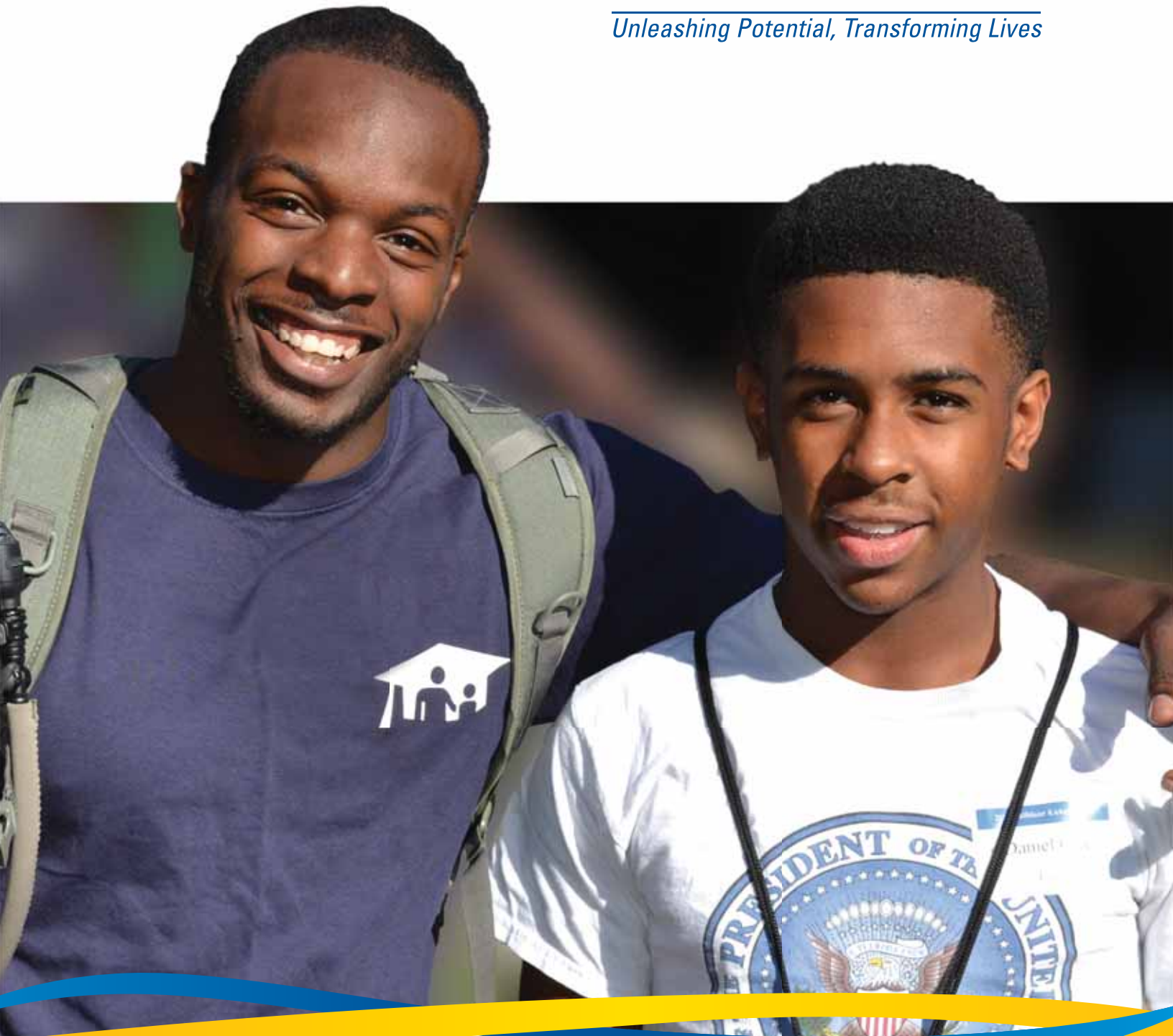




Capital Partners  
for Education

*Unleashing Potential, Transforming Lives*



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2014-2015





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*“All I needed was a chance, and through CPE that opportunity was provided.”*

*Ayinde Calhoun, '15*





### **Mission:**

Capital Partners for Education (CPE) aims to improve the futures of low-income youth by helping them receive a quality education, graduate from high school, and enroll, persist, and complete college.

