



IECA  
Foundation

## 2021 Annual Report



SILVER LININGS



# 2021 SILVER LININGS

## Dear Friends of the IECA Foundation,



On behalf of the IECA Foundation Board of Trustees, let me begin by expressing gratitude to our friends, colleagues, and supporters. We continue to live in unprecedented times, yet the strength and resilience of so many individuals and organizations gives us renewed hope as we celebrate the IECA Foundation's 25th Anniversary and look forward to the next 25.

I want to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself. At the start of this year I assumed the role of Chair of the IECA Foundation Board of Trustees. I am thrilled to be in this position and grateful for the many who came before me, including Krissy Naspo, Board Chair for the last two years. I am no stranger to the IECA Foundation, as

I have supported and served on the Board for some time now. My time with the Foundation started in my role as liaison to the Foundation from the IECA Board. I have been an IECA Member for the better part of two decades and am excited to continue to serve the membership in this new role as a steward of the Foundation. I join many current and past board members who are passionate and involved in our Foundation, especially as we celebrate this milestone Anniversary.

The lessons learned in 2020 and 2021 have been many, and chief among them is the importance of looking for the light that shines through when the outlook appears pervasively dark. For 25 years, and perhaps most urgently during the current pandemic, the IECA Foundation has continued to support organizations offering hope and educational opportunities to countless students in need. For this reason, we have chosen the theme "Silver Linings" for our 25th Anniversary.

For myself and the rest of the Board of Trustees, the brightest of silver linings over the past two years has been the generosity of our donors, those who have continued to give loyally, and those who have started donating to our Foundation because they recognize the strain placed on children and the organizations that support their growth and development. This year, support from both loyal and new donors has shined a light on those we support, and the IECA Foundation granted over \$100,000 to 20 organizations. These outstanding organizations strive to improve the lives and educational trajectories of students from Lewiston, Maine to Oakland, California.

It is my hope that as the world continues to heal and move forward, the IECA Foundation will continue to shine light for those who may need it. We look forward to another 25 years of helping children and young adults find hope, opportunity, and silver linings.

With gratitude,  
Ann Rossbach  
2022 Board Chair, IECA Foundation



Kids on Point



Missoula Writing Collaborative



College Community Career

## Mission Statement

The IECA Foundation was founded in 1996 to support the mission and expand the role of IECA (Independent Educational Consultants Association). The mission of the IECA Foundation is to identify and support programs that have significant impact on underserved students.



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Educational programs supported by IECA Foundation grant-making help create opportunities and provide hope to deserving and under-served students. This year, we granted over \$96,000 to 20 organizations spanning 16 states, thanks to incredible support from our donors. These outstanding organizations strive to improve the lives and educational trajectories of students all across the country.

#### **Abramson Scholarship Foundation (Washington, D.C.) \$4,000**

The Abramson Scholarship Foundation ensures that motivated, low-income D.C. public high school graduates have the opportunity to get to and through college. They provide students with financial and mentoring resources that help them rise above the obstacles posed by poverty that could otherwise hamper their chances of life successes.



#### **Apparo Academy ▲ (Augusta, Georgia) \$5,000**

The mission of Apparo is to assist children and their families with the necessary skills to realize their potential and achieve success through educational, nursing, and therapeutic services that are provided in a loving, environment. Apparo Academy offers a full-time, integrated preschool for children with special medical, therapeutic, and educational needs between the ages of 13 months and five years of age. Apparo aims to bridge the gap for children with special needs and provides a safe,

therapeutically intensive, inclusion program with speech, feeding, occupational, and physical therapy services provided during the school day; thereby allowing parents the ability to work and provide for their families.

#### **Bay Area Technology School (Oakland, California) \$5,000**

The Bay Area Technology School (BayTech), opened its doors in Oakland, California to 78 students in 2004. Sixteen years later, Bay-Tech is now a Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredited, non-profit public charter school with the capacity to serve up to 355 6th-12th grade students, on campus and virtually.



#### **CITYarts ▲ (New York, NY) - \$5,000**

CITYarts uses arts education, creative projects, and artist-guided collaborative work to educate, empower, and connect youth both locally and around the world. By participating in CITYarts public art projects, students help transform their communities while coming into their own as individuals and as agents of change.

