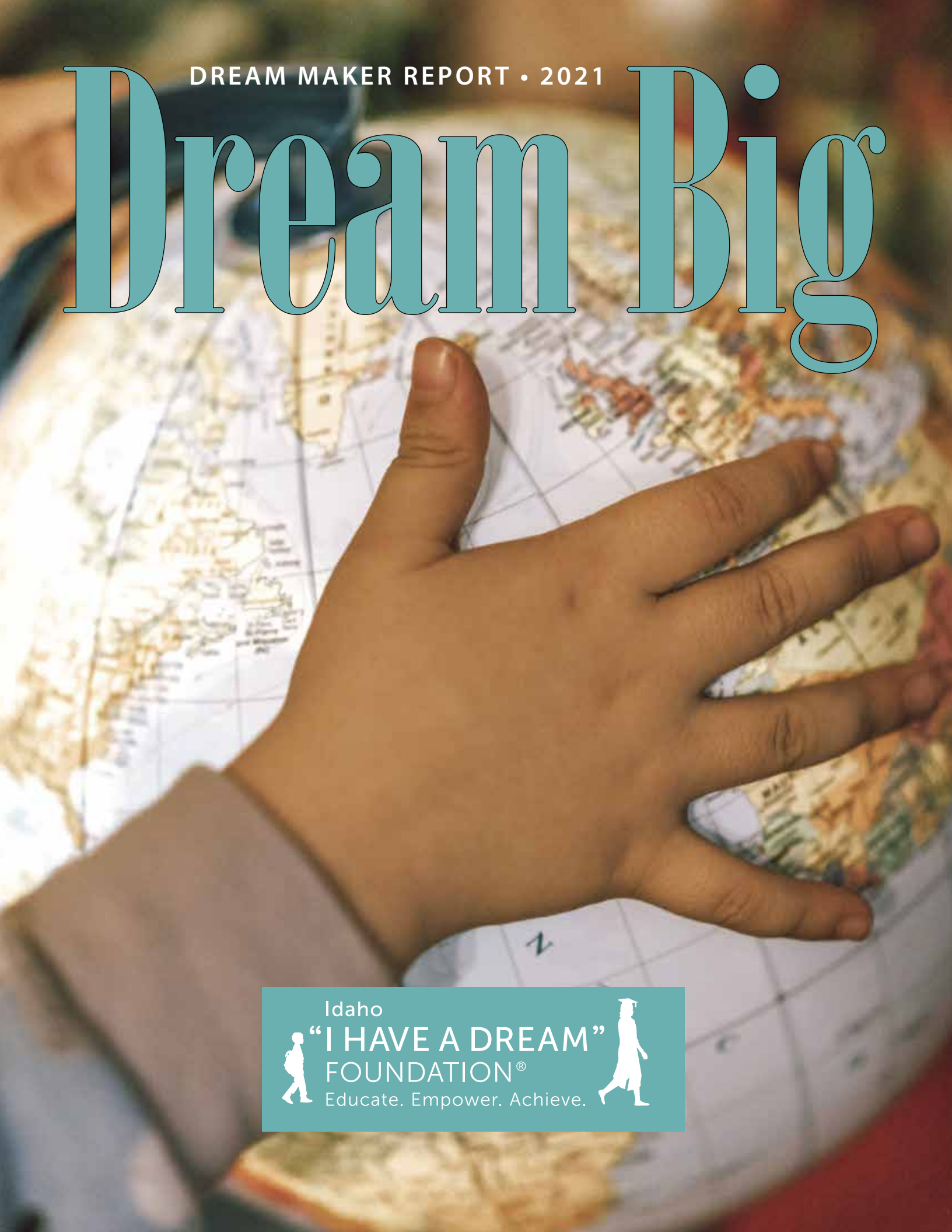


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Dream Big



Idaho

 “I HAVE A DREAM”
FOUNDATION®
Educate. Empower. Achieve.





