



Annual Report 2023

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WOODSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



Let's Roar! Invest Locally for Permanent Impact

The Woodside High School Foundation, along with the greater school and local community, rallied again this year with record level support for Woodside High School. With \$1.6 million raised in the past year, which equals almost \$1,000 per student, Woodside High School is poised for a successful 2023-2024 academic year. The immediate value of each donation is apparent. The long term value for our community is greater. This only happens with your help. Thank you!

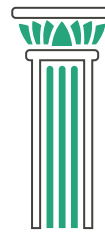
Thanks to generous donations from over 600 donors, students benefit this school year from:

College
Guidance
Mental Health



COUNSELING

Expanded Electives



**College
Access
Program**

- 1 Additional College Counselor
- NorCal and SoCal College Trips
- College Essay Boot Camps
- SAT & ACT Test Prep



Classroom
**TECH &
TOOLS**



**SUMMER
ACCELERATION**
Programs

20%

REDUCTION
in Class Sizes

Our Mission is to Provide Academic Excellence for All Students

The Woodside High School Foundation is a volunteer-run nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to raise funds to close the gap between public funding and the cost of a high-quality education.

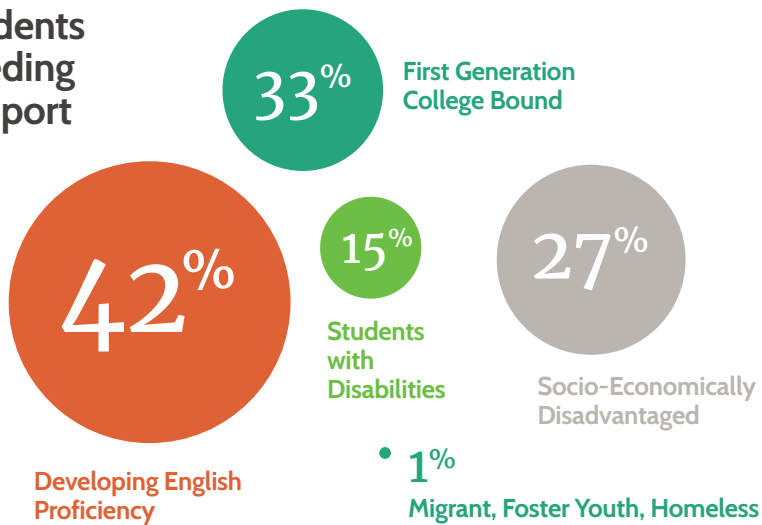
We raise money for academic programming identified by the school administration that will have a significant impact on the quality of education of all the students.



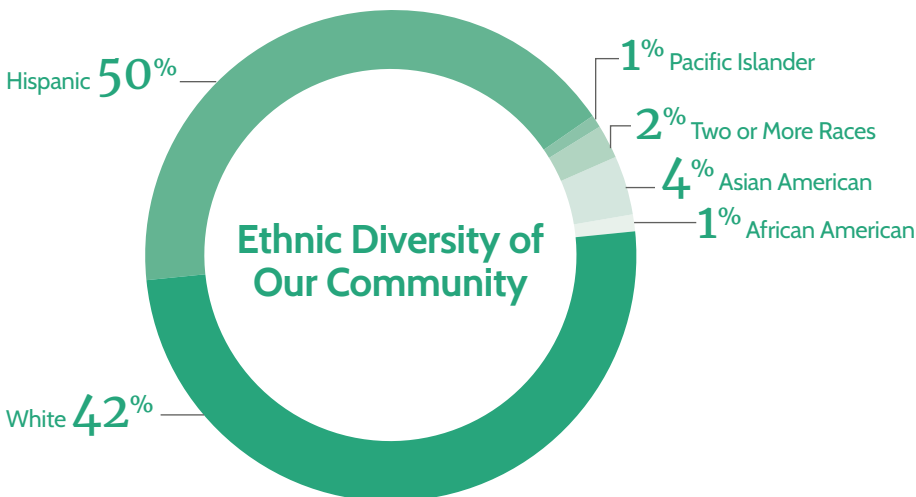
Woodside High School is socio-economically, ethnically, and academically diverse.

Educating all students to their highest potential is a challenge embraced at Woodside High School. We are proud that 95% of graduates are college bound.