*Walking with Justice* encourages students at the High School for Law and Public Service to explore the theme of justice as it pertains to law and public service. Ultimately creating a large-scale mural, they will create a new image for their school, realize their potential through the visual arts, and dramatically improve their teamwork, communication, and art skills.

#### **Father's Purpose (Coral Springs, Florida) \$4,500**

Father's Purpose is a results-driven mentorship program serving disadvantaged youth and young adults. Founded on the conviction that no life is beyond reach, they organization provides group sessions promoting academic achievement, workforce readiness, accountability, and life principles. Father's Purpose mission: to restore those affected by crime, poverty, and incarceration.

#### **FXB Climate Advocates (New York, NY) \$5,000**

FXB is a global social justice organization that works to create a world where everyone has a chance not just to survive, but to thrive. FXB's mission is to provide communities in extreme poverty with the tools they need to become self-sufficient and give their children a brighter future.

#### **Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization (Boynton Beach, Florida) \$5,000**

Gold Coast Down Syndrome Organization is a non-profit dedicated to providing educational and advocacy programs, support, and information to individuals with Down syndrome and their families and raising awareness of the abilities of these individuals.



#### **HOME WORKS! ▲ (St. Louis, Missouri) \$5,000**

Home Works! (HW!) partners with high-need schools to build their capacity for effectively

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engaging parents in their children's learning. HW! trains, supports, and pays teachers to conduct family home visits, and works with schools to implement focused parent engagement strategies at home, with the goal of improving student attendance and school achievement.



### Horizons at Sacred Heart University (Fairfield, Connecticut) \$5,000 ▲

Horizons at Sacred Heart University is an out-of-schooltime program that works steadfastly to change the lives of low-income students in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Horizons at Sacred Heart's purpose is to instill a love of learning, teach 21st-century success skills, and empower students to reach their full potential.



### Kids on Point ▲ (Charleston, South Carolina) \$5,000

Kids On Point introduces young people to the world of opportunity outside of their under-resourced neighborhoods through year-round academic, athletic, and enrichment programming.

### LivingWorks ▲ (Chicago, Illinois) \$5,000

LivingWorks' mission is to develop the whole person, cultivating within each of its students a desire to learn, and equipping them through mentoring, one-on-one teaching, and play. It accomplishes this mission through quality, affordable after-school and youth mentoring programs by matching each student individually with a tutor/mentor.



### Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation (Kennewick, Washington) \$5,000 ▲

Mid-Columbia Reading Foundation serves children and families in Benton/Franklin Counties, Washington State. Mission: Encourage and educate families about their important role in raising a reader, support schools in assuring students read at grade level by the end of third grade, facilitate community involvement that ensures young readers are successful.

### Missoula Writing Collaborative ▲ (Missoula, Montana) - \$3,200

Missoula Writing Collaborative (MWC), is a nonprofit, founded in 1994 to put professional writers in western Montana schools to teach poetry. MWC believes creative writing teaches literary competence, critical thinking, cultural awareness, and artistic joy. MWC has programs in 34 Montana urban, rural, and tribal elementary, middle, and high schools.



### Rosati Leadership Academy ▲ (Lewiston, Maine) \$5,000

Rosati Leadership Academy (RLA) is a free, after-school, youth-development program for at-risk youth in Lewiston designed to teach life skills, foster character development and leadership potential through soccer. RLA's goals are:

- 1) empowered pro-social and coping behaviors;
- 2) academic achievement;
- 3) soccer development; and
- 4) improved life-circumstances during and after high school.

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## Serviam Girls Academy ▲ (Wilmington, Delaware) \$5,000

Serviam Girls Academy is a tuition-free, private middle school that serves 60-65 under-resourced 5th-8th grade girls in Wilmington, Delaware. Serviam students receive an exceptional, highly differentiated education that focuses on 21st-century skill development, such as critical thinking, problem-solving, coding, and STEAM preparing them for high school, college, and beyond.



## Sistas Circle ▲ (Timonium, Maryland) \$5,000

Sistas Circle is a stand-out mentoring program for girls in Baltimore City. Sisters Circle's year-round program model aligns with the Search Institute's Developmental Relationships Framework of expressing care, challenging growth, providing support, sharing power, and expanding possibilities — all of which prepare young women to successfully navigate critical life transitions.