OUR MISSION

"I Have a Dream" Foundation - ID provides academic, social and emotional support to under-resourced youth from first grade through high school and beyond, with guaranteed tuition support. Our work is founded on the belief that, given equal access to resources, all children can realize their innate potential and achieve their dreams.

OUR VISION

We envision a world in which all children are empowered to forge their future and reach their potential.

OUR APPROACH

"I Have a Dream" Foundation - ID commits to our students for the long term. Dream Scholars receive year-round engagement and support from elementary school through high school and beyond. As a unique incentive, each Dream Scholar is offered tuition assistance for college or vocational school upon successful completion of high school.

360° SUPPORT

Education changes lives. Our program is unique. Our impact is measurable. Our support is long-term, year-round, comprehensive, and intensive. We are outcome-driven, preventative, interventional, developmental. We are committed to each child's version of success. We support the development of the whole child. We are committed to narrowing the opportunity gap.



Dear Community,

October 2021



With the new academic year upon us, the "I Have a Dream" Foundation - ID is busy with new beginnings. Our elementary program has launched, our seniors are eagerly anticipating their graduation in May, and they are working hard toward their next steps to college, trade school or first job.

While the year was full of challenges, we focused on filling the gaps. Our students took on jobs to help their families, took care of younger siblings, adjusted to online learning, and added college preparatory work to their schedules. Our staff provided additional academic and social-emotional support for students and offered a daily study hall that we opened for students who needed tutoring, homework assistance or just a quiet place to work.



We are pleased to share that even during this challenging time, our students excelled - they improved in academic performance and continued to give time to community service, working over 500 hours on service projects throughout Blaine County.

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we have been able to broaden our programs significantly this year to serve more students in the high school and launch a new elementary program.

Our new elementary "Dream Spaces" are buzzing with youngsters full of wonder and excitement. We have begun our journey with students from Bellevue, Hailey, and Alturas elementary schools to provide year-round academic, social-emotional support, and enrichment programming for the next 12 to 16 years. We're thrilled that high school students are working as paid interns in our elementary program to provide support and mentorship to our young Dream Scholars.

Thank you again for making our work possible. Because of you, we are able to narrow the opportunity gap for many children in our Valley. We look forward to sharing ongoing news and updates with you throughout the exciting year ahead.

Please turn the pages to learn more about our remarkable student accomplishments this past year, our expanded programs, and more details on our plans for the coming year.

DREAM BIG!

Laura Rose-Lewis, Executive Director

Brent Robinson, Board Chairman



"Education is not the filling of a pot but the lighting of a fire" ~ WB Yeats

52% of Blaine County residents are a paycheck away from not being able to pay essential bills

(United Way/ALICE Threshold: Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed)

Economically disadvantaged students consistently perform below their peers on standardized tests

In most Dream Scholar families, English is the second language

One in six children who are not reading proficiently in third grade do not graduate from high school on time, a rate four times greater than that for proficient readers

75% of Idaho's high school dropouts come from underserved households (ID Ed news)

When students fall behind, dropout rates increase

Students who drop out of high school are:

- 9x more likely to receive public assistance
- 6x more likely to become unwed parents
- 4x more likely to be arrested

