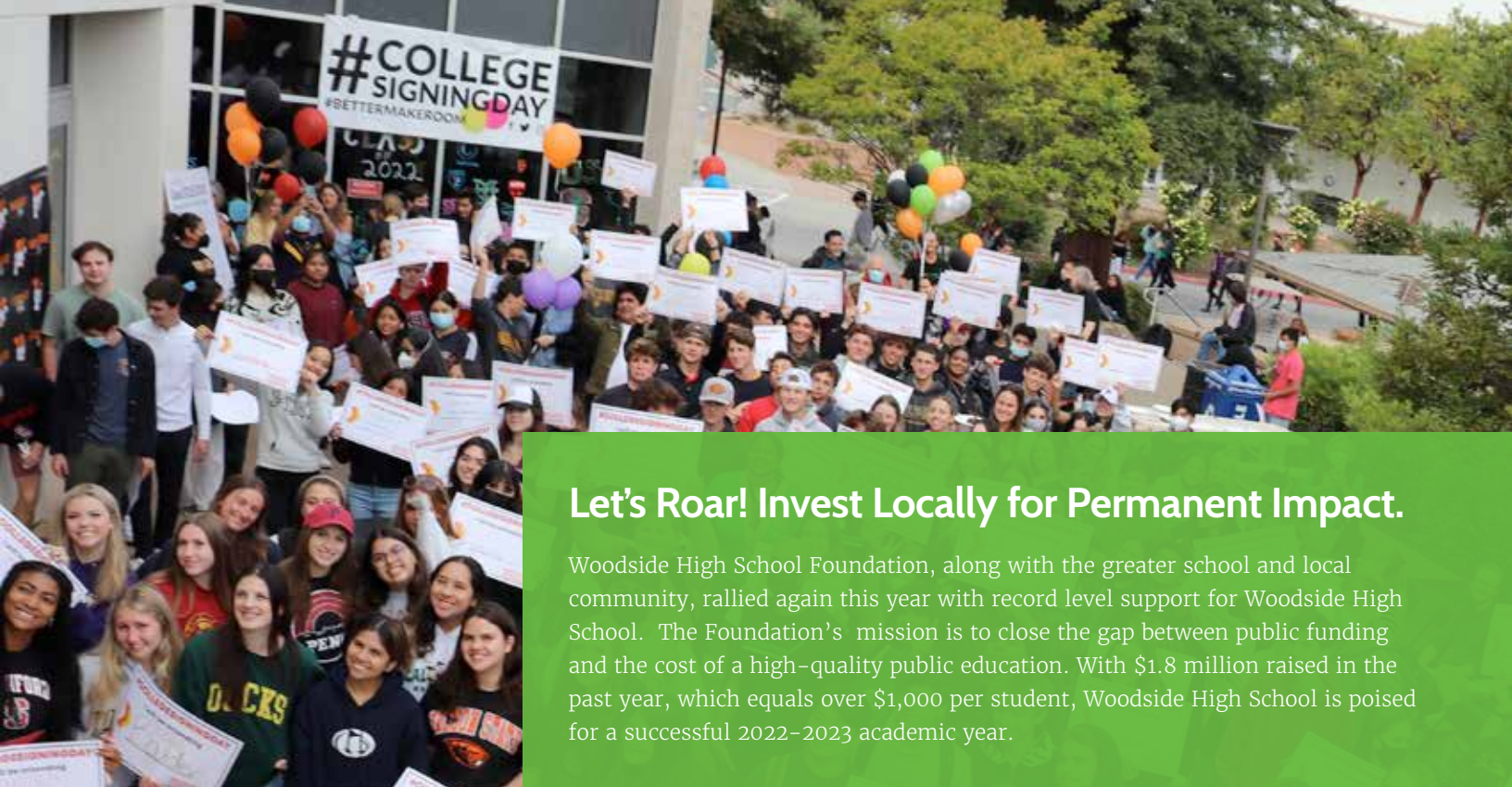


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## Let's Roar! Invest Locally for Permanent Impact.

Woodside High School Foundation, along with the greater school and local community, rallied again this year with record level support for Woodside High School. The Foundation's mission is to close the gap between public funding and the cost of a high-quality public education. With \$1.8 million raised in the past year, which equals over \$1,000 per student, Woodside High School is poised for a successful 2022-2023 academic year.