## Take Stock in Children ▲ (Palm Beach County, Florida) \$5,000

Take Stock in Children's mission is to passionately promote self-worth, personal responsibility and academic success for qualified, financially at-risk students throughout Palm Beach County by providing a unique set of resources which includes one-on-one mentoring services, college readiness coaching, college advising, post-secondary retention services, and a guaranteed post-secondary full-tuition college scholarship.



## The Leaders Readers Network ▲ (Texas) \$5,000

The Leaders Readers Network (formerly Give More HUGS) is dedicated to equalizing access to quality education. Their network of teachers and students represent a diverse and dedicated group of leaders working together to ensure children in their communities have access to brand new books, school supplies, and leadership development.

## Trinity Academy of Hartford (Connecticut) \$5,000

In fall 2014, Trinity Academy of Hartford opened its doors as a small independent tuition-free elementary school for low-income students in Greater Hartford. The mission is to educate students in a nurturing and inclusive environment with a focus on intensive academics, the arts, literacy and critical thinking, and to help students to develop the strong core skills needed to grow socially, emotionally and culturally.



## UpSpring ▲ (Cincinnati, Ohio) \$5,000

UpSpring is the only non-profit exclusively serving the educational needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. UpSprings' vision is to positively transform their communities by breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Each year UpSpring empowers the lives of over 4,000 children experiencing homelessness.

**Total: \$96,700**

# 2021 MICROGRANTS

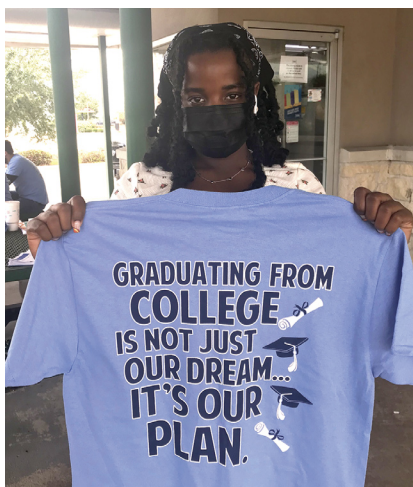
The IECA Foundation supports the purpose of every consultant's work — to help children and young adults find the best possible choices for their education. For twenty-five years, the Foundation, the philanthropic arm of IECA, has been funding worthy programs that help children and

young adults find great educational opportunities.

Each year, the Foundation seeks to highlight the work that IECA members and consultants do by awarding \$1,000 microgrants to five organizations that align with our mission — organizations where consultants have had an ongoing

relationship serving young people as they move forward in their education.

The following organizations are near and dear to the hearts of the IECA members who support them through volunteer work and will receive \$1,000 each from the Foundation:



### College Community Career ▲ (nominated by Kathy Rose)

CollegeCommunityCareer fosters a college-going culture with low-income, first-generation high school students and families. They prepare students for admission to and graduation from a four-year university based on these four pillars: College Success, Leadership Development, Civic Engagement, and Career Discovery.



### Partners in College Success ▲ (nominated by Jennifer Fordham)

Partners in College Success (PiCS) was founded to improve college access, degree completion rates, and early career success for low-income, first-generation students from San Diego County.

High potential first-generation college students are already part of their communities. Challenges they've faced have taught these kids to be courageous and resilient, and to work hard to earn a safe, stable future for their families.

### Rainier Scholars ▲ (nominated by Lloyd Nimetz)

Rainier Scholars cultivates the academic potential and leadership skills of hard-working, under-represented students of color.

By creating access to transformative educational and career opportunities and providing comprehensive support to scholars and families, they increase college graduation rates and empower new generations of leaders.



### Ridgefield A Better Chance ▲ (nominated by Deena Maerowitz)

Their mission is to provide academically talented and highly motivated young women of color from educationally underserved areas the opportunity to live in the community and to study at Ridgefield's public high school. They provide educational, social, and cultural enrichment as they strive to prepare their Scholars to become the leaders of tomorrow.



### ScholarMatch ▲ (nominated by Dana Roth)

ScholarMatch's mission is to help first-generation college students earn a bachelor's degree within five years. They provide individualized advising, targeted financial support, and career mentoring all the way to graduation.