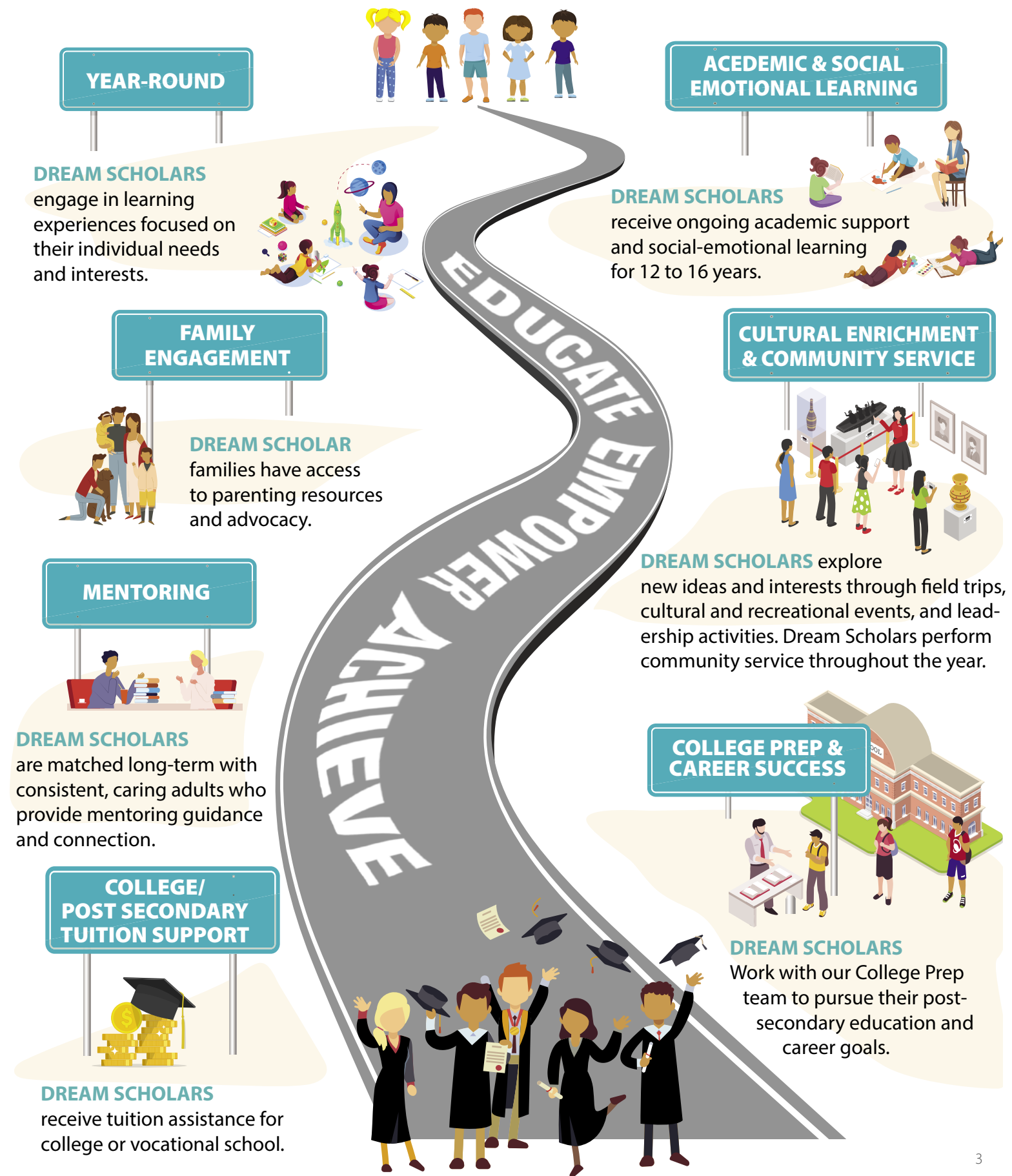
A 10% increase in high school graduation results in a 9% decrease in criminal arrests

The Impact

- **IHDF-ID serves under-resourced families in Blaine County**
- **Over 90% of Dream Scholars nationally graduate high school**
- **Over 90% of Dream Scholars will be the first in their families to go on to post-secondary education**
- **97% of ID Dream Scholars are on track to graduate high school**
- **25% of ID Dream Scholars achieved at 3.5+ GPA in the 2020-2021 academic year**
- **60% of ID Dream Scholars achieved a GPA of 3.0+ and above in 2020-2021 academic year**
- **80% of ID Dream Scholars will continue on to post-secondary education (college or trade school)**



IHDF-Idaho Programs





IHDF-Idaho Programs

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Leadership Development Program

This program fosters leadership skills through the exploration of the qualities and skills of leaders, and presentations by local and regional leaders. Students are challenged to develop leadership skills through collaborative problem solving and independent and group projects that support the development of leadership skills through discussion, collaborative problem-solving, and group projects. The program will culminate in a project presentation to the community.