### **Values:**

Our values guide our goals and our work. We promote CPE's five core values at every opportunity when working with students, as well as with mentors, staff, and board members.

### **High Expectations**

We will demonstrate ambition and continue to challenge ourselves as we reach our goals.

### **Personal Responsibility**

We believe each individual is responsible for the choices he or she makes, and we take responsibility for our own choices and behavior.

### **Respect**

We will respect ourselves by behaving appropriately and working to the best of our ability. We will treat others as we would like to be treated.

### **Support**

We understand how to give and receive help, and how to access resources.

### **Giving Back**

We will become leaders in our communities, mentor the next generation of young people, and always do our best to help others who are in need.



**Joseph C. Figini**  
Board Chair

## Letter from Leadership

Mount Everest climbers get their first glimpse of the summit several hundred feet past Camp I, about two-thirds up the mountain and 19,500 feet above sea level. After a two-week walk to the airport in Kathmandu, a dizzying flight to Lukla, a 39-mile hike to the Base Camp, and scaling the world's highest glacier, climbers at Camp I still have the most difficult part journey ahead of them.



**Khari Brown**  
Executive Director

Capital Partners for Education (CPE) is at Camp I. As we enter our 23rd school year, we stand firmly on years of accomplishments that have primed us to expand and deepen our impact in the Washington, D.C. area. Our journey has been fueled by a critical need in the community for high-quality mentoring and college success programming. As word of our success had spread, influxes of students, volunteers, donors, and community partners have clamored to join us. We've grown boldly yet responsibly, tripling our student body in just four years while maintaining our outstanding college enrollment and graduation rates.

CPE's program is rooted in relationships. Our students need more than just information to earn college degrees; they need people who care about them to guide them through the process. Washington, D.C. is a city of silos, but the relationships fostered by CPE's programming bridge divides between city quadrants, industries, and public and private sectors in meaningful ways. As we continue our ascent, we will need to work in tandem with our community partners, providing a united front of support for our motivated and deserving students.

We are standing on the precipice of even bolder expansions. As long as there are students in the region without road maps to earning college degrees, CPE will continue its upward trajectory. In 2016, CPE will conclude the goals set out for the organization in its 2012 strategic growth plan and begin setting the course for the next phase in our expansion. This phase will be driven by data, best practices, and technology. And most importantly, relationships, including those with supporters like you.

Thank you for being a part of our climb onwards and upwards.

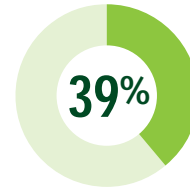
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*Board Chair*

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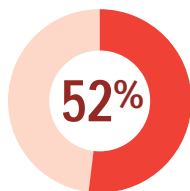


In 2013, 58% of DC public and charter school students enrolled in college in the year following their high school graduation.

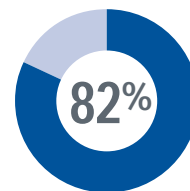
*(14 Year Report Card: 1999-2013, District of Columbia College Access Program, 2013)*



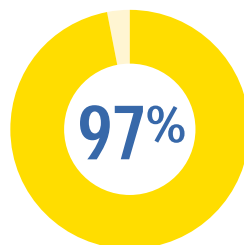
In 2013, 39% of DC public school students graduated college within 5 years after high school graduation.



Nationally, 52% of low-income high school graduates enroll in college immediately after high school.



Nationally, 82% of upper-income high school graduates enroll in college immediately after high school.



**CPE graduates enroll in college immediately after high school.**

“Children from less affluent backgrounds, even high ability children, lack the ‘road maps’ necessary to access college. Their networks fail to provide them and their families with the information they need to find a good, affordable school along with the financial aid for which they are eligible.”