# 2021 KATZ AWARD

The Irvin W. Katz Award is presented each year by the IECA Foundation. It was created to honor consultants for their volunteer work with organizations providing educational opportunities to children. Irv Katz was a beloved IECA consultant who worked passionately for the good of children.

This year, the IECA Foundation is delighted to present the Katz Award to IECA Professional Member Antoinette Battiste in recognition of 35 years of community service.

Ms. Battiste is the founder and president of Educational Pathways with Antoinette Battiste, a consulting practice that provides college planning and counseling services to high school students and their parents. With an unwavering passion for equity and access in education, she continues active engagement in her community, helping underserved youth break down barriers to educational opportunities through workshops and pro bono services.

She received an AB in Psychology and African & African-American Studies from Stanford University and an MBA in Information Systems from Golden Gate University. She also received a Specialized Certificate in College Counseling from UC San Diego Extension.

She is accepting the Katz Award on behalf of the Ivy & Pearls Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Rho Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

## Katz Award Honoree

## Antionette Battiste

“I first worked with the Ivy & Pearls Foundation in 2010. I joined the Foundation’s board in 2013 and have served since then as the lead grant writer and Chair of the Scholarship Committee and Black College Awareness Fair. I’m thrilled to say that the Ivy & Pearls Foundation just celebrated its 30th anniversary as the longest running annual, free Black College Awareness fair in the San Francisco Bay Area. It’s been a point of pride leading this event and watching students learn about the rich history of HBCUs. In addition, I continue to run College Admissions process (#CAP) workshops, a signature program of Alpha Kappa Alpha to provide additional support for students navigating the college application process.

“Academic excellence is a cornerstone of the Ivy & Pearls Foundation, and my work with them has been a natural extension of my career. What motivates me to do the work I do is the need for these services in marginalized communities, and it is a joy to be able to lend my expertise alongside other like-minded women.”

Ms. Antoinette Battiste



Katz Award Honoree  
Antionette Battiste



# 2021 IMPACT

\$100K in Grants Awarded

Over 2,500 Children Helped

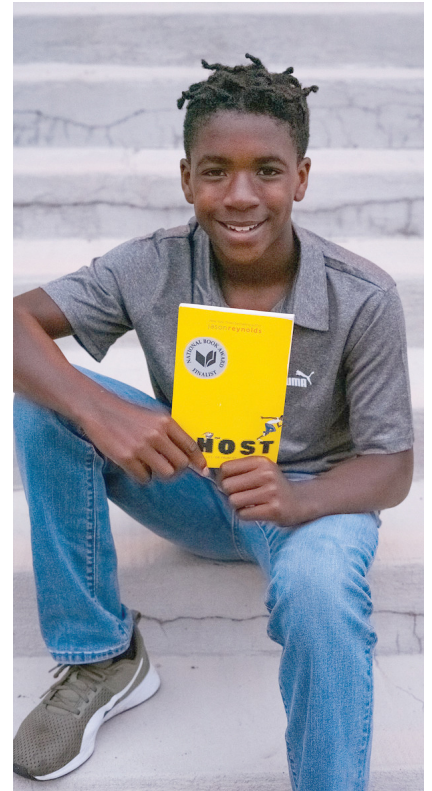
20 Programs Across 16 States



Living Works



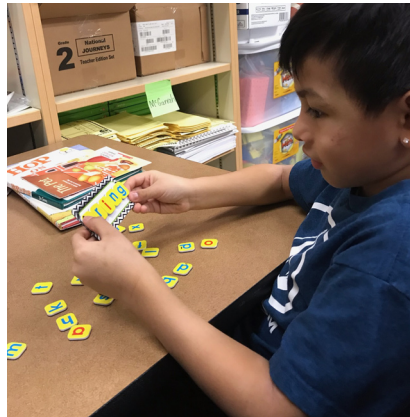
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The Leaders Readers



Rosati Leadership Academy



Mid Columbia Reading Foundation



Rosati Leadership Academy



Apparo Academy

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## RECIPIENTS SPEAK

## Abramson Scholarship

## Foundation, Washington DC

"The Abramson Scholarship has made my dreams of becoming the first person in my immediate family to obtain a higher education a reality. Being that college is so expensive, the foundation's contribution to my education is what allows me to afford to attend school. Having wonderful mentors who can guide me throughout my semesters is also something that I do not take for granted. Being able to have this mentorship with people who were once in my shoes allows me to gain advice I would otherwise lack. Ultimately, the foundation's investment in my future is one that pushes me forward and allows me to thrive."