The Foundation provides a way to invest locally in your community for permanent impact. The unique demographics of the Woodside High School community demonstrate the power and advantage of diversity in education, as students from a broad range of socio-economic, ethnic and academic backgrounds converge to form a single community. Their combined stories lay the groundwork for a deeper classroom experience and the development of empathy, understanding, and civic engagement. These values are critical drivers of personal well-being, and colleges admit our high school students precisely because they have the skills and experience necessary to build community in a diverse environment.

All students will continue to have access this year to a rich array of academic classes, including AP and honors classes, as well as a broad set of electives, taught by highly-rated teachers with small class sizes. Additionally, for the first time, greater funding is being provided for programming to further assist in the path to college, including essay bootcamps, standardized test preparation, and college campus visits. A third of our families qualify for free and reduced price lunch, and 32% of our students are first-generation college-bound, so the new Foundation support is critical to better prepare for post high school success.

**This school year, thanks to Foundation donors, students will benefit from:**



> **\$1.8 Million** { Amount Raised by Our Community for 2022 }

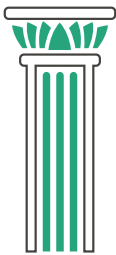
**7<sup>th</sup>** Period Funded For More Electives

**34**

Additional Class Sections

**SUMMER ACCELERATION PROGRAMS**

**1** Additional Guidance Counselor



- 2 Additional College Counselors
- NorCal and SoCal College Trips
- College Essay Boot Camps
- SAT & ACT Test Prep

Summer School

**20%**

Reduction in Core Class Sizes

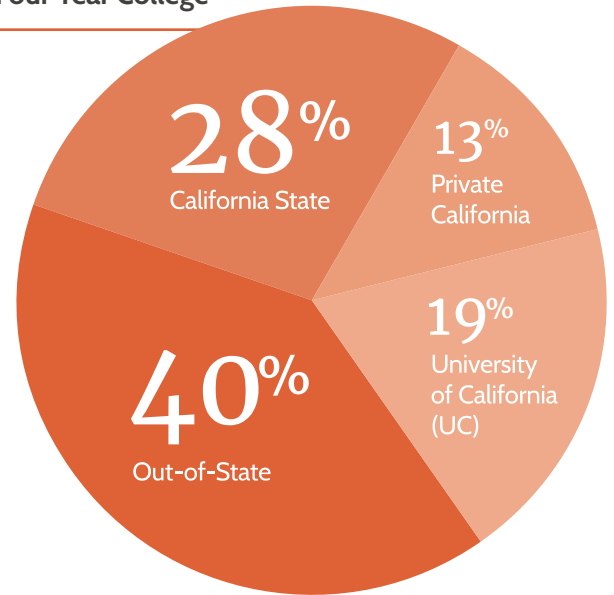
## Graduates Launched for Success!

We are particularly proud of our seniors' success in securing scholarships, including a number of prestigious multi-year scholarships. Woodside High School seniors achieve acceptance to a broad range of colleges. Acceptances last year included elite private institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Brown, University of Pennsylvania, California Institute of Technology, Tufts, Vanderbilt, Boston University and Wake Forest University, all of the University of California and CSU campuses (with many students attending UCLA and UC Berkeley), and many out-of-state, public universities such as University of Washington and University of Georgia.

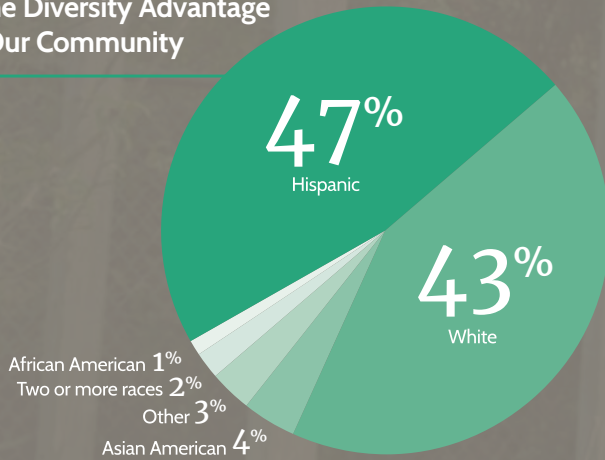
**95%** of the Class of 2022 headed to college this Fall



## Where Our Wildcats Attend Four Year College



## The Diversity Advantage | Our Community



"I believe Woodside's AVID program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and teachers are what have helped me be successful in high school and have set me on the right path toward my future. The AVID program has exposed me to opportunities in healthcare through selective medical programs at Stanford and gave me a head start with guidance on college applications. Through the stress of college and my hardships during high school, my teachers were open ears and genuinely cared about my well-being."