*(“ White House Task Force on Middle Class Families, STAFF REPORT: Barriers to Higher Education,” whitehouse.gov)*

## IMPACT IN NUMBERS



**5 in 10**

LOW-INCOME COLLEGE  
STUDENTS GRADUATE  
ON-TIME

**65%**

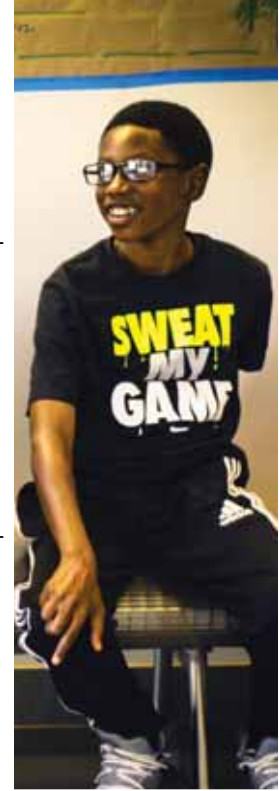
JOBS REQUIRING POST  
SECONDARY DEGREES  
BY 2020

**70%**

ON TIME COLLEGE  
COMPLETION AMONG  
CPE GRADUATES

**112 to 340**

2012 VS 2015



“Increases in the number of college graduates in a metropolitan area lead to increases in earnings for all workers in the area, not just those with higher levels of education.”

*(“How College Shapes Lives: Understanding the Issues,”  
The College Board, Trends in Higher Education Series, October 2013)*

“CPE provided me with an extended family and support system. Everything from resume building workshops, free SAT prep courses, to college tours helped guide me and ensure success in whatever step I chose to take next. Most importantly they provided me with my phenomenal mentor Camilla, whom I soon grew to love like a big sister.”

*Alumna Ashley Ajayi, '09*



# 2015 Cap & Gown Celebration



*“These folks are going to lead the cause, lead the country in the days to come... so it's a great cause to **support**, a great program, a great success, and we're happy to be a part of it.”* Peter Goldstone, Hanley Wood CEO





## Colleges attended by graduating seniors

- Albright College
- American University
- Anne Arundel Community College
- Boston College
- Delaware State University
- George Mason University
- The George Washington University
- Guilford College
- Hamilton College
- Hood College
- Johnson C. Smith University
- Lycoming College
- Marymount University
- McDaniel College
- Montgomery Community College
- Morgan State University
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Radford University
- Rosemont College
- Shepherd University
- Sewanee: University of the South
- St. John's University
- Temple University
- Towson University
- Trinity Washington University
- University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of D.C. Community College
- Villanova University

## Superlatives

### 2015 Henry D. Owen Scholarship Recipient

*Established in 2012, the Henry D. Owen Scholarship is designed to reward a CPE senior who demonstrates a necessary dedication to the program values.*

**Winner: Derrell Bouknight**

Derrell is a 2015 Gonzaga College High School graduate and active member of the CPE community. A talented journalist, sports broadcaster, and poet, Derrell is headed to New York City to study journalism at St. John's University. CPE is proud to call Derrell one of our own.

“*It's clear that we as students have responded to CPE's impact on each of our lives by using what we have learned as a torch to our individual paths.*”

*Derrell Bouknight*

### Most Improved Student

*Every year CPE chooses one high school senior as our Most Improved Student. When deciding who will receive this distinction, we look at students' academic and personal growth as well as their ability to overcome adversity.*

**Winner: Charlotte Koi-Larbi**

Charlotte Koi-Larbi is a recent graduate of Elizabeth Seton High school. She is the eldest of 3, and all of the Koi-Larbi children are members of the CPE community. After struggling her freshmen year academically, Charlotte made the personal decision to place more focus on her academics and strive to improve her GPA, which she has achieved. Charlotte plays tennis and is a member of the Diamonds Club, an organization that promotes sisterhood and positive self-image. Charlotte has been matched with her mentor, Porsha Collis,

since her freshmen year and they have cultivated and maintained a close relationship.