— *Tatiana Johnson,*  
*Abramson Scholar, 2021*



## Father's Purpose

## Coral Springs, Florida

"With your help and support, Father's Purpose was able to bring our vision of reconciling families who have been impacted by crime and poverty to life. During the event we were able to help everyone learn ways to promote emotional wellness, reduce stress behaviors and identify practices we can utilize when we struggle mentally, dealing with the obstacles of life. Our goal and mission is to ensure long term positive success for the youth that participate in our program. They can be the change agents we need them to be with an effective plan and our emotional support. Together we are bringing families back together and strengthening our community as a team. Thank you for your willingness to make a positive difference in the lives of our youth."



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## THE FOUNDER'S CIRCLE

The IECA Foundation has begun a 2-year campaign celebrating 25 years supporting projects that benefit those involved in the process of making educational choices, including students, families, educational consultants, and other professionals. In honor of the 25th anniversary celebration, we have launched a campaign to raise \$250,000 from our members.

As part of this campaign, we've created a Founder's Circle for those who make a one-time gift of \$25,000. Commitments at this level can be made over as many as five years. Contributions to the Fund will be used to support organizations that provide educational services to underserved populations. The IECA Foundation recognizes the following members:

## The Founder's Circle

Michael Spence

Luisa Rabe

Robin Abedon

Krissy Naspo

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## CIRCLE 96 SOCIETY



We want our most dedicated supporters to know how much they mean to us. Therefore, in 2018, we created a new loyalty group: The Circle 96 Society.

## Why Circle 96 Society?

The work of the IECA Foundation is cyclical, with grantmaking happening annually. We believe the

image of a circle aligns perfectly with this process, as well as the idea of a dedicated circle of donors. The 96 is in reference to the founding year of the IECA Foundation.

Members of The Circle 96 Society will be the first to hear about upcoming IECA Foundation events and opportunities, as well

as receive invitations for Circle 96 gatherings at future conferences. We are excited to welcome new members to The Circle 96 Society and look forward to seeing this group of supporters grow! We extend special gratitude to our members, listed below, for their steadfast support of the IECA Foundation.

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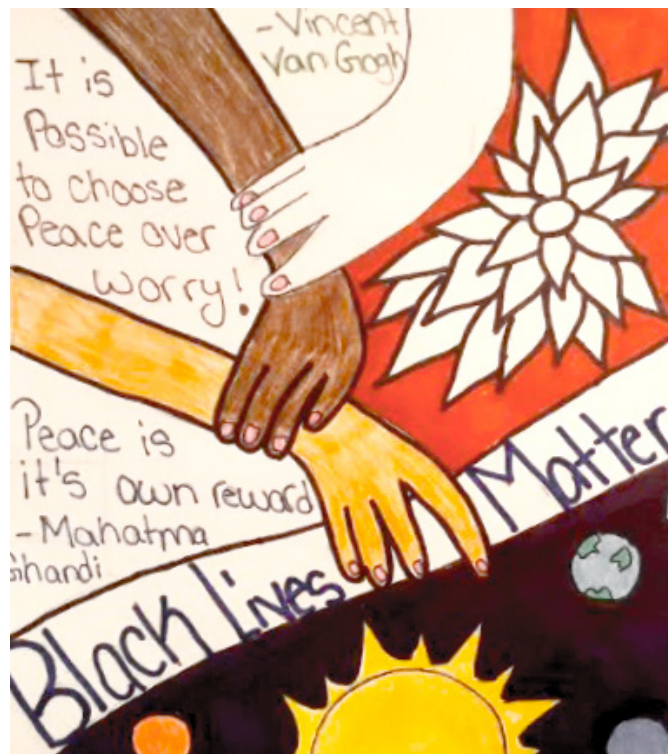
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City Arts "Walking with Justice"



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