22 Lewis Scholars

High School

Core Program: Dream Scholars

Our first group of Dream Scholars is now in their senior year! We have had the privilege of supporting these students over the past 9 years through a range of services from academic to social-emotional support and other enrichment programming. We have seen them through scholastic and personal achievements and challenges, and our support will continue with them after their high school graduation next May, with our "College and Career Success Program," in which we will provide guidance and coaching through new educational and work experiences.

44 Dream Scholars



Dream Friends

Our Dream Friends program is an effort to include students from the larger student body in IHDF programs, as space allows, so that we can provide academic, social-emotional support and life skills learning opportunities to additional youth throughout the school year.

60 Students Served

College & Career Prep

Dream and Lewis Scholars receive college preparatory support to pursue their post-secondary educational or career pursuits.



Credit Recovery | Summer Seminar

Summer Seminar is a collaborative, IHDF-Wood River High School program, developed to support students who have lost credits during the school year to recover credits and move forward.

52 Students Served



Elementary

Thanks to you, we were able to raise the funds during this COVID year to launch our new elementary program to support 1st and 2nd graders from Bellevue, Hailey, and Alturas Elementary Schools!

We began August 2021 the year-round, long-term journey with our young Dream Scholars to support their development for the next 12-16 years. Our program supports literacy and math skills development and provides enrichment programming, social-emotional learning, and play!

40-60 Students to be Served

Hard Work Pays Off

Dream Scholar Awards and Academic Achievement

Dream Scholar's doubled down on their hard work and their grades improved during the COVID year yielding remarkable results in 2020-2021:

60% achieved 3.0+
25% achieved 3.5+



For Outstanding Participation, Attendance and Grades

Olivia Camilli, English
Olivia Camilli, GRIT
Olivia Camilli, US History
Matthew Gutierrez, Construction Academy
Nick Fehr, Pre-Algebra II

Cesar Tellez, English
Cesar Tellez, AP Economics
Cesar Tellez, English
Cesar Tellez, AP Economics
Montserrat Acensio, ESL

Essay Contest: "When I Knew I Belonged" SVMoA & The Alliance

Eduardo Esacalara-Ramirez, 1st Place • Mariya Cueva-Calderon, Runner Up

Community Service Activities

Dream Scholars contributed 520 hours in community service in 2020-2021 academic year.

- Souper Supper
- Valentine's Day with the Senior Connection
- 10th Annual Empty Bowl, Hunger Coalition
- NAMI Bike Ride for Wellness
- 100 Art Projects for Seniors, Senior Connection
- Thanksgiving Cards, Senior Connection
- Tote Bags Project, Senior Connection
- 300 post-cards for Senior Connection and Silvercreek Living
- Family Cooking Kits
- Fall Sprout Kits for Elementary School Students
- Earth Day Festival Activities
- ERC 27th Annual Clean Sweep
- Community Kitchen Table
- Children's Day
- Hailey's July 4th Parade & Celebration
- Peer Tutoring



