley High School Development Group. They care about our school, they care about all of our students, and they listen to staff input and priorities as they make funding decisions. I'm very grateful for the support!" **-Erin Schweng, BHS Principal**

565

students participated in field trips

92

new Chromebooks

58

grants funded

\$339,849

awarded

93¢

of every dollar went directly to programs that support teachers and students

5520

after school tutoring sessions

100

testing and college application fees paid

By the Numbers

Spotlights

CELEBRATING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT

In 1968, a group of pioneering students went on strike to demand that Berkeley High form a Black Studies program. More than 50 years later, the African American Studies Department—featuring 14 courses about the African American experience—remains the only program of its kind in the nation.

Your donations greatly enriched a yearlong celebration in 2018–2019 of the 50th anniversary of the department’s founding. Two thousand students enjoyed all-day presentations from six veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, as well as assemblies featuring “inspiring” and “engaging” African American storytellers and musicians. In addition, more than 50 students in the department experienced a performance of Detroit ’67 at the Aurora Theater—with many of the students seeing a play for the first time. **“It was incredible to see and talk with people with firsthand experience,”** said one student after the Civil Rights presentations. **“About the storytellers, another student said, “This has inspired me to tell my own stories.”**



A SPOTLIGHT ON THE MATH CURRICULUM

When teachers and students work together to improve, everyone’s learning benefits. Donations to BHSDG in the 2018–2019 school year enabled 40 BHS teachers to stay after school and provide free tutoring to any student who needs a little extra support. That effort includes dedicated tutoring rooms for Math 1, 2, and 3, where at least 30 students per day receive help. **“Knowing that my math teacher is available a couple days a week after school gives me confidence and comfort,”** said one student. **“I use the teacher tutorials every week and it has helped me tremendously.”**

Your donations have also made possible critical professional development opportunities for BHS math teachers. Donations funded a first-of-its-kind professional development day for all 24 teachers in the math department to build community and align course expectations. As a result, all Math 1 classes developed a consistent grading policy and teachers shared best practices in areas such as test corrections. In addition, seven teachers were able to attend the California Mathematics Council North’s annual conference, where one teacher gave a presentation about how to address students’ math misconceptions.



STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL’S TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

Without your donations, BHS would have had fewer technology resources to help students learn. Currently five students in AC and BIHS share each Chromebook (and two students in AHA, AMPS, and CAS share each Chromebook). Ensuring that every student can access opportunities for academic success remains a top priority for BHSDG grants.

BHSDG funded over \$53,000 in technology and equipment grants in the 2018–2019 school year. Among the new resources provided were 92 badly needed Chromebook replacements and upgrades to increase student access to technology for BIHS, Science, and Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA). Your donations also funded 220 Kindle Fires that will reduce textbook costs while enabling new learning opportunities. In addition, donations have supplied resources such as headphones for special education students, a new printer for the Registrar’s Office, literacy software, five cameras for the yearbook team, and a fully automated Zirbus autoclave for the Science department.



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Partners Luncheon Raises \$65,000 for Berkeley High

“The experience that my youngest daughter has had at Berkeley High is the single best experience that any of my children has had at any school. I think Berkeley High is a really important institution to preserve.” **–Michael Lewis, author**



This March, BHSDG held its annual luncheon for 82 business partners and friends, serenaded by a Berkeley High alumni jazz ensemble in the welcoming environment of Revival Bar + Kitchen in downtown Berkeley. Bestselling business author Michael Lewis was the guest speaker. In a wide-ranging interview with BHS parent Claire Ferrari about his book *The Fifth Risk*, which documents a US government under attack by its own leaders, Lewis also touched on his own experiences as a parent of a Berkeley High student and gave the school high praise.

Thanks to the generous support of dozens of business partners and individual donors, the luncheon set a new fundraising record, raising \$65,100 for BHS students. Speaking at the event was student Ryan Walton, class of 2019: “**The money donated to Berkeley High’s College and Career Center has allowed me the opportunity to apply to top universities, which has given me the chance to be admitted into amazing institutions that I otherwise would not have had the chance to attend.**”

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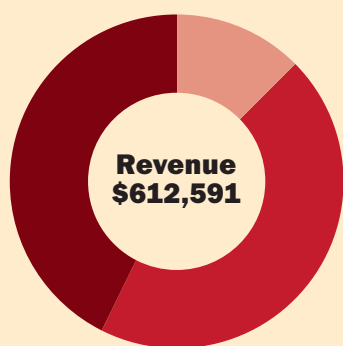