### Mentor of the Year

**Niki Irish**

During National Mentoring Month, CPE named Niki Irish the 2015 Mentor of the Year. Niki has been a mentor for four years to KIPP DC graduate Le'Asia Foster, '15. She has not only been an exemplary resource and friend to Le'Asia, but also an invaluable asset to the CPE staff. As co-president of the Mentor Leadership Council (MLC), Niki has helped foster a sense of community among CPE mentors and provided important feedback to the CPE staff. CPE is grateful for her service and is thrilled to have the opportunity to recognize her as our Mentor of the Year.



## Feature: Mentor/Mentee Story

### Omolayo Ojurongbe

Omolayo attended Elizabeth Seton High school and graduated May 2015. She is the middle child in a family of three and her eldest sister is a CPE alumna. Academically, Omolayo has maintained a GPA of at least 3.5 for all four years of high school, challenging herself with honors and AP courses as well. She is a member of the National Honors Society, Chorus and Work-Study Program. As a member of the CPE community, Omolayo served as a Student Leader where she exceeded the expectation of being an ambassador and role model. Omolayo is currently enrolled at Boston College.

### Christine Lao-Scott

Christine is a staff attorney for Arnold & Porter. She has been a CPE mentor since 2011, when she was matched with Omolayo. Christine has been an active member of the mentor community, recently hosting a CPE volunteer information session at Arnold & Porter. Christine and Omolayo have an extremely close mentoring relationship. Omolayo attended Christine's wedding and Christine and her spouse hosted Omolayo's high school graduation party. Christine is a graduate of Tufts University and American University Washington College of Law.



“*[My mentor] didn't just enter into my life, but she also allowed me to be a member in her family.*”

*Omolayo Ojurongbe*

## Partner Schools

- Academy of the Holy Cross
- Benjamin Banneker High School
- Bishop McNamara High School
- Bishop O'Connell High School
- Capital City Public Charter School
- DeMatha Catholic High School
- Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School
- E.L. Haynes Public Charter School
- Elizabeth Seton High School
- Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School
- Gonzaga College High School
- KIPP DC: College Preparatory
- McKinley Technology Education Campus
- Paul Public Charter School
- Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
- The Bullis School
- The SEED School of Washington, DC
- Washington Latin Public Charter School
- Woodrow Wilson High School



## Volunteers

### Trailblazer Mentors

*(9th- 12th grade)*

Ricardo Arevalo  
 Anna Marie Ashe\*\*  
 Analisa Bala  
 Jesse Barba\*\*  
 Sophia Bernazzani  
 Pankaj Bhasin  
 Karen Biala  
 Ian Black  
 Kathy Black  
 Daniel Blank  
 Brian Block  
 Leniqua Blue Jones  
 Jeannette Boykins  
 Carrie Boyle  
 Brooks Brown  
 Simone Brown  
 Matt Brown  
 Daniel Burns  
 Victor Carraway  
 Porsha Cills  
 Morris Clarke  
 Anya Clifford\*  
 Stephen Cobb\*\*  
 Matt Collinson  
 Gina Conenello  
 Chastity Cooper  
 Gregory Cork  
 Andrew Costinett  
 Porlan Cunningham  
 Valerie Cupp  
 Alex D'Agostino  
 Jerelle Daggs  
 Lisa Daniels  
 Dave Davis  
 Marcia Denton  
 Rebecca DeSousa  
 Justin DeVantier\*  
 Anna Doorenbos  
 Jimmy Dufief  
 Lawrence Dunford  
 Janet Edwards\*  
 Adrian Edwards  
 Monica Ellis Gorham  
 Elliott Ferguson  
 Emily Field  
 Kathleen Flynn  
 Sabrina Garba  
 Ellen Gee  
 Nicole Greene Robinson  
 Patrick Griffin