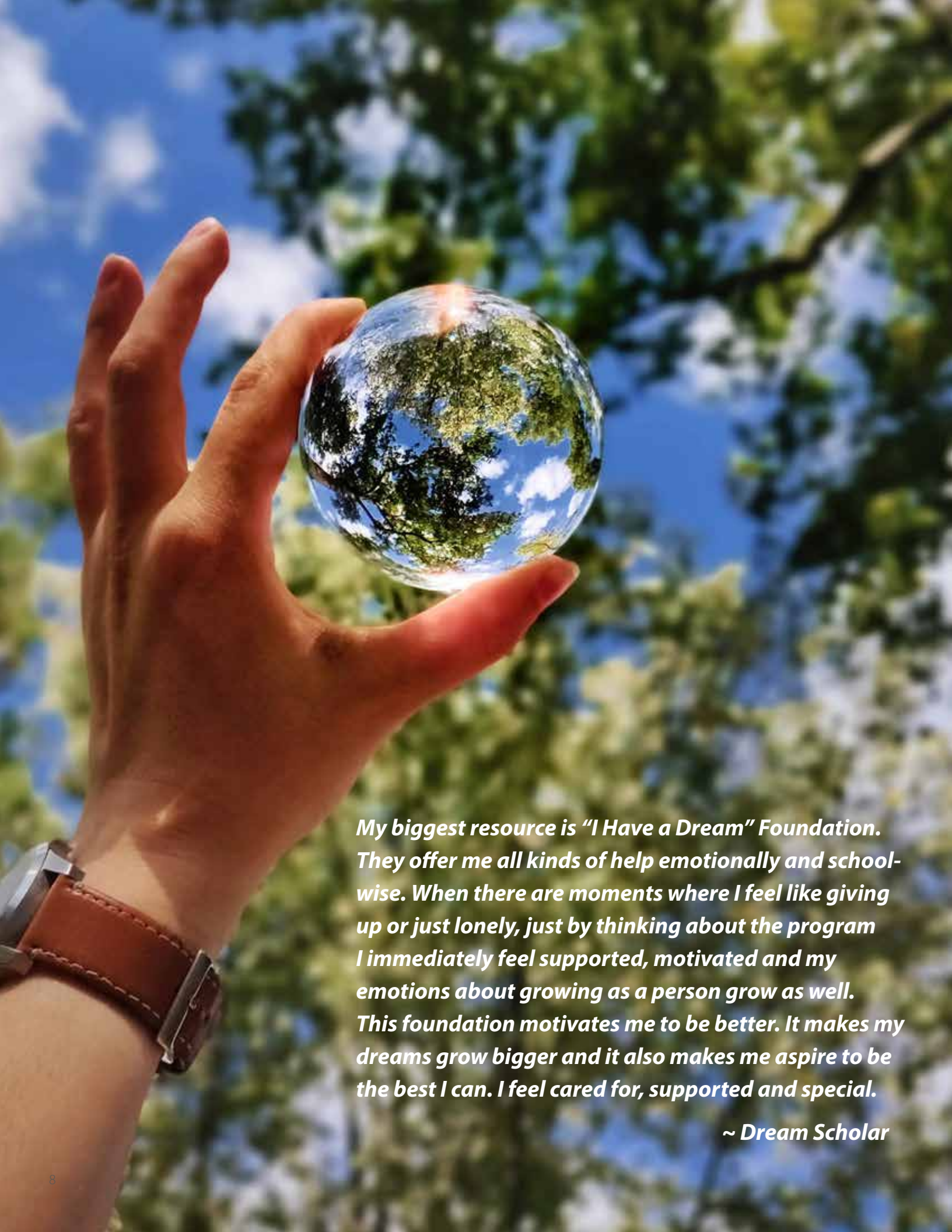
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Cultural Enrichment

Dream Scholars attended conferences, cultural experiences, and job site visits thanks to our generous community.

- Healthy Choices Workshop: "Cuidate," Centro de Comunidad y Justicia, Boise
- Young Women's Leadership Conference, Boise State
- 8th Annual Women and Leadership Conference
- Ski Days with Sun Valley Company
- Sun Valley Auto Club
- Sun Valley Culinary Institute
- St. Francis Pet Clinic
- Latino Scholarship Foundation Workshop





My biggest resource is "I Have a Dream" Foundation. They offer me all kinds of help emotionally and school-wise. When there are moments where I feel like giving up or just lonely, just by thinking about the program I immediately feel supported, motivated and my emotions about growing as a person grow as well. This foundation motivates me to be better. It makes my dreams grow bigger and it also makes me aspire to be the best I can. I feel cared for, supported and special.

~ Dream Scholar



Highlights 2020-2021

DREAM SCHOLARS ACHIEVE

Our 12th graders improved in academic performance during this COVID year, navigating a shift to online learning and managing the many other challenges they faced!

LEADERSHIP

Our Leadership Development Program began in 2020. The participants, Lewis Scholars, met monthly to study the concept of leadership and to develop leadership skills. Lewis Scholars will work on a collaborative project to present to the community next Spring.