**Jess Yepez**

Woodside High School Class of 2022  
UC Berkeley Class of 2026



\* AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an in-school academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success.



“Between cross country practices, musical rehearsals, math club meetings, and long conversations with my favorite teachers, Woodside showed me that there is more to education than test scores and GPAs. My real day began when my classes ended, as the greatest challenges of my high school career were also within my most cherished communities. I am so thankful to have gone to a school that prioritizes not just academic excellence, but also fun and supportive teachers, athletics, and performing arts.”

**Gigi Pistilli**  
Woodside High School Class of 2022  
California Institute of Technology (Caltech) Class of 2026



## Class Size Matters

The Foundation is committed to keeping class sizes small and provides funding for 34 additional class periods across 16 core academic subjects. These class periods could not be offered without the support of the Foundation.

**As a result of support from the Foundation, these core academic class sizes are 20% smaller:**

Math	English	Social Studies
Algebra I	English I	Life Skills / Ethnic Studies
Algebra II	English II	AP US History
Pre-Calculus	English III	AP World History
AP Calculus	AP English	
Explorations in Data Science (new)		
Science	Other	
AP Biology	AP Spanish Language & Culture	
AP Physics		
AS Chemistry		

Smaller class sizes improve teacher retention, keeping experienced teachers in the classroom. Students also benefit from greater opportunity for class discussion, individual feedback, stronger bonds, and deeper connections for more personalized recommendations on college and job applications.

## Electives Matter

The Foundation is committed to a robust elective offering and provides funding for additional elective class periods so students can receive their first choice 98% of the time. Electives are critical to a quality high school experience. Electives motivate and develop passions in subjects students have chosen and provide pathways to post-secondary interests and careers.

**As a result of support from the Foundation, Woodside High School offers electives in the following areas:**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Animation                 | Engineering              |
| Band, Orchestra, & Guitar | Film Critique            |
| Computer Science          | Fine Art and Ceramics    |
| Culinary Arts             | Human Biology            |
| Digital Art               | Journalism               |
| Digital Filmmaking        | Psychology               |
| Digital Journalism        | Student Leadership       |
| Digital Photography       | Video & Audio Production |
| Drama                     | Yearbook                 |

