College Possible is driven by the simple idea that Nebraska students should go as far as their talent and motivation can take them.

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“Being a part of the College Possible program has helped me stay on the path for my career goals by supporting me through my college journey.”

Ashley
Omaha South Magnet High School graduate, University of Nebraska at Omaha student, and computer science major

YOUR IMPACT

Thank you for being a College Possible donor! Your support is critical during this challenging time. Together, we can make sure students from low-income backgrounds have the coaching and resources they need to achieve their goals and become college graduates.

Here’s what you helped Nebraska students accomplish during the 2020-21 school year:

- **College Acceptance**: 95% of high school seniors from the class of 2021 were accepted in college.
- **College Enrollment**: 80% of high school seniors from the class of 2021 enrolled in college for fall 2021.*
- **College Persistence**: 82% of first-year college students persisted to their second year of college in fall 2021.*

*This information is current as of Nov. 1, 2021. The National Student Clearinghouse will validate these data points in late Dec.

Who We Served

- 444 juniors and seniors at nine partner high schools within the Omaha metropolitan area
- 1,087 college students on 63 campuses in Nebraska and across the nation
- 80% are first-generation college students
- 16% Black or African American, 31% Hispanic/Latino, 15% Asian, Asian American or Pacific Islander, 1% American Indian or Alaskan Native, 8% Multi-Racial, 23% White or Caucasian, 6% Unspecified

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Coaching During the COVID-19 Pandemic

During the 2020-2021 academic year College Possible continued to deliver curriculum virtually to our student scholars due to health and safety concerns related to COVID-19. After our initial launch of online learning at the start of the pandemic, College Possible coaches began focusing on one-to-one meetings with their students, allowing for more individualized attention and problem-solving. “We quickly discovered we can’t take the same program in-person and switch it to online, so we used different avenues of communication.” said senior program director Katie Cunningham.

Coaches provided the individual space and time students needed to participate in important discussions about their college path, goal-setting, action-planning and completing tasks necessary for the college application process. An important part of being an AmeriCorps coach is the personal connections they make during their term of service. While the reward of in-person connections may have been missing, our coaches persevered and provided outstanding support to their College Possible student cohorts.

One AmeriCorps coach, Elliott Abromeit, said, “While the nature of our service changed and brought new obstacles, I stayed motivated because I believe so highly in the mission of College Possible. Serving our students is one of the coolest things I’ve done so far.”

Meet Ana - Omaha South High School, Barnard College graduate

After attending a field trip to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in elementary school, Ana knew college was for her. While she had never been introduced to the idea beforehand, she became set on furthering her education. After joining the College Possible program her junior year of high school, the idea of attending college outside Nebraska became a viable option.

Ana’s AmeriCorps coach encouraged her to apply for a summer program at Harvard University. Thinking back on the three months she spent in Massachusetts, Ana recalls, “That experience made me feel more confident about going to college outside the state.”

When looking for the right college fit after her Harvard experience, Ana found that Barnard College, a private women’s liberal arts college in New York City, was the most cost-effective option. Her time at Barnard College, majoring in applied mathematics, shaped her and gave her the experiences needed to land a job after graduating in April 2021. Ana now works for British Petroleum as an Information Security and Risk Analyst.

“College Possible really enlightened me about the opportunities available to me. They opened my eyes to everything that is out there and made it tangible.”

Thank you for standing with College Possible students!