Tony Gyepi Garbrah  
 Rachel Hamilton  
 Matthew Handverger  
 Monique Harris  
 Malik Houghton  
 Talia Hawley  
 John Paul Hayworth\*\*  
 Cory Heitz  
 Royden Henry  
 Pia Hill  
 Joseph Howard  
 Sean Howe  
 John (Mat) Hudson  
 Holly Hunter  
 Leslie Hutchings\*\*  
 Tonya Hyder  
 Niki Irish\*  
 Star Jackson  
 J Johnson  
 Scott Johnston  
 Marijke Jurgens-Dupree  
 Frank Justice  
 Teresa Kauffman  
 Jennifer Kelly  
 Ralph Kesse  
 Terri Lakowski  
 Christine Lao-Scott  
 Alan Lau  
 Jim Lee  
 Simon Leefatt  
 Rachel Lipson  
 Chris Lockwood\*  
 Sonia Luthra  
 Jill Luxenberg  
 Francis Lynch  
 Kourtney Macbeth  
 Christopher Malay  
 Brittany Maye  
 Kristin Maynard\*\*  
 Danielle McCoy  
 Nathan McCray  
 Michelle McLeod  
 Dana Mekler  
 Emilio Mendez  
 Sandra Meredith\*  
 Amy Meyers  
 Liz Moderi  
 Paul Monarch  
 Babasijibomi Moore  
 Brian Naumick  
 Kathryn Nelson  
 Taryn Null  
 Laura Okpala

Brandy Osimokun  
 Spenser Peterson\*\*  
 Peter Pieh  
 Cara Pleau  
 Loren Ponds  
 Sharon Powell  
 Jeremy Presser  
 Mona Rahman  
 Maggie Raible  
 Megan Reoch  
 Jennifer Richardson  
 Callie Riley  
 Duane Rollins  
 Liesa Ross  
 Edward Rubbo  
 Lisa Saheba  
 Tobias Schroeder  
 Sara Schwartz\*  
 Andrew Serio  
 Michelle Shapiro  
 Nikita Shenoy  
 Dan Shorts\*\*  
 Trenton Smith  
 John Sonsalla\*/\*\*  
 Marin Stein  
 Monica Suber  
 Terri Taylor  
 LaShawndra Thornton  
 Stefan Toussaint  
 Trevor Tullius  
 Tiffani Turner  
 Kaveh Vakili  
 Caroline Van Zile  
 Telesa Via  
 Nathan Victoria  
 Daniel Vose  
 Kelly Warner\*  
 Erin Waters  
 Makita Weaver  
 Kenneth Wetzel  
 Jamie Wheaton  
 Terrence Whittaker  
 Carlene Wilson  
 Candice Wright  
 Jessica Wright  
 Dan Wright  
 Anni Ylagan  
 Iva Ziza

### Navigator Mentors

*(11th – 12th grade)*

Amanda Barnett  
 Mary Kate Blaine  
 Thomas Boyd  
 Brent Cecil  
 MyAsha Cheatham  
 Anne Clements  
 Kelly Cohen  
 Maggie Connell  
 Michaela Cooke  
 Micah Engler  
 Justin Feltman  
 Charles Gale  
 Ruchi Gill  
 Harinder Gill  
 Logan Gregoire  
 Belle Hernandez  
 Danielle Kane  
 Victoria Killion  
 Emma Kinnucan  
 Michael Langman  
 Kel Little  
 Dawn Mabery  
 Tim Mak  
 Lindsay Michnick  
 Max Moclock  
 Kristen Monroe  
 Ulrike Nischan  
 Sarah Pfund  
 Lexer Quamie  
 Bernice Ramirez  
 Keilah Roberts  
 Ryann Roberts  
 Noah Rodgers  
 Susana Rojas  
 Brantley Sanderson  
 Raisa Sheynberg  
 Elizabeth Sibaja  
 Scott Skinner  
 Danny Stein\*  
 Rhonda Swales  
 Rae Swales  
 Zena Thomas  
 Maura Vanderzon  
 Casey Welch  
 Tequilla Wheeler  
 Jalisa Whitley  
 Selma Williams  
 Charlene Williams  
 Blen Woldearegay  
 Michael Yeldell