DREAM FRIENDS

Dream Friends joined us this year for study hall and workshops.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Our social-emotional learning specialist, Kris Stoffer, provided 1:1 and small group workshops to support our students to develop skills to manage anxiety and stress, and to find their "Green Zone" – their optimal emotional state to manage emotions through a difficult year.

LIFE SKILLS LEARNING

Facilitators conducted workshops this year to help our Dream and Lewis Scholars develop skills in areas such as financial literacy, public speaking, time management, procrastination, and school-work-life balance.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY SUPPORT

Our Dream Scholars have been working hard with our college prep team led by Millie Reidy with Bags Brokaw, Bob Brock and a team of volunteers supporting our students with the intensive college and post-secondary research and application process.

Financial Highlights FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021



Program Services
80%

Fund Development
10%

Supporting Services
10%

REVENUE and SUPPORT

Contributions and Grants\$637,582
Interest and Other26,955
Total Revenue \$664,537

PROGRAMS and OTHER EXPENSES

Program Service..... \$212,082
Fund Development28,134
Supporting Services27,919
Total Expense \$268,135

Net assets at year-end* \$839,835

**includes Scholarship and other Reserves*



We believe that narrowing the opportunity gap supports healthy children and communities. We believe that with equitable access to educational resources, all children can reach their potential.



A Look Back, In Gratitude



Ken Lewis

Philanthropist, Ken Lewis had a dream for children of the Wood River Valley. Inspired by the words of Eugene Lang, founder of the national “I Have a Dream” Foundation (IHDF), Ken, an attorney and President of Lasco Shipping Company in Portland, OR, successfully launched an Oregon affiliate of IHDF in 1990.

Like the national Foundation, the Oregon affiliate was dedicated to empowering children in under-served Portland communities to realize their full potential through education. Ken’s commitment to narrowing the equity gap in education continued as he served as national chair of IHDF from 1995-1998. Finally, in 2012, Ken’s dream of establishing a similar program in the Wood River Valley came to fruition.



Reginald Reeves

Partnering with Reginald Reeves, an Idaho Falls attorney and a celebrated humanitarian and philanthropist, the two lawyers set to work, fueled by their belief in the power of education to change lives -- together they established an IHDF affiliate. They recruited qualifying third-graders, nurtured relationships with the Blaine County school district,

hired staff and consultants, and enlisted volunteers to offer year-round, long-term “whole child” support to 48 elementary school students. Those students are now teenagers, on track to graduate high school in May 2022.

Thanks to Ken and Reg’s unwavering vision, strong leadership and immense generosity, our teenage Dream Scholars will soon pursue their post-graduation goals, whether it be attending college or pursuing vocational training, with financial assistance and other support from IHDF. Meanwhile, our new cohort of first and second graders have begun their educational journey and will be encouraged and empowered to “Dream BIG”, just as Ken and Reg did nine years ago.

We are profoundly grateful to these remarkable men.



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Get Involved

Join other community members who volunteer their time with "I Have a Dream" Foundation – Idaho.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are critical to our program success. Participants support students in our high school and elementary programs in many ways, including homework support, mentorship, field trips, service activities, and enrichment.

MENTORS support Dream Scholars with long-term, consistent relationships, act as role models, provide support and guidance, and spend time with their mentee in fun enrichment activities.

BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS Our Board of Directors, Advisory Board and Board Committees are made up of community volunteers and are integral to our success.

JOB SITE VISITS AND INTERNSHIPS Dream Scholars visit job sites and are offered internships to explore career opportunities. These opportunities expand students' understanding of what is possible for their futures.

DONATE Your continued support changes the lives of underserved Blaine County youth!

"Volunteering with the Dream Scholars has been such a rewarding and fun experience. If you love kids and want to build long term relationships, this is the place for you! I can't tell you the feeling that's in my heart sharing experiences with the class of seniors we have now after having first met them in third grade as little tots. I have had the opportunity to watch them grow up and blossom, knowing I've had a part in that process."

~ Leslie Silva, Volunteer

