

Together, we're empowering the college dream



“ I will always be grateful College Possible exists because I know they are able to help other first-generation students out there like me. ”

Jasmine,
Marquette University, '22



2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT REPORT

REGIONAL REACH



1,696

students from **19** high schools and **110** colleges are closer to their goal of a college degree

100%

students from under-invested communities

90%

students of color

87%

first-generation college students

COLLEGE ACCESS



100%

applied to college¹



99%

admitted to college¹



67%

enrolled in college¹

COLLEGE SUCCESS



64%

persisted from first-to-second-year in college²



96

college degrees earned

¹ High school class of 2021, to any degree-granting institution.

² High school class of 2020, represents fall-to-fall enrollment to any degree-granting institution.

Thank you for your support

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Challenges Faced

The 2021–2022 school year presented a continuation of challenges for our students and our organization. Students faced frequent interruptions to learning due to switches to virtual learning with rising COVID-19 cases. Economic challenges led to fewer AmeriCorps members signing on to serve as coaches, limiting our capacity to serve groups of students. These challenges required flexibility and adaptation to ensure that students could still have access to the guidance and support necessary to apply to, be accepted to, enroll in, and graduate from college.

College Possible Milwaukee continued hybrid programming, combining in-person support with virtual options to best meet the needs and schedules of participating students. We also developed a program model which utilizes the more limited number of AmeriCorps coaches available to reach more students in larger groups while maintaining our commitment to providing the personalized support necessary.

Impact Achieved

Overcoming the challenges presented during the 2021–2022 school year, College Possible was able to effectively meet the needs of 1,696 high school and college students. Of participating students:

95% completed financial aid applications, like the FAFSA

70% completed at least one scholarship application

99% received at least one college acceptance

67% enrolled in college during the first semester following their high school graduation and 64% persisted through their freshman year of college to their sophomore year

43% completed college within 6 years

New Partnerships

College Possible Milwaukee launched a new multi-year scholarship program created in collaboration with Wisconsin-based Kohler Co. In addition to renewable educational scholarships, the Kohler Scholars program provides hands-on experiences for Milwaukee high school seniors and college students including career exploration, internship opportunities and mentorship. The pilot of the Kohler Scholars program launched in June 2022. Participating scholars received scholarships totaling \$5,000, were assigned a trained Kohler mentor, engaged in a yearly career exploration visit at Kohler's headquarters, and received a paid internship that upon graduation may result in a full-time employment.

“College Possible was a place where my doubts and concerns about attending college were comforted. Without College Possible, I don't think college would have ever been possible.”

Sienna,
St. Thomas More High School, '21



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