

MOSTe

Motivating Our Students Through Experience



2022 REFLECTION

When the pandemic swept the world and schools shut their doors, students were sent home and distanced from their communities, mentors, and teachers. Learning outcomes and college enrollment rates dropped in many low-income schools across California. At MOSTe, our program provided a source of support and a sense of security through an unfathomable time.

“[MOSTe] gave back what the pandemic took away.”
Victoria, Scholar 2022

At MOSTe, we help girls from underserved areas of Los Angeles develop a college-going identity, build skills and confidence, and graduate from college. With the help of dedicated mentors, partners and volunteers, we've continued to provide guidance, resources, and encouragement for young women in pursuit of their educational and career goals. Despite COVID-19 and its enduring impact on education, our young women push forward. This spring, 100% of our recent high school graduates have been accepted to college and will attend in the fall.

We are here because of you. To the MOSTe community, thank you for your support. In 2021-22, you made an immeasurable impact on the lives of our students and their families. We fiercely believe that with access to a college education, our students will transform the world. Your commitment to MOSTe is an investment in that future.

APPROACH TO IMPACT

We equip our students with tools and meaningful relationships to meet their goals, and our approach to impact combines three key elements:

Curriculum: Our programming helps scholars build social and emotional skills and identify potential educational paths and career interests.

College-going Culture: Beginning in middle school, we create a college-going culture and support young women in developing a college-going identity.

Mentorship: We place students in supportive relationships with professional female mentors who act as friends, advisors, and guides on the journey toward higher education.

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YEAR IN REVIEW



94 students served from 6th - 12th grades

100% of students from low-income backgrounds.



More than 90% are first-generation college students



students of color

61 mentors

21000 volunteer hours

104

program alumni currently persisting in college



Careers After College

MOSTe graduates earn advanced degrees, get internships, and hold jobs at these companies and institutions.

Temple Law School
Media MKR's
Paramount/Viacom
Kid City Hope Place
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory
TigerConnect
Stanford Business School
Warner Brothers Studios
LAUSD
Sandlot CBRE Wagstaff Media Marriott
Impact Public Schools Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises
City National Bank UCLA
The Hartford



FROM OUR STUDENTS & MENTORS

We know that many of our students are disadvantaged in the education system and are less likely to develop a college-going identity. **At MOSTe, we design a curriculum that fosters essential skills and mindsets for our students.** We implement intentional, needs-responsive programs, tackling topics like identity, communication, leadership, and community involvement. Students are empowered to dream and equipped with the tools to achieve their educational goals.



“[The college trip]... gave me a glimpse of what my life could look like in a matter of two years. I did not expect all the resources colleges provide - honestly I thought those opportunities were only offered in high school. No matter where we end up we will always be supported.” - Dailyn

“Before MOSTe, I did not know much about college and life after high school. Through the workshops, seminars, and presentations that I have participated in for the past four years, I have learned about the college process and different careers, but more importantly, I built a community full of support and encouragement. - Wendy



"I am so blessed to be a part of MOSTe. It adds tremendous value to my life." - Mentor Kelli B.



One of MOSTe's key programmatic pillars is mentorship, and our mentors are vital to our success. Matched with our young women, MOSTe mentors provide individualized and targeted support, guidance, and encouragement on the road to college and beyond. In 2021-2022, we had the honor of working with more than 60 mentors. This group of dedicated professionals spent nearly **2100** hours with our students this year. At **MOSTe, we can attest to the power of mentorship.**

“When my mentor came into my life I didn’t know that she would be the one to change my perspective and outlook on life. How everyone lives differently and how we all have our own struggles and problems to deal with. But it doesn’t mean that we have to cover them or hide them but to work on them and do better. My mentor has made a big improvement on my life from being a stranger to completely being someone I trust in, and I can tell things to.” Kaisy



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2022 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Michelle Mendoza - Azusa Pacific University

Melody Borja Khalaf - Lycoming College

Diana Tran - Wesleyan University

Wendy Flores - University of California, Los Angeles

Kaisy Reynoso - University of California, Merced

Nyla Gooden - California State University, Dominguez Hills

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