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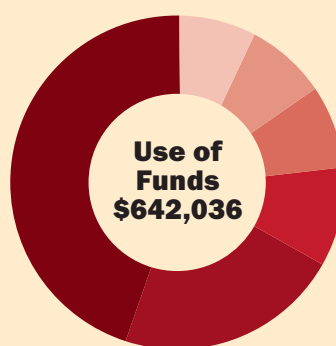
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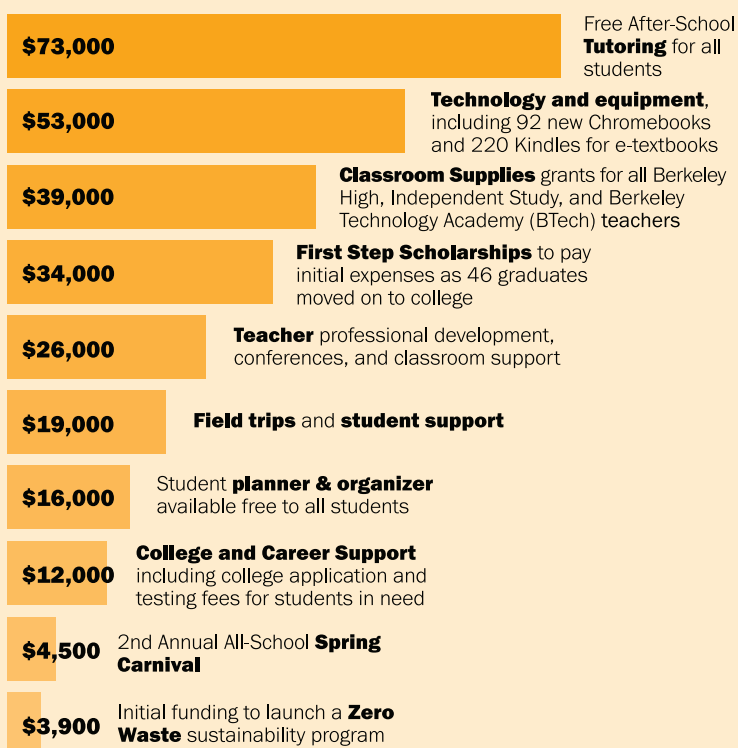


- Fundraising Events \$75,758 (12%)
- General Fund Donations \$276,020 (45%)
- Learning Communities & Departments \$260,813 (43%)



- Administration & Fundraising \$46,410 (7%)
- College & Career \$52,191 (8%)
- Technology & Equipment \$53,156 (8%)
- Professional Development & Teacher Support \$65,326 (10%)
- Enrichment & Student Support \$137,351 (21%)
- Learning Communities & Departments \$287,602 (45%)

Top Grants Your Donations Supported Last Year



“The support of the BHSDG has been instrumental in allowing us to develop world class science offerings. From capital equipment like gas chromatographs to consumables to do DNA modification, the BHSDG is a core part of empowering teachers to go beyond the average science curriculum.”

—Aaron Glimme, AP Chemistry teacher

The Berkeley High School Development Group (BHSDG) was created in 1991 by a group of parents concerned over school funding cuts. With the support of donors and community members like you, BHSDG has grown to become a vital source of funding for Berkeley High School. Your giving sustains programs that enrich the experience of every single student—like after-school tutoring, field trips, and the College and Career Center.

Donations can be made directly to BHSDG. We use these donations to fund specific programs and projects that benefit teachers and students. Donations made directly to BHSDG in 2018–19 made up more than half of the organization’s total revenue—\$352,000—an 11% increase over 2017–18 giving.

BHSDG also acts as the fiscal agent, at no cost, for donations made to specific learning communities, departments, and programs. The recipient schools and programs determine how they spend these funds, which support a wide range of educational enrichment activities. Approximately \$261,000 of your donations and other revenues were earmarked for these donor-directed purposes.

Because the BHSDG is volunteer-run, fundraising and administrative expenses are only 7% of total expenses. This means that 93 cents of every dollar you give goes directly to programs that support teachers and students.

Cash available at the end of 2018–19 was \$389,000: \$134,000 in funds earmarked for specific learning communities and departments and \$255,000 for grants approved by BHSDG. This has provided initial funding for 2019–20 school year programs.



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