

# Students to Scholars

## 2018 IMPACT REPORT



7

new applicants  
for the 2019-2020  
school year

9

Boys & Girls Club  
middle school  
youth actively  
enrolled in local  
independent  
schools

4

school partners  
committed to S2S  
(Triangle Day  
School, Duke  
School, Carolina  
Friends School,  
Durham Academy)

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## FROM THE FOUNDERS

As Students to Scholars enters its third year, we thank you for your generous support that helped us create this entrepreneurial program that changes the educational trajectories of promising children in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Durham and Orange Counties.

We have received wonderful gifts of time, talent, and treasure from this community, and we are very grateful. This effort is truly a partnership among you, the Boys and Girls Club, our volunteers, our wonderful partner schools and their teachers, and the families of our Scholars. Together, we are giving children an educational opportunity to create a future that is not defined by their zip code.

The Scholars are thriving in their new school environments, even as many work hard to make up ground from foundational gaps in their language arts and math knowledge. Not only are they successful academically, but also socially...

*I was nervous, and the first week of school I barely talked at all. But by the third week of school, I had a ton of friends.*

*-Makizel, First Year Scholar*



# Thank you to...

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**GIFT** *of* **EDUCATION**

## Donor Highlight

*SSS received the Redwoods Group Foundation 2018 Innovation Challenge \$25,000 grant*

"The debate around the achievement gap and public versus private education is too often framed as an either/or discussion. But what attracted us to Students to Scholars was the fact that they are willing to move beyond this kind of binary thinking. Instead, they create bridges between different communities and different education models, encouraging discussion, collaboration and continual improvement—but also not letting promising kids fall by the wayside as we wait for more systemic education reform."

-Robin Rennells, Director of The Redwoods Group Foundation

# In Their Own Words

It's like I was in a cave, and my new school is the light.

-Shariah, Second Year Scholar

*The kids accept you for you. They don't judge you. Even if you were different from everyone else, they'd still open the circle for you.*

-Jarod, First Year Scholar

At my school they treat you like family.

-Zion, First Year Scholar

**We are a minority, which made us stand out. But by the second week he was embraced by everyone and I knew he was alright.**

- Shamika, First Year Parent

*My daughter knows that she can become a very educated, strong, independent and successful lady because of Students to Scholars.*

-Katrina, Second Year Parent

My daughter has learned to manage challenges more effectively and sufficiently. She's more confident and happier. She has a glow of achievement. This is the best decision as a parent I could had made. S2S gave her a sense that she can achieve anything in life as long as she continues to work hard.

-Sharia, Second Year Parent

*My school gives you a chance to be independent. They're willing to help you, but they're also giving you the independence to do the right thing. They're giving you their trust.*

-Mahaugony, First Year Scholar

*They give us chances to get things right.*

-Ashanti, First Year Scholar

*Teachers have more time for you. They really want you to succeed.*

-Taleah, Second Year Scholar

"The year has been great; I've made a lot of friends. Sports have been good and my education has been good. I really like Science and Social Studies."

-Nnamdi, Second Year Scholar

The teachers are more relaxed. At my old school they used to get mad...but at my new school, they're calm. If you're not doing something right, then they'll pull you aside and ask you what's going on.

-Mahaugony, First Year Scholar

# LOOKING FORWARD



## FROM THE FOUNDERS CONTINUED

...We are very excited about our third year as we welcome Durham Academy, our newest partner school, to the partnership, which includes Triangle Day School, Duke School, and Carolina Friends School.

We're also excited to have seven applicants for next year from both Durham and Chapel Hill Boys and Girls Clubs. The applicants are rising 5th and 6th grade students and identify as African-American, White, and Hispanic.

Including our current Scholars, we anticipate fourteen-sixteen children receiving an exceptional education in our partner schools next year and with that, a new world of opportunity opening to them and their families. We will need your continued support, ideas, and involvement to make this possible and we hope you will be able to give that again.

With our best wishes and thanks,

Jeanne and Benay

The logo for 'Students to Scholars' features the word 'Students' in a blue, sans-serif font above a blue arrow pointing to the right. Below the arrow is the word 'to' in a smaller font, and below that is the word 'Scholars' in a larger, blue, serif font. The entire logo is set against a white circular background.

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