Students Needing Support



The cultural and socio-economic diversity of Woodside High School demonstrate the power and advantage of diversity in education. Almost a third of our families are socioeconomically disadvantaged and slightly more are first-generation college-bound. Many more students are learning English as a second language. The Woodside High School Foundation supports the school's expansive academic programming – including additional enrichment, advanced placement curriculum and learning support – which are vital to the diverse learning community and critical to post-secondary success.



A Note from Principal van Putten

Thank you for your continued generosity and amazing support!

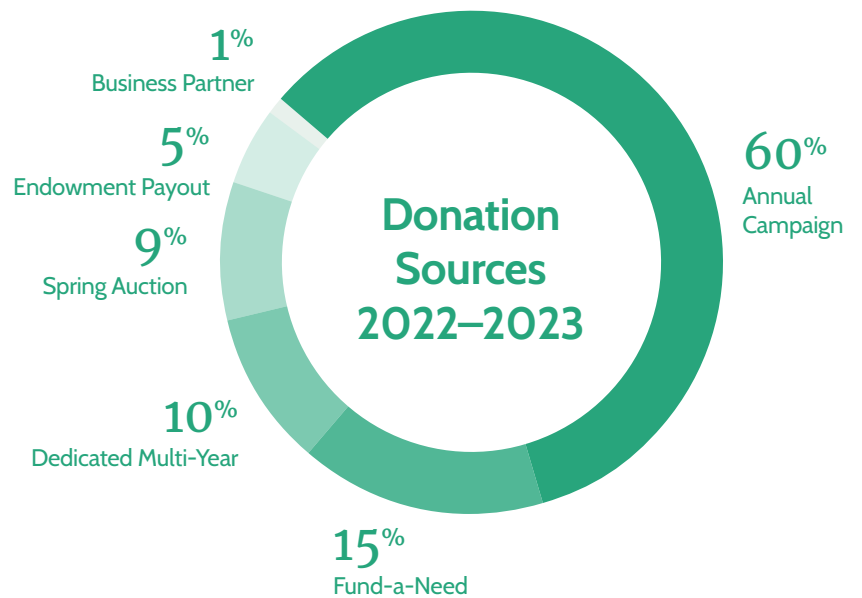
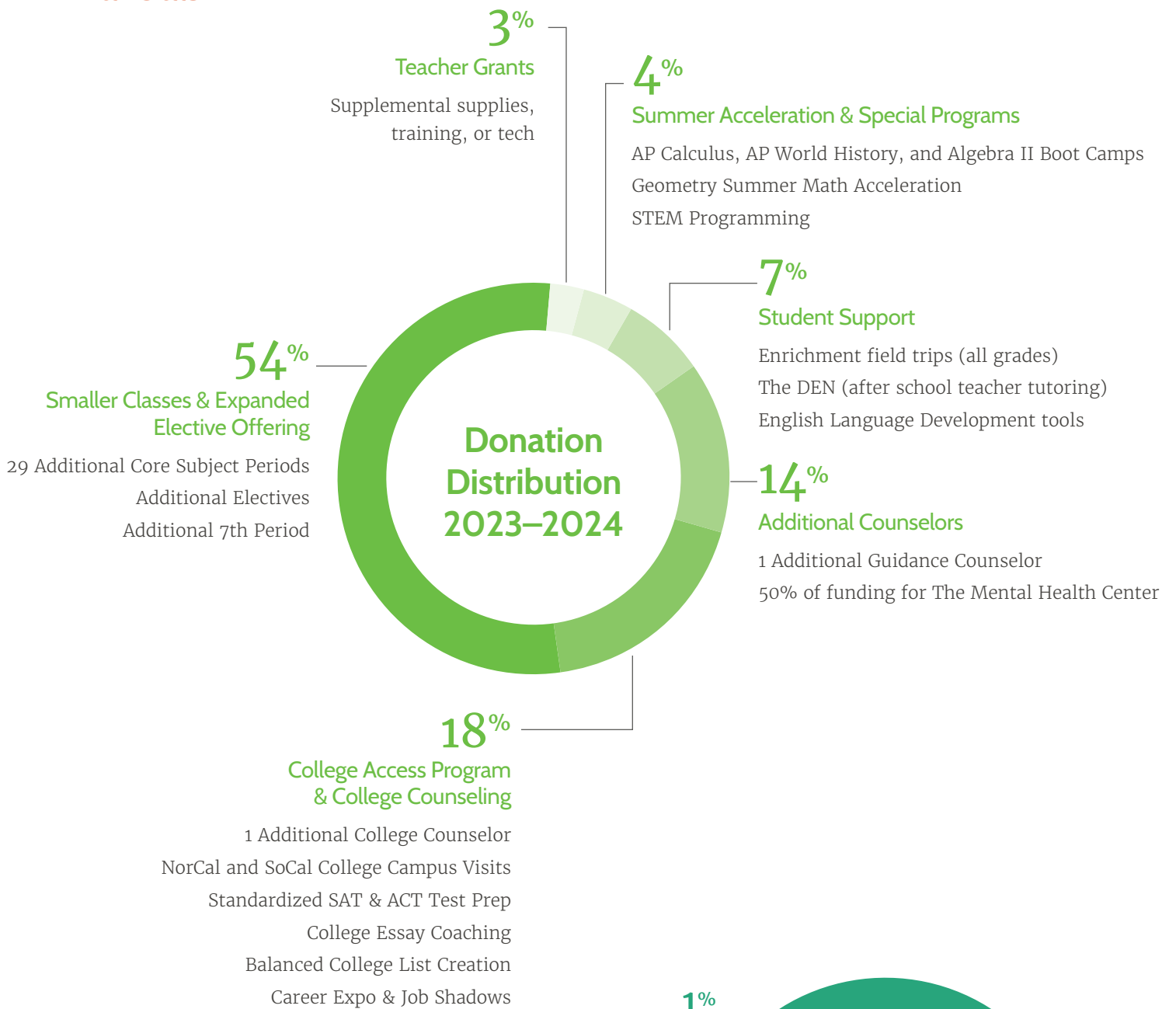
The Foundation has provided Woodside High School with record high funding so every student has greater access to educational opportunities for the 2023-2024 academic school year. The tradition of giving to vital academic programming at Woodside High School enables the school administration to rely on smaller class sizes, an expanded elective offering, and summer acceleration programs to create a rich learning community. The newer funding for additional counselors, the mental health center and the College Access Program enhance campus-wide support. The Foundation support is felt everywhere on campus!

