

# Together, we're empowering the college dream



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“ College Possible Texas helped me find a school that best fits me. This program is good for anyone who needs that extra guidance along the way to college. ”

Samantha,  
Austin Community College

## 2021–2022 SCHOOL YEAR IMPACT REPORT

### REGIONAL REACH



**5,383**

students from  
**13 high schools**  
and **2 colleges** served  
in 2021–2022 are  
closer to their goal  
of a college degree<sup>1</sup>

**100%**

students from  
under-invested  
communities<sup>1</sup>

**80%**

students of color<sup>2</sup>

### COLLEGE ACCESS



**78%**

applied to  
college<sup>3</sup>



**64%**

admitted to  
college<sup>3</sup>



**64%**

enrolled in  
college<sup>3</sup>

### COLLEGE SUCCESS



**85%**

persisted from  
first-to-second-  
year in college<sup>4</sup>



**179**

total degrees  
earned<sup>3</sup>

- 1 Fiscal year 2022
- 2 Of students served fiscal year 2022 who reported race/ethnicity; this represents those who identified as Black/African/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Native Alaskan or Multiracial.
- 3 Fiscal year 2022; to any degree-granting institution. Includes 175 bachelor's degrees, 2 associate's degrees, 2 certificates.
- 4 Fiscal year 2022; represents fall-to-fall enrollment to any degree-granting institution.

# Thank you for your support

## KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On July 1, 2021, College Forward merged with College Possible, a national college access and success organization that employs a similar near-peer coaching model across another seven regional sites, as well as a growing suite of national programming that is closing the college completion gap. Together, we have been carefully merging these organizations to reach complete integration by the end of 2023. Since the union, we have focused on cross-team and program integrations. We're excited to share that in August 2023, we formally changed our name to College Possible, a milestone signaling our commitment to expand our evidence-based programming to students statewide as we formalize our integration into the broad College Possible brand, program, culture and operations.

Here's what you helped Austin-area students accomplish during the 2021–2022 school year:

### Student achievements

The Dell Scholars program recognizes outstanding high school students in the areas of grit, potential and ambition. In 2022, two College Forward (now College Possible Texas) students received \$20,000 each, and seven others were semifinalists in the competition.

In June 2022, College Forward (now College Possible Texas) students and staff spoke with U.S. Under Secretary of Education James Kvaal

and Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Harrison Keller of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to advocate and share testimonies for increases to the Federal Pell Grant award. Since then, the grant has increased by \$900 per student award for the 2023 school year, the largest increase in 15 years.

### Expanding our reach

We successfully relaunched in-person services across 11 high schools and two college partners in Central Texas, enabling AmeriCorps coaches to effectively deliver our most comprehensive programming. Over the next three years, we will expand our virtual coaching access to 4,500 students, putting us on track to serve more than 10,000 students virtually.

### Professional development

Ensuring our students and AmeriCorps coaches are prepared to advance in their chosen career field is a core priority. In 2022, we received a \$75,000 OneStar Workforce Grant to strengthen our coaches' post-service job candidacy. In addition, we introduced IBM SkillsBuild to coaches and students to improve professional and personal development. SkillsBuild provides courses, trainings and virtual events across topics like AI, design thinking and analytics. To date, 437 Austin-area students and AmeriCorps members have registered on the platform, and 47 learners have attained 1,516 learning completions over 262 learning hours.

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“Whether you're the traditional or 'nontraditional' student, College Possible Texas will always be there to guide you by cheering you on and ensuring you go forward!”

Timothy,  
Texas State University '25



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