

2014–2015

ANNUAL REPORT

Raising funds to support excellence

**BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL
DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

“Since 1991, the Berkeley High School Development Group’s (BHSDG) mission has been to support and strengthen the educational experience of all BHS students. I am grateful for BHSDG’s partnership in providing expanded opportunities for our students and staff. The Group’s commitment and generosity are integral to the success of Berkeley High students.”

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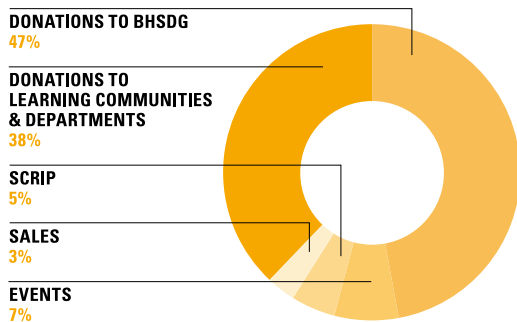


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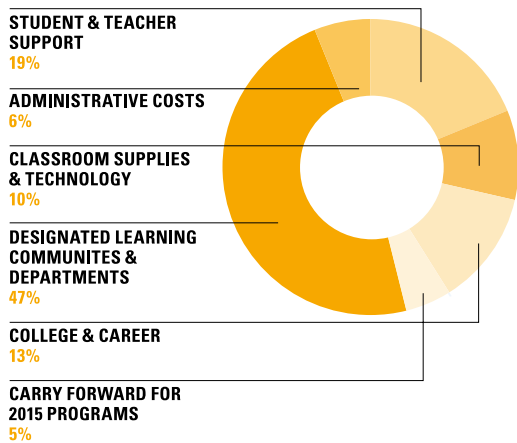
BHSDG FINANCIAL REPORT 2014–2015

“BHSDG RECEIVED AND PROCESSED OVER \$518,000 IN DONATIONS AND OTHER REVENUES DURING THE 2014–2015 SCHOOL YEAR.”

FY 2014–2015: SOURCES OF FUNDS \$518,043



FY 2014–2015: USES OF FUNDS \$518,043



BHSDG received approximately \$197,000 in donations and other revenue earmarked for specific learning communities, programs and departments. BHSDG acts as fiscal agent for these funds, at no cost, providing a significant benefit to BHS small learning communities (SLC’s) and programs. BHS SLC’s and programs determine how they will spend those monies, and they were used for a wide range of educational enrichment opportunities.

The BHSDG’s fundraising and administrative expenses accounted for 6% (\$32,000) of the overall BHSDG budget. We carried forward \$25,000 reserve for future needs and anticipate funding our sponsored programs on an ongoing basis.

THE BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL Development Group (BHSDG) received and processed over \$518,000 in donations and other revenues during the 2014–2015 school year. Approximately 61% of this revenue (or \$321,000) was directed to or earned by BHSDG to be distributed by our Board. From these unrestricted revenues, BHSDG provided funding for academic, athletic, artistic and club programs at Berkeley High School (BHS). Ongoing BHSDG funded programs include:

- After-School Tutorial Program free for all BHS students (\$45,000)
- Classroom Supplies grants as well as funding for the registrar, library, counseling and career centers, principal’s office, and every BHS teacher (\$37,000)
- First Step Scholarships (\$43,000)
- College and Career Support includes funding College Handbook, Book of College Essays, College Fair, college application and test fees (\$24,000)
- Student Organizer (\$16,000)

OTHER BHSDG GRANTS:

- Field Trips (\$5,000)
- Teacher professional development and guest speakers (\$9,000)
- Technology/Equipment (\$13,000)
- Additional student support, classroom materials, classroom enrichment (dance, art, etc.) support (\$14,000)
- Initial funding for Sexual Harassment Training and Drug and Alcohol education (\$10,000) starting in Spring 2015 and continuing into the 2015–2016 school year.



The mission of the Berkeley High School Development Group is to support and strengthen the educational experience of all students at Berkeley High School.

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MATH COACHING WITH CRITICAL FRIENDS
2014–15

BHS STAFF T-SHIRTS

JAZZ CLASSROOM EQUIPMENT

BRIDGE PROGRAM STAFF DEVELOPMENT

ACADEMIC LITERACY WRITING
INTERVENTION

UC/CSU COUNSELOR CONFERENCE FEES

DIGITAL SERVER FOR MEDIA CLASSES

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FIELD TRIP

2014–15 FISHING CLUB

AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FIELD TRIPS

SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB

BRIDGE PROGRAM MENTORS

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER—ADMIN
ASSISTANT AND OTHER SUPPORT

CERAMICS TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

SPECIAL ED REFRIGERATOR

CCC BRIDGE TEST AND APPLICATION FEES

BOOKS FOR BIOETHICS

PHOTOGRAPHY SUPPLIES

GIRLS RUGBY CLUB

HIGH COUP ULTIMATE FRISBEE
CUSTODIAL FEES

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION
PROGRAM

PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

ELECTRONIC MUSIC CLUB

CCC GET FOCUSED CONFERENCE

PHOTO PAPER AND FILM

GAS CHROMATOGRAPH

MODERN DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY
LICENSING FEES

AC ENGLISH TEACHER LAPTOP

AVID COLLEGE FIELD TRIPS

2015 COLLEGE FAIR

FRESHMAN TRANSITION TRAINING



CALCULATORS FOR ELD ALGEBRA

VAGINA MONOLOGUES CUSTODIAL FEES

DYSLEXIA WORKSHOP BY BOLD
(PARENT SUPPORT GROUP)