Our learning community prides itself on serving students with a broad range of needs. The quality of instruction and the student-teacher connections at Woodside High School are our strongest assets, and I am committed to making this even stronger. Every donation from the Foundation makes this commitment to learning and academic excellence stronger.

Thank you parents, teachers, school staff, and community members for your support. Your contributions allow students to reach their highest potential!

With gratitude,
Karen van Putten
Principal

Financials



1.6M
 Total Revenue from Donations

Why We Fund...

Closing the College Equity Gap

We fund the College Access Program (CAP) and an additional college counselor in an effort to give every student, regardless of their background, the support they need to apply to college. These supports help to close the equity gap, reduce college application stress, motivate students to work harder and inspire some to dream bigger! Over time we hope even more students will gain entrance to the college of their choice and attend 4-year colleges upon graduation.

Student Benefits

- College Campus Tours
- Balanced College List Advice
- SAT & ACT Test Prep
- Career Exploration
- College Essay Coaching



95%

of the Class of 2023 headed to college this Fall.

Half are off to 4 year colleges, and the other half to 2 year colleges. Students also joined the military, are taking a gap year, and enrolled in trade programs.



The Mental Health Center

In response to the nationwide teen mental health epidemic, we fund 50% of the Center's costs which enabled them to host 1900 student visits last year.

Additional Guidance Counselor

The additional Guidance Counselor improves the student to counselor ratio by 20%. This allows students greater access to a holistic support system that bolsters their success.

Smaller Classes

Smaller classes improve teacher retention and students benefit from greater opportunity for class discussion, individual feedback, and deeper connection.



Expanded Elective Offering

Additional elective periods enable students to receive their first choice 95% of the time and are critical to a quality high school experience. They also help foster passions in subjects that provide pathways to careers and post-secondary interests.

WHS Elective Offerings

- Animation
- Digital Music
- Foods & Nutrition
- Band, Guitar, Jazz, Orchestra
- Production
- Journalism
- Chorus
- Digital
- Student Leadership
- Photography
- Video & Audio
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Production
- Culinary Arts
- Engineering
- Yearbook
- Digital Art
- Fine Arts and Ceramics
- Filmmaking
- Graphic Design

Woodside by the Numbers

1669

Students

1000

AP Exams Taken in May by 542 Students

129

Teachers

148

Students Enrolled In Green Academy; 96 Enrolled in Graphic and Tech Academy; 230 in AVID Program*

93

Staff Holding Master's Degree

1270

Mean SAT Score

* Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an in-school academic support program to prepare students for college eligibility and success. AVID students are often socio-economically disadvantaged or first-generation students.