Volunteers *continued*

**Transformer Mentors**

*(College)*

Adam Alvarez  
 Gregory Billings  
 Koehler Briceno  
 Mina Dixon  
 Ayesha Edwards Kemp  
 Raymond Fan  
 Erika Gibson  
 Hallie Groff  
 Stacia Jackson  
 Clifton Jones  
 Augustus Jones\*  
 Zachary Koerber  
 Regina Leslie

Erin Loken  
 Travis Mayo  
 Harrison Miller  
 Jonathan Perry  
 Racine Peters  
 Devon Rollins  
 Donald Sherman  
 Kate Smith  
 Joele Theagene  
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**Thank you 2015 Corporate Partners**



**CPE Alumni 2015**

This year marked the official start of CPE's Student Alumni Association. After a banquet earlier in the year, 32 former CPE students met for the first time in an official capacity to create goals for their alumni group and to develop strategies for getting in touch with more former CPE students. The newly formed CPE Alumni Association envisions itself as a resource for current CPE students and is eager to give back to the CPE community. Its long-term goals include: increasing the employability of CPE alumni through personal and professional development, providing current CPE students with guidance, assisting in securing philanthropic gifts for CPE, and strengthening the CPE alumni bonds of fellowship, professional association, and CPE program affiliation.



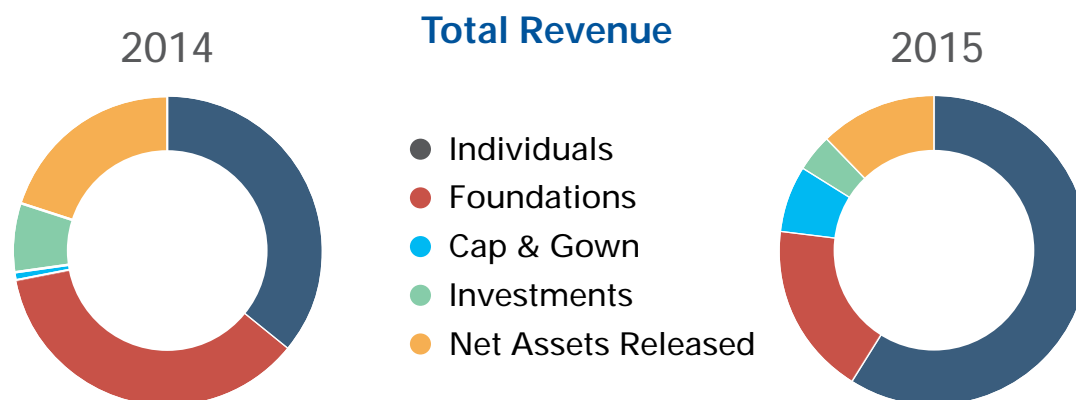
## Financial Statements

(in thousands)

Revenue	2014	2015
<b>Contributions</b>		
Individuals	\$772	\$1,154
Foundations	\$780	\$349
Cap & Gown Event	\$27	\$145
<b>Other Income</b>		
Investments	\$158	\$76
Net Assets released	\$429	\$245
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,166</b>	<b>\$1,969</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Mentor program	\$765	\$942
Tuition support	\$316	\$359
Administration/Fundraising*	\$331	\$415
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,412</b>	<b>\$1,716</b>
Increase in Net Assets	\$753	\$253
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$1,501	\$2,254
Net Assets, End of Year	\$2,254	\$2,507

Fiscal year ends June 30

\*CPE board member donations cover the full costs of its administrative expenses



To request a copy of CPE's audited financial statements please call 202.682.6020 ext. 246



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## IN MEMORIAM



**James Rice**, *CPE Class of 2011*

Mr. Rice was a vibrant member of the CPE community and his infectious optimism and warm spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



**James Belk**, *CPE Class of 1999*

Mr. Belk graduated from Bishop McNamara and went on to attend the University of South Carolina. He became an automotive engineer and mentor in Detroit. He leaves behind a wife and three children.



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