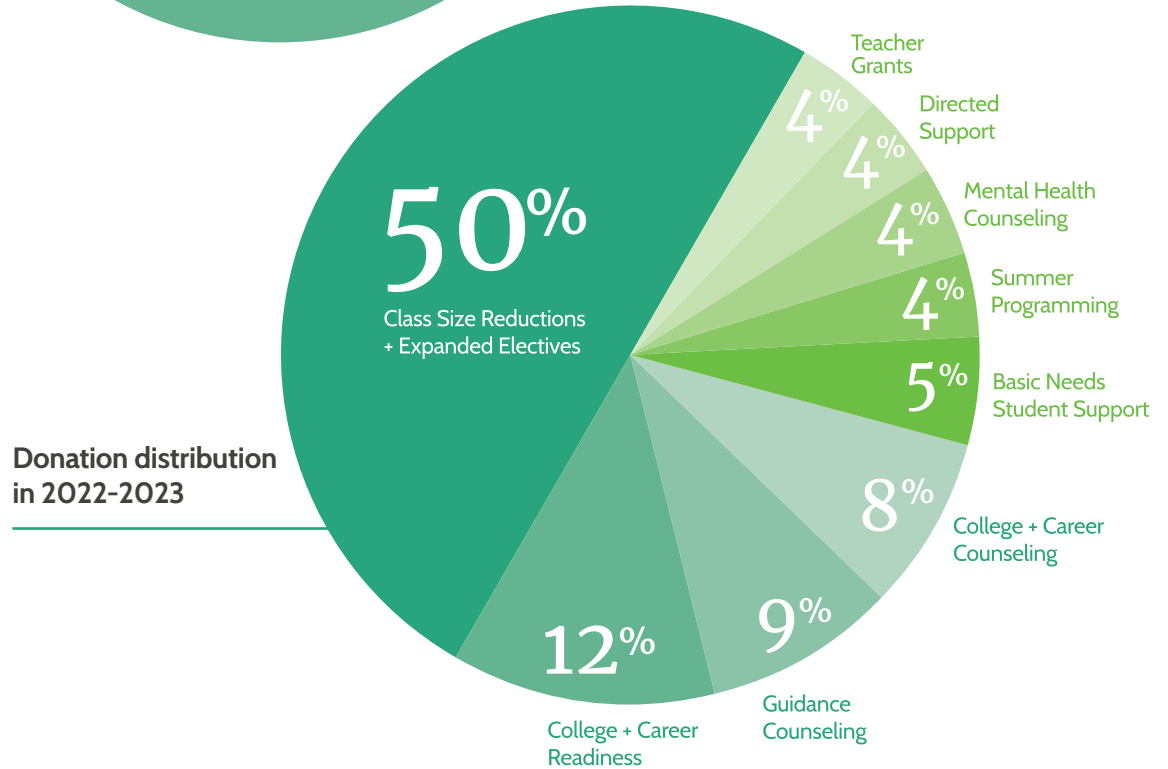
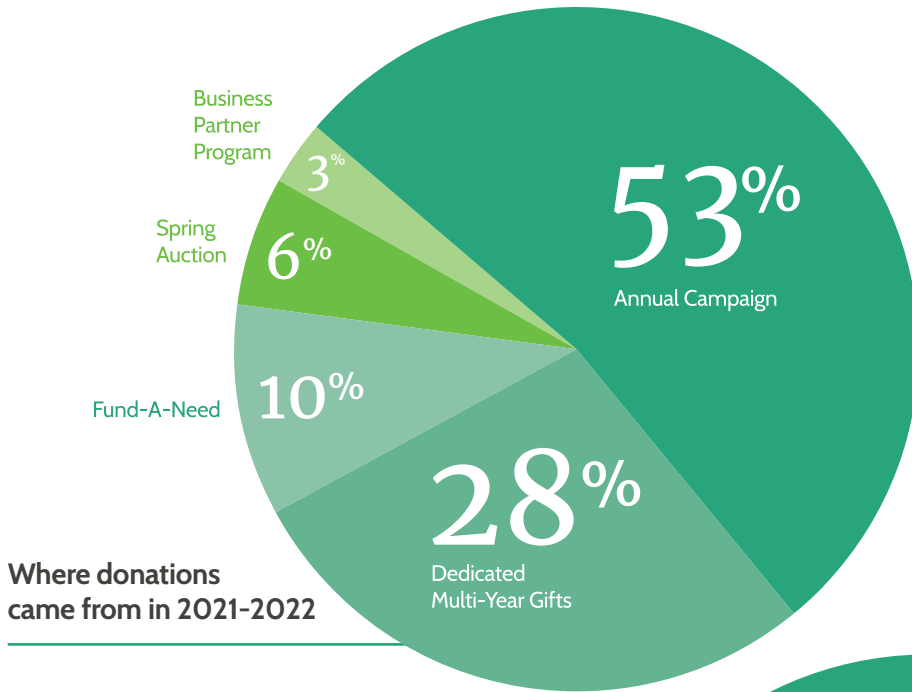


# Financials



1.8M

Total Revenue from Donations



“The robotics and computer science programs at Woodside High School were key to my ability to secure admission at MIT four years ago and inspired me to create incredible things with software. As a first generation student, I was grateful for the support I received from various mentors at Woodside High School, which empowered me to excel at MIT and found my own software company.”

**Enrique Aviña**

Woodside High School Class of 2018

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) Class of 2022

## A Note from Principal van Putten

Thank you for your phenomenal support!

Educators and students around the country have described the 2021–22 school year as one of the most challenging in their career: returning to full, in-person teaching and learning; wearing face masks; maintaining health and safety protocols; and responding to a record number of mental health counseling sessions. Here at Woodside High School, these challenges were met with the unwavering support of our community. Because of your commitment and generosity, the Foundation has provided Woodside High School with record high funding so every student has greater access to educational opportunities for the 2022–23 academic year.

Reflecting on my first year, I am humbled by the professionalism and humanity of a wickedly smart and dedicated staff who helped students transition back to campus and engage in many opportunities to collaborate, communicate, and celebrate with each other. It did not take long for students to re-learn how to socialize, how to take risks, or how to make their voices heard. Through the Four A's: Academics, Activities, the Arts, and Athletics, our diverse student community emerged with heightened school spirit and a stronger sense of belonging to Woodside High School. Students were glad to be back on campus and they thrived.

Thank you for the heroic efforts of every parent, teacher, staff, and community member as you support the Woodside High School Foundation. Your contributions this year will continue to create the opportunities that challenge our students and allow them to reach their highest potential from freshman to senior year — and beyond — as they enter college and careers.

With gratitude,  
Karen van Putten  
Principal, Woodside High School



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- We are a volunteer-run nonprofit organization.
- We are parents with students attending Woodside High School.



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