PRINTMAKING SUPPLIES

BATS FOR CERAMICS

HOSA (HEALTH OCCUPATION STUDENTS
OF AMERICA) / AMPS

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COLLEGE HANDBOOK

STUDENT ORGANIZER

SPEECH AND DEBATE CLUB TOURNAMENT
FEE AND OTHER SUPPORT

LATIN MUSIC AND DANCE HISTORY

QUALITY CIRCLES FOR TEACHING

OCI DISCRETIONARY FUNDS

BOOKS FOR BOOKTALKERS

OCI SF STATE FIELD TRIP

THEATRE COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

BUSD HARRASSMENT TRAINING
FOR SENIORS

PSAT SUPPORT FOR 2015

“When our national and state governments fell short of funding the arts in our school, BHSDG stepped in. It is through the generous support of the BHSDG that my high school students are able to receive the highest quality arts education. Through the Development Group, students in AHA have had the opportunity to work with professional guest artists, visit museums and galleries, learn how to weld, screenprint and access digital art. I salute the Berkeley community for its continued support of the BHSDG, a true lifeline for the arts.”

—MIRIAM STAHL, ART TEACHER AHA

Thank You !

To our dedicated departing Board Members who gave generously of their time to the BHSDG:

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To those who have given generously to BHSDG during this past fiscal year. We could not accomplish our goals without your support.

We appreciate every donation and respect our donors. If we've misspelled your name or left you off the list, please let us know. Our mistake was inadvertent and we humbly apologize.

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“Both innovation and continuous improvement are resource-intensive undertakings. The Berkeley High School Development Group provides critical resources so that the staff at Berkeley High can push the envelope in our work as 21st century educators.”

—SAM PASAROW, BHS PRINCIPAL



“BHSDG’s support of the front office staff position last year literally made it so that the College and Career Center was able to function and be as available to students...We are so grateful for the funds we received.”

—ERIN SCHWENG, BHS VICE PRINCIPAL

“The Development Group continues to support teachers in becoming the best we can be. In the past, I have received materials grants. This (Quality Teaching Circle) grant allowed me to think critically about specific aspects of my practice which was exceptionally useful.”

—AMANDA GREEN, BHS ENGLISH TEACHER & AC CO-LEAD TEACHER



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Questions? Contact scrip@bhsgd.org.

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–JASDEEP MALHI, INTERVENTION COORDINATOR/ COUNSELOR

BRIDGE TO ACHIEVEMENT

100% GRADUATION RATE, high levels of college attendance, improved test scores. These are the metrics by which academic success is judged, and the Berkeley High Bridge Program has achieved these outcomes and more.

The Bridge Program supports academic success by preparing eighth graders at Berkeley middle schools for their freshman year and supporting them during their four years at Berkeley High and beyond.

Bridge participants are primarily students of color without a family history of college attendance. When compared with students from similar backgrounds, Bridge participants have higher GPA’s, higher attendance rates, higher high school exit exam scores, and higher numbers enrolling in advanced coursework than non-participating Berkeley High students.

Bridge recruits 25–30 new eighth graders each year, kicking off with an intensive two week summer program that transitions to a daily Berkeley High afterschool activity during which students work with tutors, mentors and Bridge staff. The program continues throughout the student’s high school career, including a leadership retreat for juniors and the seniors’ 6 week SAT preparation class. A dedicated Bridge teacher coaches each cohort, checking homework; providing motivation, academic monitoring and support; and keeping in touch with parents. College students serve as Bridge Mentors, providing coaching and role modeling for Bridge students. After graduation, Bridge continues to assist students by offering long-distance support during college.

Funding for Bridge comes from a variety of sources, including the Berkeley High Development Group. According to Bridge coordinator Jessie Luxford, “The Bridge Program would not be what it is today without the help of the Berkeley High Development Group; BHSDG funding has helped grow the program. I cannot say enough about how much it has meant to us.”

Now in its sixth year, Bridge serves 150 students, and demand for the program outpaces capacity. Ms. Luxford hopes that “with continued support from partners like the Berkeley High Development Group, the program will expand to meet the growing demand.”

For more information on the Berkeley High Bridge Program, or to volunteer, please contact Jessie Luxford at jessieluxford@berkeley.net.

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THE CHEESEBOARD once again showed a huge commitment to Berkeley High by hosting another successful fundraiser. This sell-out event raised \$6,000 for programs to benefit Berkeley High students and staff. Thank you to the Cheeseboard, and especially Steve Sutter, Martha Wold Cornwall, Ursula Schulz, and Cathy Goldsmith.

“To teach a truly exceptional science class, it’s important to get students access to experiences and activities that allow them to explore the world around them with high quality equipment that more closely matches what is found in research labs and industry. The Development Group has been instrumental in helping me provide this type of equipment and opportunities for the students of BHS. From the purchase of HPLC columns to a whole gas chromatograph, the grants funded by BHSDG have allowed my students to conduct research that would be impossible to replicate without the equipment and materials provided by the Development Group. Knowing that I can call on BHSDG when I have an idea for a new lab or activity gives me the freedom to think big about what my students can achieve. The end result is students who have the opportunity to experience authentic scientific research and performance at the highest levels of academic achievement.” –AARON GLIME, BHS SCIENCE TEACHER



“Over the past several years the BHSDG has helped us with purchasing sheet music, paying festival fees, providing scholarships for lessons, purchasing wood to create cubbies for our new classroom, buying speakers for our classroom sound system, and paying for JazzGirls Day. We are so grateful to the BHSDG for their efforts on our behalf!” –JAZZ BAND