Class of 2023 Roars!

The Class of 2023 were admitted to elite private colleges such as Brown, Columbia, University of Chicago, Duke, Bates and many others; out-of-state public universities including University of Virginia, University of Michigan, and Oregon State; all University of California campuses with many attending UCLA, UC Berkeley, and UC Davis; California State schools; and many students will attend nationally ranked community colleges, like Canada, Foothill, College of San Mateo and Santa Barbara City College, with plans to matriculate to a UC or CSU.



...I believe that Woodside not only prepared me for a rigorous academic environment, but also taught me critical skills such as self-advocacy and a balance between academic and social life. I'm so grateful for the teachers I met, the friends I keep, and the academic habits I created because of Woodside.

Ella Aspinal
UC Berkeley, Class of 2027



Although my love for cooking started at home with my family, I developed an interest for Woodside's Culinary pathway. It helped me make social connections that I wouldn't have made without the program. Culinary Arts allowed me to gain a stronger hold on my passion for cooking and helped me get an internship at Genentech. I've learned to work hard and give it your all to achieve your goals and dreams!

Valarie Corral
Genentech Internship 2023-2024
Cañada College, Class of 2025
CSU Monterey Bay, Class of 2027



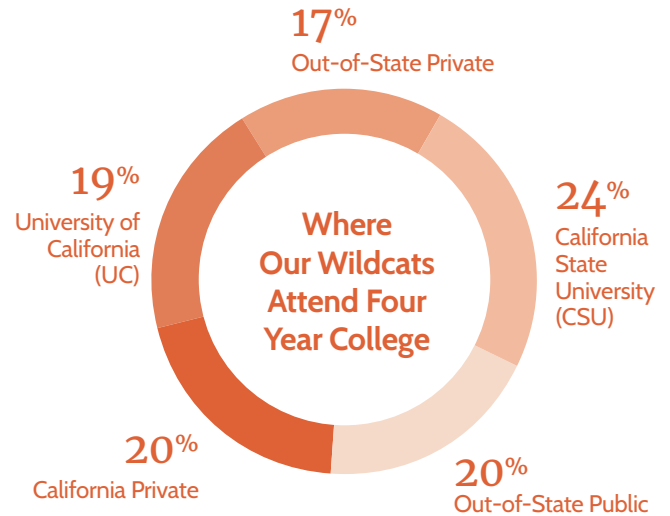
Woodside has been a special place for me, allowing me to pursue soccer, jazz, and my academic interests. I have had fantastic English, Math, and Science teachers that have inspired me to excel academically while balancing my extracurriculars.

Ethan Hamel
Caltech, Class of 2027



I'm glad to have been a part of Woodside music all four of my years here. Being a part of the music program at Woodside gave me confidence and strong relationships with my peers. Without the help of Woodside music I would not have been able to be accepted as a Jazz Education major at Sacramento State University where I will study to become a High School band director.

Lucas Gonzalez Luna
Sacramento State, Class of 2027



The Diversity Advantage

Students graduate ready to take on the challenges of a college environment and with a unique understanding of a complex society based on their experience in our diverse community.





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Use the enclosed remit envelope to send a check.

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Go to whsfoundation.org/donate to donate by credit card, EFT, stocks & securities, or donor advised funds.



Campaign Goals

Raise \$1,500 per student

We recognize that a gift at this level might not be a possibility for some families; others may be in a position to give multiples of this gift. If you are able, please consider helping to bridge the gap on behalf of others.

600 Donations

Vital financial support of academic programs only happens when members of the Woodside community come together to support this work. We need your help! Every donation matters and all gifts are appreciated!

Meet Our Community's Unique Needs

Being a socio-economically diverse community means that annual philanthropic giving plays an especially critical role in our success. Our fundraising goal is to maintain current academic programming, keep pace with rising costs, fund the new College Access Program and fund additional programs needing greater support.

Levels of Giving

Benefactors Circle

Donation \$10,000 or greater

Leadership Circle

Donations \$3,000–\$9,999

Scholars Circle

Donations up to \$3,000

Matching Funds

Many corporations match employee donations to our organization.

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